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# Bid For Vo-Tech School Pushed

Malvern's application for location here of a state vocational-technical school will be supported by a local delegation at a hearing before the State Board of Education at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

This was reported Monday noon to the Malvern Chamber of Commerce board by Alton Robertson, first vice president, at its regular meeting at the Magnolia Cafeteria. Appearing on behalf of the school request, Robertson said, will be Floyd L. Parker, president of Malvern chamber; Bob Jones, chamber executive vice president and general manager; E. B. Looney, past president of the chamber, and County Judge Neil Phelan.

Robertson, who presided Monday in the absence of President Parker, said 20 different applications for new vocational-technical schools are being considered by the State Board of

Education and that there are funds available for establishing three such schools this year. Besides Malvern, the other applicants are Saline County, Hot Springs, Newport; Randolph and Lawrence Counties (jointly); Paragould, Springdale, Rogers, Melbourne, DeQueen, Mena, Salem, Batesville, McGehee, Mt. View, Monticello, DeWitt, West Memphis, Pulaski County, and Jacksonville.

L. L. Bruce, superintendent of Malvern Public Schools and ex-officio chamber board member, reported that Malvern School Board expects to be able in the next two or three weeks to sell a part of the recently voted \$1,800,000 bond issue for the construction of a new high school. At a recent bid-opening session, there were no bids for the bonds. Bruce pointed out that the school-bond market has been bad recently and that 25 school districts in Arkansas found no buyers for bonds.

Regular chamber board members present Monday were Alton Robertson, Padgett Westfield, James Crowder, Bill Brooks, Jackie Clayton and Jerry Grigsby.

Ex-official members attending were Bill Stilwell, L. L. Bruce, Mayor James O. Birch, Cecil Swearingen, Kermit Richardson, Mrs. Lotus Knickerbocker and Wayne Davis.

Clayton, reporting for the Retail Trade Committee, said special two sales promotion events are planned in Malvern during July, the first one to be on July 3.

# Malvern Gets New 'Vo-Tech' School

A new state vocational-technical school will be located in Malvern, it was announced today noon at the luncheon meeting of the Malvern Chamber of Commerce board at The Sands Restaurant.

The State Board of Education has granted Malvern's application after having heard recently a delegation of Malvern citizens at a hearing in Little Rock.

The chamber board was overjoyed at the announcement to-

day that the many months of effort by the chamber, County Judge Neil Phelan and others had proved successful.

The location for the new school will be a part of the county-owned industrial tract. The site lies specifically from the small road just west of the International Shoe Co. and other companies' industrial complex westward to the Rock Island Railroad, and from Moline Street north to the pond.

Joining the Chamber of Commerce and the county judge in making the application for the school were the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District and the Central Arkansas Development Council.

Officials of industries have for years cited the great need of Malvern for a vocational-technical school, which would train workers for the many industries located in this immediate area.

Dr. John Cole of Malvern, a member of the State Board of Education, made the announcement today to the chamber board that Malvern has been designated to receive one of the vocational-technical schools. He has worked for a long time to bring this about.

Cole said the school will cost a minimum of \$500,000 and may cost as much as \$750,000 to build and equip. He said the operating expenses alone will be about \$300,000 per biennium (two-year period), which, he added, "is a pretty good industry in itself."

The school will be ready for operation during the current biennium — not by September, 1969, but probably by September, 1970, Cole said. The school will operate the year around, with industry-oriented training.

Dr. Cole said the State Board of Education was convinced that "the Malvern Chamber of Commerce and the county judge (Neil Phelan) are on the ball."

The federal government will pay 80 per cent of the construction and equipping cost on the new school, and the state will pay 20 per cent, Cole reported. He said that at present the operating costs of such schools are being shared 50-50 by federal and state governments.

Hailing the new school in short talks at the chamber meeting today were Chamber President Floyd L. Parker; E. B. Looney, last year's chamber president; Malvern Schools Supt. L. L. Bruce, and County Extension Agent Floyd C. Par-

## State Board Approves Vo-tech Plans

By the Associated Press

The state Board of Education approved plans Monday for construction of the \$700,000 Ouachita Vocational Technical School at Malvern.

Construction bids will be opened November 2. J. C. Rupert, administrator of state vocational-technical schools, said.

Eighty per cent of the school's cost will be paid by the federal Economic Development Administration and the federal Ozarks Regional Commission.

The new school will have a 400-student capacity.

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# Director Of Vo-Tech School Named

Jim Pickren of Hope will be the director of the state vocational-technical school soon to be constructed at Malvern, according to Dr. John Cole of Malvern, a member of the State Board of Education.

Pickren is now the associate director of the Red River Vocational-Technical School at Hope. He has had about 30 years' experience in vocational education and has been in the Arkansas state vocational-technical schools' program for several years.

The architectural firm of Ginocchio, Cromwell, Carter & Neyland of Little Rock was selected Monday to prepare the plans for the Malvern school, Dr. Cole announced.

The school will be built on a 38.1-acre tract just west of the International Shoe Co. building. Title and deed to the property have been approved by the state attorney general's office, Dr. Cole reported.

Application for the federal part of the financing funds for the school is in the process of being filed. The federal government will supply 80 per cent of the required funds, and the state 20 per cent, Cole explained.

Pickren will assume his position as director of the Malvern school on Oct. 1, 1969. He will work closely with the architects in the planning and construction of the institution.

The dual purpose of the school will be to:

1. Provide training in basic industrial skills to persons not yet employed by industries.
2. Upgrade the training of persons already employed by industries.

# Fate Of Vo-Tech School Hangs On Needed Federal Funds

MALVERN ARK., MONDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 17, 1969

Malvern will lose the state vocational-technical school which the State of Arkansas has designated to be located here, unless the federal part of the financing is obtained.

The people of Malvern and Hot Spring County who have worked so hard for many months to get the school realize that now is the most crucial time at all with regard to the prospects for the new institution. They say that now is the time for all of the people of Malvern and Hot Spring County to register strong support for the school in contacts with officials in Washington, D. C., especially Congressman David Pryor of this district and Senators John L. McClellan and William Fulbright.

An application for the federal funds will be filed in detailed, written form within the next two weeks, according to present

plans. West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, composed of 10 counties, is assembling information and preparing the application.

The school, if it comes to pass as anticipated, will be financed as follows: 10 per cent local funds, 10 per cent state and 80 per cent federal money. Of the 80 per cent federal money, 60 per cent of the project's approximate \$1 million cost will come from the Economic Development Administration and 20 per cent from the Ozarks Regional Commission.

Malvern and Hot Spring County have already supplied the 10 per cent local funds in the form of a 38.1-acre site along Moline Street just west of the old International Shoe Co. building. This site, part of the county industrial property, has already been deeded by the

county to the state for use as the site for the new vocational-technical school.

The state has already allocated its 10 per cent contribution toward construction of the school. The State Board of Education has approved Malvern as the site.

All that remains to be achieved is the 80 per cent financing from the federal government.

Citizens today were expressing wholehearted approval of locating a new vocational-technical school in Malvern. Some of the statements were as follows:

COUNTY JUDGE NEIL PHELAN—"This vocational-technical school will be something that will benefit all of Hot Spring County and all of this industrial area. It has been needed a long time, and in fact is one of our most pressing needs."

FLOYD L. PARKER, vice

president of The Malvern National Bank and president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce—"The school will be an asset to industry in providing more trained people for employment but will also give our young people coming out of high schools in our area an opportunity to get valuable training. There is no way to comprehend the total benefits of such an institution. I am happy to have a small part in trying to achieve this goal."

E. B. LOONEY, local manager of Arkansas Power & Light Co. and immediate past president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce—"I think this is one of the opportunities we have of having a more complete educational system in order to fill the needs of those young people who do not go on to higher education. It will also upgrade the technical abilities of

those people already employed in the industries of our area."

L. L. BRUCE, superintendent of Malvern Public Schools—"I certainly am in favor of the proposed state vocational-technical school. I think it would be a great help to this area, particularly to the industries and to the students who are coming out of high schools. The school would also provide a great opportunity for training to high school dropouts."

DEWEY STILES, international staff representative of the United Steelworkers of America—"My opinion is that the vocational-technical school is definitely needed in this area, if we expect to get new industrial development or if we expect the people who are already employed in the industries to be properly trained. It is especially important to those persons who do not pursue a col-

lege education; they can learn a trade whereby to make a better income. This school would be a big help to the apprenticeship programs which are already organized jointly by the unions and the industries of this area."

EDWARD E. BAILEY, principal of Wilson Junior High School—"A large number of our school dropouts are not dropouts because they are not academically included. They drop out because what we teach in high school is irrelevant to them in their future life work. This proposed school will be ideal for such students in that they will have opportunity to learn practical and very useful trades—in lines of work in which they are interested. The school will be of tremendous economic value to our students and to our whole com-

munity."

CLARENCE COPELAND, manager of the Malvern office of the state Employment Security Division—"The vocational-technical school is desperately needed here to train people for our industries. Hot Spring and Saline Counties are the most highly industrialized counties in Arkansas. The proposed school will serve students from Hot Spring, Saline, Clark and Garland Counties. In that four-county area about 41 per cent of all students who enter the first grade drop out before finishing high school, and of those graduating from high school only about 50 per cent ever go to college. For those students who don't complete their formal academic education the vocational-technical school would be a wonderful opportunity."

# More Citizens Voice Support For Proposed Vo-Tech School

Still more Malvern and Hot Spring County citizens were expressing today their approval of the proposed establishment in Malvern of a state vocational-technical school.

Allocation of federal funds to pay 80 per cent of the cost of construction is awaited as the last remaining hurdle to be cleared in getting the new school.

A detailed, written application for the federal funds will be submitted within the next two weeks, according to present plans.

In the meantime, people throughout this area are being urged to contact Congressman David Pryor, U.S. Senators John L. McClellan and William Fulbright and any other officials in the Nation's capital who may have some influence toward getting the federal allocation for the Malvern project.

Cost of the new school is in the neighborhood of \$1 million. The financing will be as follows: 10 per cent local funds; 10 per cent state money, and 80 per cent federal. Of the federal percentage, 60 per cent of project cost is to come through the Economic Development Administration and 20 per cent through the Ozarks Regional Commission.

The local 10 per cent contribution has already been made in the form of a 38.1-acre site for the school. This land—located just west of the old International Shoe Co. building and along Moline Street—has been deeded by the county to the state for this purpose.

The state's 10 per cent of the cost of the new school has been allotted, and the State Board of Education has approved Malvern for the location.

All that remains to be done is to get the federal funds. It is expected that the degree of enthusiasm and interest shown by local and area people with regard to the new school will largely determine whether or not the federal money is forthcoming.

Some statements today by area citizens in warm support of the proposed school were as follows:

**GLENVILLE RHODES**, vice president of Bank of Malvern—“A vocational-technical school would improve the income status of a majority of the people in the county, being an industry-oriented program.

“It is a very desirable institution for Malvern. The federal officials in Washington need to know that they have the moral support of the people of Malvern and Hot Spring County in the allocation of federal funds for the school.”

**KENNETH REAVES**, district manager of Arkansas Louisiana Gas Co.—“A vocational-technical school will be a great thing for our area. Our own industry and other industries in this area would be glad to see classes started in these technical subjects.”

**BOB JONES**, executive vice president and general manager of Malvern Chamber of Commerce—“The proposed school is very important to us, industry-wise. Such vocational-technical schools tend to attract industries to their areas, because they provide a plentiful source of trained workers.”

**ROSELL MILLER**, president of the Hot Spring-Saline Counties Labor Council and president of the Central Arkansas Development Council—“A vocational-technical school is really a must for Malvern, which is the center of a highly industrialized area where industries desperately need such training facility and where the educational programs will greatly benefit from this new opportunity of the people to learn trades. I urge all citizens of Hot Spring County and surrounding counties to wire Congressman David Pryor, Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt and U.S. Senators John L. McClellan and William Fulbright immediately and register support for the location of the school in Malvern.”

**REYNOLDS METALS CO.**, Public Relations Dept.—“Reynolds Metals Co. welcomes the proposed vocational-technical school in Malvern as a valuable training facility for present and future employes of our plants in Arkansas. We are vitally interested in seeing that adequate numbers of properly trained personnel are available. A vocational-technical school in the Malvern area would be of great economic value to the area and an advantage to the Jones Mills reduction plant and the Malvern Cable Plant of Reynolds Metals Co.”

**MAYOR JAMES O. BIRCH**—“This proposed school would be a great asset to the town and community as a whole. I think it would be a great loss if the people were not to register their support of this effort vocally enough to get the federal funds.”

**BILL HUNT**, principal of Malvern High School—“I think that probably the location of the vocational-technical school in Malvern is the greatest thing that has happened to education in Hot Spring County in many years. I am very much appreciative to Dr. Cole, the Chamber of Commerce and other leaders who have helped get the school. All of our faculty is very excited about the possibilities in such a school.”

**X. L. JONES**, principal of Tuggle and Rockport Elementary Schools—“I think the vocational-technical school will be one of the greatest additions to our community that we could have, because of the economic, educational and social advantages that would accompany the coming of this school.”

# Public Is Bid To Open House Fri. On Vo-Tech

## Apollo 12 Moonmen Headed For Home

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Apollo 12 explorers Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. and Alan L. Bean blasted off the moon into lunar orbit today and began the complex chase to catch and link up with their mother ship for the long journey home.

The fiery liftoff climaxed a busy day on the moon in which Conrad and Bean trekked a mile across lunar wastelands and carefully collected a treasure for science.

Right on schedule, at 9:26 a.m. EST, a burst from the engine at the base of their cabin section vaulted the astronauts off man's second lunar outpost in the Ocean of Storms.

"Man, this is a hot machine," Conrad shouted as the tiny lunar ferry Intrepid blasted them off the moon after a stay of 31 hours 32 minutes. "What a nice ride."

Their target, the command ship Yankee Clipper, with Richard F. Gordon Jr. at the controls, was 65 miles overhead and about 90 miles ahead at the time of ignition.

By the time the lunar ferry Intrepid achieved orbit seven minutes later, Gordon was more than 300 miles ahead and the chase was on.

Intrepid was in a near-perfect orbit ranging from 10 to 54 miles above the surface.

On the way up, the astronauts reported a master alarm flashed on briefly, but they

could detect nothing wrong.

Conrad said he "got to watching that problem" and allowed a slight overburn of 1½ seconds, which he was able to trim out.

Conard and Bean had to catch Gordon in a 3½-hour chase to get back to earth. The lunar craft was not designed to take them home.

After executing a complex series of maneuvers, they were to hook up with the command ship at 1:05 p.m.

Conrad and Bean will transfer into the command ship and later today the astronauts plan to deliberately crash Intrepid on the moon, about 15 miles from Apollo 12's base, to excite a moonquake device left on the surface.

Then they'll spend an extra day in lunar orbit, photographing future landing sites before starting back to earth Friday. Splashdown is scheduled for 3:57 p.m. Monday in the Pacific Ocean.

Shortly before liftoff, Mission Control assessed Intrepid's systems and reported: "You're go to cast off," using a nautical term for the all-Navy crew.

"Liftoff and away we go," Conrad exclaimed as the tiny craft rocketed off the moon.

The four-legged descent stage that lowered them to the moon Wednesday served as a launching pad today and was left behind on the moon, along with five scientific instruments and unneeded boots, tools, trash and other items dumped there by the astronauts.

The public is cordially invited to attend the open house for Congressman David Pryor at 2 p.m. Friday at The Sands restaurant, where the effort to get federal financing to construct Malvern's proposed vocational-technical school will be discussed.

Congressman Pryor, invited here by Bill Tucker, his field representative, and other local people, said he gladly accepted the invitation and hoped to see many of the people from throughout this area. He said he would discuss not only the vocational-technical school but also any other subjects the people had on their minds.

Everything has been done to assure construction of the vocational-technical here except the getting of the necessary federal funds to pay 80 per cent of construction cost. The project will be financed as follows: 10 per cent local funds, 10 per cent state funds, and 80 per cent federal money.

The local 10 per cent contribution has already been made in that the county has deeded to the state the 38.1 acre site for the school. The state has already provided its 10 per cent.

A formal, written application for the federal government's financial contribution to the project will be filed within the next few days.

Students from four counties will be trained at the Malvern vocational-technical school: Hot Spring, Saline, Clark and Garland.

The people of this area who have worked so hard for many months to get this school are urging that everyone contact Congressman Pryor as well as Congressman John Paul Hammer-schmidt and U.S. Senators John L. McClellan and William Fulbright.



A large attendance at the 2 p.m. Friday open house at The Sands for Pryor is very much urged, especially on the part of citizens of the four counties which will benefit the most from the school—Hot Spring, Saline, Clark and Garland.

It has been pointed out that Hot Spring and Saline Counties are the most highly industrialized counties of Arkansas.

Voiced expressions of support for the new vocational-technical school in Malvern continued to increase today. Some of the latest statements in behalf of the school were as follows:

RAY BOYLE, president of Bank of Malvern—"I cannot imagine any other improvement in our community and area that would mean more to the citizens than would this proposed vocational-technical school. It would be a vast help to our educational facilities, an aid to our area industries, and a benefit to the economy in many ways. I certainly hope—and believe—that the necessary federal funds will be forthcoming."

LYLE J. FELLOWS, manager of Glenvale Products Division of Hoover Ball and Bearing Co.: "I think this vocational-technical school would be one of the most progressive moves that could be made. Coming from a densely populated industrial area, that

had these facilities, I can appreciate the impact it should have upon this area."

ARLIN E. Jones, president of the Malvern Board of Realtors—"For many years experts in the field of education have recognized the urgent need for vocational and technical training for high school dropouts and the estimated 40 per cent of those high school graduates that never go on to college. When our school is built, equipped and staffed, the training these young people receive will prepare them to become skilled craftsmen and to make a vital contribution to themselves, their families and their community. In addition to the vital educational needs the vocational-technical school will provide for this area, I feel we must have this school to sustain our economic and industrial growth. Let us all proceed in unity, with the greatest of diligence, leaving no stone unturned until this school becomes a reality."

TUCK BRAY, city alderman—"I am for the vocational-technical school, because it is certainly a step for progress of the community. The great advantages to the youths (and older people as well) is acquiring and improving technical skills, to the industries in supplying them with an ample supply of skilled labor, and to the economic well-being of all citizens—all of these attractions make the vocational-technical school one of the greatest things that ever could happen."

J. S. STARKS, manager of the Malvern Dresser Mineral mine and plant, Division of Dresser Industries Inc.,—"I think the reasons for the school are certainly obvious. There are many people who finish high school and are not able to go to college but who would benefit from a vocational-technical school here. This area in particular is in need of more people with formal technical training for employment in the industries."

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# David Pryor Pledges Full Support To Area In Effort On Vocational-Technical School



**AT PRYOR RECEPTION**—Congressman David Pryor, right, registers enjoyment as he greets two persons who were among the large crowd of area citizens attending an open house reception in his honor here Friday afternoon at The Sands restaurant. Left and center, respectively, are Elvis Grissom of Malvern and the Rev. Gene Thompson, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, Malvern. A good cross-section of the citizenry of Hot Spring County and surrounding areas showed up for the reception to discuss with Congressman Pryor the proposed vocational-technical school for Malvern. (Daily Record Photo)

Congressman David Pryor, elated and impressed by the size of the large crowd which attended an open house in his honor here Friday afternoon, promised the group his all-out assistance toward obtaining federal funds to assure early construction of the proposed vocational-technical school in Malvern.

Speaking to the crowd assembled at The Sands restaurant, Pryor said it is seldom that a project receives such unanimous backing from an area as has the vocational-technical school.

Approximately 250 persons registered as attending the reception, and there were many others who failed to register. The crowd represented a cross-section of the industrial, business, civic, educational, cultural and religious life of Hot Spring County and surrounding counties. Practically all of the area's industries were represented.

It was a biracial crowd, a large representation being on hand from among the Negro leaders of the area in addition to the white citizenry.

Refreshments were produced and served by several women of the community.

E. B. Looney, immediate past president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce, told the crowd that it just comes naturally to call the Congressman "David" rather than some formal title such as "Mr. Pryor" or "Congressman Pryor," because David is just that kind of a friendly, informal person. Looney introduced Pryor and expressed appreciation on the part of the whole area for the Congressman's help on area needs and programs.

# Pryor Talks Vo-Tech School At Open House Held In His Honor Here Friday



**GOOD FELLOWS**—This bunch of good fellows socializes at a reception and open house honoring Congressman David Pryor at The Sands restaurant last Friday afternoon to talk about the proposed vocational-technical school for Malvern. Left to right: Congressman Pryor, Hot Spring County Judge Neil Phelan, Glenville Rhodes, vice president of Bank of Malvern, State Sen. Virgil Fletcher of Benton, and Arkansas Attorney General Joe Purcell.

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**TALKING UP THE SCHOOL**—The advantages of the proposed Malvern vocational-technical school must have been the main topic of conversation of this group at the reception Friday honoring Congressman David Pryor. Left to right: John M. Cunningham of Malvern, Congressman Pryor; Bill Tucker of Malvern, Pryor's field representative; and H. E. Selph of Malvern.

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**MEETING THE FOLKS**—Congressman Pryor enjoyed meeting up with old friends and getting acquainted with new ones Friday afternoon at the reception for him in Malvern. Here he chats with Mrs. Nola Skates of Bismarck, left, and Mrs. Vernon Love of Malvern, right.

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Pryor Talks To Tech School

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**VERY INTERESTED GROUP**—This was one of the most intensely interested groups attending the reception here Friday for Congressman David Pryor. Left to right: E. B. Looney of Malvern, immediate past president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce; Dr. John Cole of Malvern, member of the State

Board of Education, which has designated Malvern as the site for a vocational-technical school; Mrs. David Pryor; Congressman Pryor; Floyd L. Parker, president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce; and Lee Cassady, superintendent of Magnet Cove Public Schools.

## Vo-Tech Federal Bid Soon Due

Malvern's application for the necessary federal funds to assure construction of the proposed state vocational-technical school here is expected to be mailed Friday to the federal government, Chamber of Commerce President Floyd L. Parker told the chamber board at its regular meeting Monday noon at The Sands restaurant.

He predicted that Malvern will get its definite answer to the application in about 60 days.

The local 10 per cent of the financing and the state's 10 per cent have been paid, and all that remains is to get the 80 per cent which is expected from the federal government. The entire

construction cost is about \$1 million.

L. L. Bruce, superintendent of Malvern Public schools and ex-officio board member of the chamber (elected first vice president) reported that

the Malvern School Board will award a contract Thursday afternoon

for construction of the new high school. He said he believed the construction of the first unit will get under way about February 1, 1970.

A budget report submitted by Bob Jones, executive vice president and general manager of the chamber, showed that the chamber has operated within its budget from January 1, 1969, through November, 1969, and will finish 1969 "in the black."

Alton Robertson, who has been elected chamber president for 1970, reported that the Executive Committee for 1970 has met. He said several key department directors and committee chairmen of the chamber for next year have been selected.

The board expressed appreciation for the work done this year by Jones, executive vice president and general manager, and Mrs. Jewelle Johnson, office secretary, and voted to give them Christmas gift.

## Vo-tech School To Be Located At Hot Springs

The state Board of Education Monday voted to create a branch at Hot Springs of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School.

The Ouachita School, one of the state's 11 vocational-technical schools, is at Malvern. The prospects are that the Hot Springs branch will be housed in the present Langston High School.

Langston is a relatively new facility that was built for Negro students but racial integration may make the school available to the state if arrangements can be worked out. State Education Commissioner A. W. Ford said the idea had been discussed with members of the Hot Springs School Board and legislators.

The state Board gave no timetable for implementing its action.

Last month, the Board voted to open a branch at Mountain View of the Foothills Vocational-Technical School at Searcy. The Mountain View branch will specialize in training persons for skills needed in the area's expanding tourist trade.

The Board appointed two land appraisers, Gene Huett of Morrilton and Merie Lemley of Russellville, to appraise damages to the Petit Jean Vocational-Technical School property at Morrilton that resulted from taking of part of the campus for Interstate Route 40. The Highway Department and the Education Department have been unable to agree on a price since the Board of Education rejected the Commission's original offer for the right of way.

In other action, the Board:

★ Approved \$466,186 in construction loans to school districts from the Education Department's Revolving Loan Fund and deferred action on a loan request of \$12,500 from the Wheatley District (St. Francis County).

★ Approved commercial bond issues totalling \$2,635,200 for school districts and approved an increase from \$670,000 to \$750,000 in the amount of a proposed bond issue. by the Marion School District provided the District's assessed valuation will support the amount.

★ Approved the vocational education division's dismissal of one of its Civil Defense education consultants, Burton Zavelo, because of insufficient funds. The federal government has drastically cut funds for Civil Defense Education and the Department had to eliminate one of the three jobs. Zavelo appealed to the Board, contending that the director, Otis Farrar, should leave because he was two years from retirement.

# Separate Vo-Tech

## Schools 'Better'

Malvern Daily Record, April 7, 1970

Floyd L. Parker, chairman of the local Advisory Committee for the state Ouachita Vocational-Technical School (to be located soon in Malvern), disagrees with a recent recommendation for all federal post-secondary school funds to be channeled into public schools so they could provide the vocational-technical training.

Parker said this suggestion—made by the Representative Assembly of the Arkansas Education Association—would not work. It would not provide the kind of technical training needed nor reach the greatest number of trainable people in an industrial area such as Hot Spring County and the surrounding counties, he said.

The recommendation was contained in a resolution adopted March 14, together with a supporting resolution which originated in the AEA's Commission on Human Relations, and was approved on March 7 by AEA's Board of Directors.

Parker pointed out that such a program would not reach those for whom the vocational-technical school program is designed, which has as a part of its planning an adult program, retraining workers who wish to improve their earning power through specialized skills, and to encourage high school drop-outs as well as those who did not have the advantage of specialized training to better prepare themselves for better paying jobs.

A.W. Ford, state education commissioner, said earlier last week that the cost of such a comprehensive program would be prohibitive without extensive federal aid and "there doesn't seem to be anything in the federal mill right now to finance such a program. Ford called attention to the fact that money to finance the proposed program would have to come from funds normally allocated for teachers' salaries.

\$20,000,000 for construction and another \$15,000,000 to operate in each county for one year. This vast amount would, he pointed out, bring about a consolidation of all high schools into one county unit, and could lead the regional high schools if areas to be served were so thinly populated that attendance would not reach the estimated 400 to 500 enrollment in the vocational-technical program. Thus, he said, we would see a centralization in the larger populated cities and defeat of the purpose of the program—to make accessible to all the training which can only be afforded by the truly vocational-technical school with its faculty of skilled instructors.

When Jim Pickren, director of Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, was asked "just what is the goal of the vo-tech program?" he answered, "The goal is simple—to provide vocational training so that people of all ages in all communities may have the opportunity and access to the school at a minimum cost to the participant."

According to Parker, this is the first of a series of articles giving information to the public on the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School.

In a speech before the Little Rock Civitan Club last week, J.C. Ruppert, director of the State Education Department's Vocational-Technical Education program, said that the only choice in allocation of the fund available for vo-tech education was either to build additional schools or not utilize the funds. Arkansas has 11 vo-tech schools in operation—the first of which was Pines Vocational-Technical School at Pine Bluff which was established in 1959. Ruppert emphasized the fact that no EDA funds can be used to develop vo-tech programs in the regular high schools.

A school administrator who asked for his identity, said this week that the cost of such a program would entail at least

## Petitions Back Vo-Tech Schools

Malvern Daily Record 4-10-70

Floyd L. Parker, chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School which is to be built in Malvern, said today that petitions expressing approval of the continuation of the vocational-technical program of the State Board of Education will be presented to civic organizations for their endorsement in the near future.

This program, Parker said, calls for the establishment of additional vocational-technical schools to serve those areas which at the present are not being adequately served.

It has been pointed out that under the present system of programming the per-student-hour cost at the smallest vocational-technical school is lower than the per-student-hour cost in the largest school. Since size does not determine the cost of operation, it is the opinion of many school people that building additional schools in areas not now being served would provide opportunities for all people and provide assistance to the ever growing industrial complex in all areas of the State.

Results derived from the 12 vocational-technical schools already built have proved beyond doubt the need of these schools as now programmed, Parker said.

Dr. John W. Cole of Malvern,

vice-chairman of the State Board of Education, said today that the State Vocational-Technical Schools were not initiated by the State Board of Education nor the staff of the State Education Department. He recalled that in 1953 the General Assembly, by resolution, requested a study of vocational-technical education in Arkansas by a committee of 30 lay people. This committee spent four years on the study and it was the findings of this committee which led to enactment of Act 328 of 1957, which authorized the State Board of Education to establish the schools.

"The question of how vocational technical education should be provided was reviewed again in 1969 by Regional and State Manpower Advisory Councils," Dr. Cole said. He recalled that it was these groups which recommended that the State Board of Education continue its plans for additional vocational-technical schools in areas not now being served. "This recommendation," he said, "was made after a review of conflicting recommendations by an out-of-state consultant."

Parker added that the signing of the petitions is merely a means of expressing public opinion and confidence in the program as being administered by the State Board of Education.



Bill Randall (at left), president of the Hot Springs Board of Education, State Representatives Hugh Beasley and Ode Maddox, and Les Green, executive vice president of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, watch as Dr. Gerald Fisher

(second from left) returns signed lease to Rep. Ray Smith. The lease is for the location of the Hot Springs Branch of the Malvern Vocational Technical School at Langston School. (Story on page 15)

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# Vo-Tech School Report Cheers

An optimistic report on the outlook for an early federal grant to assure construction of the state vocational-technical school in Malvern was given to Malvern Chamber of Commerce board Monday noon at its regular meeting at The Sands restaurant by Bob Jones, executive vice president and general manager of the chamber.

Jones said the application for the approximate \$750,000 in federal funds is in the last stage of processing at the Austin, Tex., regional office of the U.S. Economic Development Administration. He said that he feels that, once the application reaches Washington, it will be only a routine matter for its approval to occur. He expects this to happen within the next 30 days.

Bill Stilwell, chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that during the recent one-day chamber membership drive sponsored by his committee 13 new members were obtained for a total of \$653 in new annual revenue for the chamber and that additional members may still

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result from the contacts made in the drive. Awards consisting of ballpoint pens were presented by the chamber to the men who obtained the largest numbers of new members. They were Bill Stilwell, Jackie Clayton, Bob Wangenstein, Rev. Morris Smith and W. Carl Brown.

A financial report from Bob Jones showed that the chamber has operated within its budget the first three months of 1970.

James Crowder, chairman of the Tourist Development Committee, said the tagging of fish in Lake Catherine for the 1970 Tagged Fishing Derby sponsored by his committee is ready to begin. There will be 100 tagged fish, and the prizes for the lucky anglers total about \$1,500 in cash and merchandise.

Jackie Clayton reported that the chamber has ordered some vinyl auto bumper stickers reading "Malvern Isn't Just Any Town—It's OUR Town." These may be obtained free from the chamber office by any auto owner who will place them on his vehicle.

President Alton Robertson presided.

# Malvern Vo-Tech School

## Financing OK'd

5-4-70

CAMDENTON, Mo. (AP) — The Ozarks Regional Commission considered recommendations for allocating \$4.2 million to projects in 144 counties of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas Monday in its final meeting of the fiscal year.

Members of the commission are the governors of the four states, but only Gov. Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma was present. Alternates sat in for the other governors.

The commission is empowered to supplement local shares of public money to match federal grants for public projects.

Allocations for six projects in Arkansas by the commission totaled \$1,398,071. Total cost of the six projects is \$5,202,200.

The projects are:

—Expansion of Westark Junior College at Fort Smith into technical education, total \$1,530,000, Ozarks share \$459,000, Economic Development Administration contribution \$765,000, and local share \$406,000.

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—Construction of a vocational-technical school at Malvern, total \$865,000, Ozarks share \$190,000, EDA share \$519,000, state share \$173,000.

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—Construction of an access road, aviation apron and water facilities for industrial park at Harrison, total \$298,000, Ozarks \$89,400, EDA \$149,000 and local share \$59,600.

—Construction of sewer and waste treatment facilities at an industrial park at Yellville, total \$850,000, EDA \$422,000, which EDA has not yet approved, federal Water Pollution Control Administration share \$87,900, Ozarks \$179,220 and local share \$170,000.

—Construction of sewer and water facilities for two poultry processing plants at Nashville, total \$1,431,700, pollution control commission \$157,444, local \$144,000, Ozarks \$412,201 and a \$718,000 loan from the Housing and Urban Development Department.

—Paving of a county road that goes past the Christ of the Ozarks Statue in Carroll County, total \$227,500, Ozarks share \$68,250, Bureau of Public Roads \$113,750 and county's share \$68,250. The project is being held up and is under review by the federal Transportation Department.

John Opitz, executive director of the Ozarks commission, said construction on the projects would begin as soon as grant approvals are received and as soon as final plans and specifications are met.

Dr. John Peterson of Little Rock represented Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller at the meeting.

# Vo-Tech Group Plans Needs For Spa Unit

Hot Springs Sentinel Record 5-24-70

The advisory committee of the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School of Malvern met at a luncheon at the Travelier Restaurant in Hot Springs on Thursday, to start discussion and planning work on the curriculum that is needed for the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and the people it will serve.

Those attending were Dr. Gerald Fisher, James Walker, Roland Sheets, Don Harris, W.B. Denton, Les Green, Jim Pickren and L.L. Stivers.

L.L. Stivers was selected chairman of the advisory committee.

It was the opinion of those serving on the committee that the curriculum should meet the needs of the people in Garland County — especially the needs of those in high school and post high school which would supplement the education and training of people needed in numerous fields.

In order of their priority, the following courses were selected: (1) general mechanics (2) building trades, (3) health occupations, (4) appliance service.

The committee felt that Hot Springs should work closely with the advisory committee of the Malvern school in order that no duplication of subject material would be offered. It was the

opinion of the committee that high school credit should be given and that all high schools in the county would participate.

Another meeting has been called for the first week in June to explore further the subject material that should be covered in these different areas and work closely with education, industry and business in order that a well balanced curriculum may be achieved. It was felt by the committee that J.C. Rupert of the State Department of Education should be asked to give guidance to this committee in further planning at the next meeting. It was further agreed that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to Floyd Parker, chairman of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Advisory Committee in Malvern.

Walker, of Lakeside School, expressed himself as to the dire need of help in these fields as his school was able to provide very little of the training that his student body needed. He stated that the North Central Association had suggested that his school strengthen the curriculum in this area and that he welcomed this opportunity to give his students training in this

Dr. Cole, a member of the State Board of Education, in talking with Dr. Fisher, expressed his opinion of the importance of a full county participation

## Hearing Set On Vo-tech Education

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A public hearing will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, during the state Education Department's regular weekly staff meeting, on the Department's annual plan for vocational education. The meeting will be at the Department.

Federal law requires that the public hearing be held, although J. Marion Adams, associate commissioner for vocational education, said "there is seldom anyone there." The plan, contained in three volumes totaling about seven inches in thickness, covers the administration of the state vocational technical program; formulas on the spending of the \$3 million federal and \$1 million state funds devoted to the program; the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1; and a five-year budget projection.

Adams said the hearing was unrelated to the current debate over the approach to vocational education. The Arkansas Advisory Council on Vocational-Technical Education recently recommended that vo-tech education be extended to high schools rather than expanding the post-secondary system the state now operates.

The Council itself will meet again at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Coachman's Inn to discuss the state plan. The Council's function is purely advisory but the state must prepare the plan "in conjunction with them," Adams said, taking into consideration the recommendations made by the Council.

# Pryor Tells Vo-Tech Application's Status

Malvern Daily Record

5-27-70

Congressman David Pryor said today that Malvern's application for a federal grant toward the cost of constructing the proposed state vocational-technical school here has arrived within the past few days at the Washington, D.C., offices of the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Pryor added that he is doing everything in his power to expedite the final approval of the application.

The congressman's statement follows:



"The Malvern Vocational-Technical School application is now under final review by the Economic Development Administration. Recognizing the urgency of obtaining federal funds to defray 80 percent of the cost of constructing this school, our office has worked for several months in an effort to move this grant application through its several stages of consideration by EDA officials. The application, as you know, was first prepared and submitted by the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District. It was then transmitted to the EDA Austin office for extensive review. Only in the last few days has it reached the EDA Washington office.

"I would like to take this opportunity to commend those civic leaders of Hot Spring County who have spearheaded the drive for the vocational-technical school. They have worked long and hard in behalf of this meritorious project. Such an institution has certainly been needed for a long time in a region which is one of the most highly industrialized in the State of Arkansas. It will meet a critical need for Hot Spring County and the surrounding area in providing vocational and technical training to supply a skilled work force.

"We are doing everything in our power to expedite the final approval of this application. I hope it won't be too long before the ground breaking ceremonies are held. Again, I express my gratitude to the citizens of Hot Spring County for their splendid cooperation with our office during the past few months. I am optimistic that our combined efforts will very soon come to fruition."

# Vo-tech School By 1971

June 17-1970

J.J. Pickren, director of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, announced today that construction of the buildings for the school should begin by Dec. 1.

In a conference Tuesday with J.C. Ruppert of the State Department of Education and member of the architectural firm of Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett and Gatchell of Little Rock, Pickren said the architects stated they hoped to have all information and plans completed and ready for the advertising for bids during November.

It is anticipated that construction will be completed in time for the school to begin full operation by Sept. 1, 1971.

Meetings of the craft committees will begin next week for the purpose of making recommendations to the architects on equipment outlets, windows, doors and necessary facilities to be included in the construction for the placing of the training equipment.

## Malvern Vo-Tech School Courses To Fit Industries Of This Area

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles about the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School to be constructed at Malvern.)

June 17, 1970

The \$950,000 state Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, expected to begin operating at Malvern about September, 1971, will offer courses for youths and adults of 11 counties in four basic areas of study.

Those areas of study are: Business Education, Drafting and Blueprint Reading, Food Service, and Industrial Maintenance.

Counties from which attendance will be drawn include Hot Spring, Clark, Pike, Montgomery, Perry, Garland, Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Cleveland

and Dallas.

The courses are tailored to fit the exact needs of the specific industries located in Malvern and surrounding area. They were planned and decided upon in numerous conferences of J.J. Pickren, director of the new school; local curriculum committees, personnel from the State Department of Education, the Employment Security Division of the Arkansas Department of Labor, and Dr. John Peterson, director of the Arkansas Planning Commission.

Leadership in Malvern with the assistance of State Department of Education personnel organized an advisory committee for each of the several fields of study.

Industry was approached by each committee to determine the training needs and employment

opportunities as they directly involved industry. These meetings were held even though industry was represented on all of the committees.

Additionally, each committee had meetings with the local Employment Security Division (Arkansas Department of Labor) to determine both the training needs within the area and the job opportunities present.

Information obtained during these meetings brought out the fact that establishment of a course on "Industrial Maintenance" was of the highest priority, and led to the setting up of a priority system to determine which courses should be offered.

"Industrial Maintenance" course includes the following: basic physics, power generation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, automotive and

diesel, electro-mechanical hydraulics, basic electrical instrumentation, mechanical and machine shop and welding.

In the "Business Education" field, the new school will offer secretarial, clerical and general business training. Skills to be taught include shorthand, typewriting, office practice, business English, business machine, office machines, letter writing and accounting.

The "Food Service" instruction will include cooking fundamentals, operation, personal hygiene, facility sanitation, facets of the culinary arts, menu planning, purchasing, food preparation, food cost, inventory methods, new types of equipment and their functions, management, and human relations.

# Vo-Tech Serves 18-50 Year Group

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles about the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, soon to be constructed at Malvern.)

Although the Economic Development Administration (EDA) announcement said that the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School to be built in Malvern would serve 11 counties, J.J. Pickren, director of the school, said attendance is not limited to those counties.

In fact, Pickren said, anyone 18 to 50 years of age living anywhere in Arkansas may attend the new school without paying tuition; they will pay certain laboratory fees. Pickren added that persons in the same age range from outside of the state may attend the school by paying tuition also.

The school will operate buses, and the transportation will not cost pupils anything, Pickren reported.

"We will run daytime courses,

and also night courses as needed," Pickren announced. "This school is being built for the students and the community, and will be operated in the way that is will best serve them."

In addition to the courses taught at the school in Malvern, the school will also offer extension courses meeting in other, more convenient localities for pupils who enroll for them, Pickren stated. Instructors and equipment as needed will be furnished by the school. Extension classes are already planned in about 30 other communities, all the way from Wicks to Fordyce to Sheridan. These will be located in shop departments of vocational agriculture departments of high schools, Pickren said.

The courses to be offered are tailored to fit the needs of the industries located in Malvern and surrounding area. The four basic areas of study include: Business Education, Drafting and

Blueprint Reading, Food Service, and Industrial Maintenance.

The instruction under "Industrial Maintenance" will be quite varied, and will include basic physics, power generation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, automotive and diesel, electro-mechanical, hydraulics, basic electricity, instrumentation, mechanical, and machine shop and welding.

Construction of the \$950,000 school is expected to be completed in time for the school to begin operating about September, 1971. The school will be located on Moline Street just west of the Oak Lawn Farms plant.

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## EDA Vo-Tech School Grant

Alton Robertson, president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce, also rejoiced today over the announcement of the EDA grant. "I am very, very happy that the financing for our proposed vocational-technical school is now fully assured. This is a great day for Malvern and the surrounding trade territory."

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The site for the vocational-technical school is on Moline Street just west of the Oak Lawn Farms plant.

## Finishes Financing

U.S. Rep. David Pryor and U.S. Sen. John L. McClellan today announced that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved the requested \$570,000 grant toward construction of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School at Malvern.

This grant completes the financing of the new school. Ozark's Regional Commission has approved a \$190,000 grant, and the State Board of Vocational Technical Education will provide \$190,000 in state and local funds to complete the \$950,000 total cost of the project.

The new vocational-technical school will serve the following 11 counties: Hot Spring, Clark, Pike, Montgomery, Perry, Garland, Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Cleveland and Dallas.

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Congressman Pryor told the Malvern Daily Record by telephone today.

"This has been a combined effort of local citizens and our Arkansas congressional delegation, and we are extremely pleased by this development of today. We look forward to working in the future to promote the progress of this school, and pledge our full cooperation."

Sen. McClellan's office said: "We are very happy to see this grant made, especially since federal spending is now so tight."

Bob Jones, executive vice president and general manager of Malvern Chamber of Commerce, said today:

"I think this is one of the finest things that ever happened to Malvern and surrounding area. I think we are going to see Malvern grow now like we have never seen it grow before."

"Industries tend to go to areas where there are vocational-technical schools, and I believe this school will help us industry-wise."

## Funds approved for Vo-Tech School

Fourth District Congressman David Pryor announced today the approval of \$760,000 in federal funds for the Ouachita Area Vocational-Technical School at Malvern. The \$950,000 institution will be financed with grants of \$570,000 from the Economic Development Administration and \$190,000 from Ozarks Regional Commission with \$190,000 in local funds.

County Judge Neil Phelan, who spearheaded activities at the county level, stated that the funds will be used to construct a building and to purchase the necessary equipment for the school. He said that plans to open a branch of the Ouachita Area Vocational-Technical School in Hot Springs have been approved by the State Board of Education. The branch school will be located in the new vacant Langston High School building.

A local committee of Bill Looney, Dr. John Cole and Bob Jones, with Floyd Parker as chairman, has been meeting with residents, businessmen and industrialists of the area over the past several months, primarily to determine what the training needs of the area were. The school, with a projected enrollment of 600, will draw students from approximately a 45-mile radius around Malvern.

The project was submitted through the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District of which Hot Spring County is a member. County Judge Neil Phelan, Chamber of Commerce President, Floyd Parker, and Bill Looney, Local Manager of the

Instructors for the local branch of the school will be chosen from this area "if possible," Ruppert said, adding that they will be looking for teachers with experience in the occupation to be taught. "It will be at least a year before Malvern hires instructors," he explained.

The Malvern vo-tech school will be directed by James Pickren. It has not yet been determined whether there will be a manager named for the local branch, Ruppert said.

Pickren said Monday he had not yet received official communication regarding the awarding of the \$570,000 and that he was

Board of Directors of W.C.A. P.D.D.

J. J. Pickren, Director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, announced today that construction of the building for the school should begin by December 1. In a conference Tuesday with J. C. Ruppert of the State Department of Education, and member of the architectural firm of Cromwell, Neyland, Trueemper, Millett and Gatchell of Little Rock, Mr. Pickren said that the architects stated they hoped to have all information and plans completed and ready for the advertising for bids during the month of November. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in time for the school to begin full operation by September 1, 1971.

Meetings of the craft committees will begin next week for the purpose of making recommendations to the architects on equipment outlets, windows, doors and necessary facilities to be included in the construction for the placing of the training equipment.

# Malvern Vo-tech Funded

Hot Springs Sentinel Record 6-16-70

WASHINGTON — Rep. John Paul Hammerschmidt and Sen. John L. McClellan said Monday that the Economic Development Administration has approved a \$570,000 grant for construction of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern.

The announcement of the grant touched off predictions in Hot Springs that the local branch of the Malvern school would be able to open this fall.

The state Board of Education created the Malvern school last fall and earlier this year created the Hot Springs branch. Buildings for the Malvern school will have to be constructed, now that funds are available, while the Hot Springs branch already has facilities available to house its classes.

J.C. Ruppert of the Arkansas State Department of Education said this morning that with the funding of the Malvern school, it now would be possible for the Hot Springs branch to open by September.

Work on the school had been held up because the main branch in Malvern had not been funded, Dr. Gerald Fisher, superintendent of the Hot Springs school system, said Monday.

The Ozarks Regional Commission has approved a \$190,000 grant and the State Board of Vocational Technical Education will provide \$190,000 in state and local funds to complete the \$950,000 total cost of the Malvern school.

Dr. John Cole, a member of the State Board of Education, said today he saw no reason why the Hot Springs branch could not go ahead toward completion.

The Malvern and Hot Springs schools will serve Hot Spring, Garland, Clark, Pike, Montgomery, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Cleveland and Dallas counties.

The board of education created the Hot Springs branch earlier this year after it had approved the establishment of the Malvern school on a site which has been donated to the state in the city.

The board later agreed to house the Hot Springs branch in Langston Junior High School which this fall will be consolidated with Central Junior High. The Langston building has been donated by the Hot Springs School system to the state. It will become official state property July 1.

Curriculum for the Hot Springs school has been held up the lack of funding for the Malvern School.

Ruppert said the major portion of the \$570,000 grant will be used for the construction and equipping of the Malvern School.

Some of the grant also will be used to equip the Hot Springs branch of the school, he said. Since the local branch will be located in the former Langston School, there will be no construction costs.

Ruppert said the next step in the construction of the Malvern school will be to get the architect's plans completed and he predicted that the earliest possible opening for the school will be the fall of 1971.

"It will have to move fast to open Sept. 1971," Ruppert said, "but this is what we are shooting for."

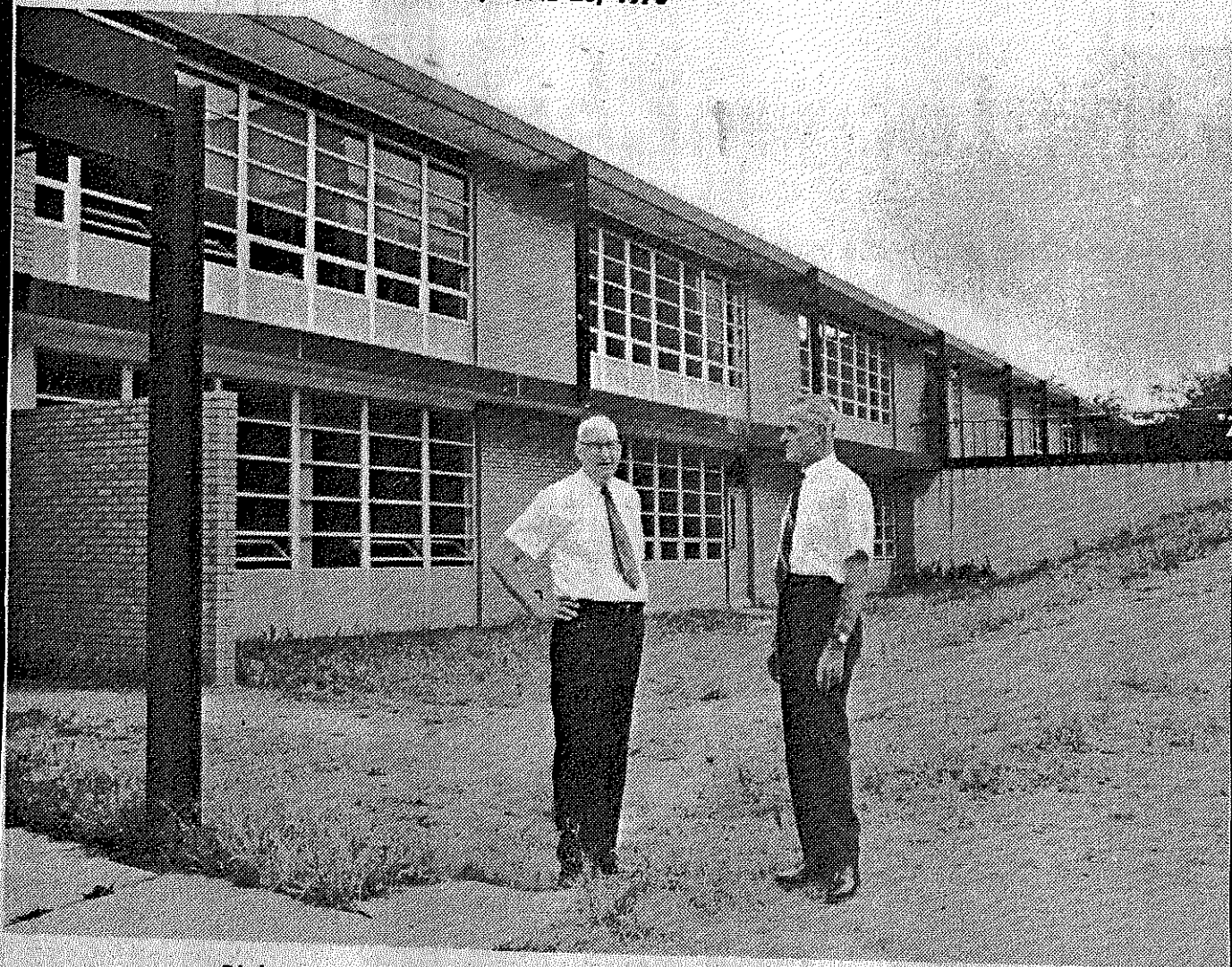
Curriculum at the vo-tech school will include drafting, industrial equipment mechanics, welding, machine shop, diesel mechanics, electrical and power generator maintenance, and business education, he said.

Although he said the Langston site will "lend itself very well to some of the programs we have been thinking about," Ruppert said the extent of the curriculum for the Hot Springs branch has not yet been determined.

He said that the local practical nursing course which has been underway here for sometime will be housed in Langston beginning July 1.



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*Pickren, left, and Ruppert look over the Langston facility*

# Vo-Tech nearer reality

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By ELTA SPRIGGS  
Staff Writer

The Hot Springs branch of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School at Malvern officially will begin operation Wednesday at the former all-Negro Langston Junior High School when the lease between the state Department of Education and the Hot Springs School District becomes effective.

The first course to be offered from the facility will be a practical nurses school which has been in operation here through the state Department of Education in co-operation with St. Josephs Hospital since 1957. It formerly was housed at the First Presbyterian Church at 217 Whittington Ave.

Taught by two registered nurses, Mrs. Edna Mae Ahrenholtz and Mrs. Eleanor Stewart, the course includes 52 weeks of classroom and hospital instruction in such areas as basic nursing principles and skills, care of children, nutrition and diet therapy, medical-surgical nursing and first aid and disaster nursing.

There presently are 18 enrolled in the school and these students will be the first graduates from the Hot Springs branch of the Malvern vo-tech school when their class ends in September.

At this point, the nursing school is the only definite course offering from the local branch, but J.C. Ruppert, head of the Education Department's Division of Vocational-Technical and Adult Education, said there is still a possibility that there may be additional course offerings available here this fall.

An Adult Basic Education course offered through the University of Arkansas has been held at Langston at night for a number of years, and Ruppert said this course will probably be invited to continue on there.

An advisory committee for the Hot Springs branch met Thursday and discussed possible curriculum for the school. Among the courses they have recommended are general mechanics, building trades,



The science lab will be used for nursing class

health occupations, appliance service and off-set printing.

With a projected enrollment of 600, the Malvern school curriculum will include drafting, industrial equipment mechanics, welding, machine shop, diesel mechanics, electrical and power generator maintenance, and business education.

The enrollment of the Hot Springs branch will be determined by the number of courses it offers, and Ruppert said 20 students per course or at least per teacher is normally set as the maximum.

Ruppert said there would be a number of night classes at both schools.

The state Board of Education created the Malvern school last fall and earlier this year created the Hot Springs branch. It later agreed to house the Hot Springs branch in Langston which this fall will be consolidated with Central Junior High School.

The lease making Langston the site for the local branch of the vo-tech school was signed April 8. According to the terms

of the two-year lease, the Department of Education will assume the cost of maintaining and repairing the buildings for the use of the facility. The lease includes use of the classrooms, gymnasium, and offices. The athletic field was not included, however.

Earlier this month Fourth District Congressman David Pryor announced the approval of \$760,000 in federal funds for the Malvern school. The \$950,000 institution will be financed with grants of \$570,000 from the Economic Development Administration and \$190,000 from the Ozarks Regional Commission with \$190,000 in local funds.

Ruppert said the grant will be used to construct and equip the Malvern school and predicted that the earliest possible opening for the school will be Sept. 1971.

Calling the Langston facility a "very flexible building which will lend itself very well to some of the programs we have been thinking about," Ruppert said only a small portion of the grant will be necessary for the Hot Springs branch.

Money for the salaries of instructors for the schools will be taken from state appropriations for vo-tech schools, he said. The staff itself will be chosen from this area if possible, and will be taken principally from the occupations which they will teach.

The Malvern and Hot Springs schools will serve the 11-county area of Hot Springs, Garland, Clark, Pike, Montgomery, Perry, Pulaski, Saline, Grant, Cleveland, and Dallas counties.

James Pickren will be director of the Malvern school and, at least temporarily, of the Hot Springs branch.

Although not officially named, the local branch has generally been referred to as the Hot Springs branch of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School at Malvern. In the lease that made Langston the site for the school, the local school was referred to as the Langston Branch, and others have been calling it the Hot Springs-Langston Branch. Ruppert said the Board has not yet taken any official action toward naming the local branch, however.

# No problems seen in opening vo-tech

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Hot Springs

State Representative Ray S. Smith Jr. said Tuesday morning that a meeting of two members of the state Department of Education and four representatives of Hot Springs has proven that there appears to be no great problems in the opening of the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School this fall.

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Smith stated that members from Hot Springs had been meeting with members of the state board and had also been discussing the opening of the school and the meeting this morning was scheduled to keep progress going toward the proposed opening of the school.

Attending the meeting were Marion Adams, assistant commissioner with the state Department of Education, Jim Pickren, director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, Ish Stivers, chairman of the advisory board, Dr. Gerald Fisher, superintendent of the Hot Springs School System, Les Green, executive vice president of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Smith. The meeting was held in Smith's office.

Smith noted that Adams had been asked to help develop the curriculum for the school to be located here.

Smith emphasized that the meeting was called to determine what needs to be done in Hot Springs to facilitate the opening this fall.

The problems associated with the opening appear to be only minimal and of a routine nature, said Smith.

He said he was encouraging the opening of the school this fall.

# Director hired for vo-tech branch

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*John Kauffman to direct vo-tech*

John L. Kauffman of Fordyce, has been hired as director of the Hot Springs branch of the Ouachita Valley Regional Vocational School at Malvern, it was learned Monday in a joint announcement by Rep. Ray Smith of Hot Springs and A.W. Ford, state commissioner of education.

Kauffman, who will assume duties Aug. 1, was hired upon the recommendation of the personnel committee. The committee is composed of L.L. Stivers, chairman, Dr. Gerald Fisher and Les Greene.

The 38-year-old educator said the first thing that he plans to do at the school is to start with an exploratory program for high school students.

An advisory committee for the school has established a tentative curriculum to include general mechanics, building trades, health occupation, appliance service, offset printing, and food service.

Kauffman attended the University Arkansas where he earned a master of science degree, and John Brown University. He also holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

He went on to further his education at Auburn University and Southwestern State, Weatherford, Okla.

A teacher in the Arkansas school system for 12 and one-half years, Kauffman has taught at Taylor High School, Emerson High School and at Southern State College.

He and his wife, Carolyn and four children, are members of the First Baptist Church of Taylor.

Kauffman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Kauffman of Carthage.

# Vo-Tech Ground Breaking Slated

*Malvern Daily Record 7-28-70*

Congressman David Pryor will speak at the groundbreaking here at 10 a.m. Sept. 7 for the new state Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, located on Moline Street just west of the Oak Lawn Farms plant.

This was announced today by Bill Tucker of Malvern, field representative for the congressman.

Pryor will also speak at the Labor Day celebration at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in Malvern City Park, a feature of Frontier Week, Tucker stated.

Construction of the \$950,000 Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, expected to be ready for occupancy about September, 1971, is being financed as follows: \$570,000 federal grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA), \$190,000 federal grant from the Ozarks Regional Commission, \$190,000 in state and local funds.

Congressman Pryor, who represents the district including Malvern in Congress, led the fight in Washington for approval of the federal money for the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School. He attended an open house in his honor here at which scores of Malvern and Hot Spring County people turned out to register their complete approval of the proposal to build the vocational-technical school at Malvern. Pryor pledged his efforts at that open house to obtain the necessary federal grants, and he carried through on his promise when he got back to the nation's capital.

Courses to be taught at the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School are tailored to fit the needs of the industries located in Malvern and surrounding areas. Four basic areas of study will be included: Business Education, Drafting and Blueprint Reading,



**David Pryor**

Food Service, and Industrial Maintenance.

Plans are afoot now, even before the school is built, to begin a course in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment. This is a cooperative venture by the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC), Hot Spring County and Ouachita Vocational-Technical School. Equipment, obtained by CADC on a loan basis from the General Services Administration, a federal agency, is already being moved onto the site.

J.J. Pickren is director of the new school.

# Vo-tech chief welcomed to Hot Springs

7-23-70

Fifty business, professional, educational, civic and political leaders met at the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Wednesday morning to officially welcome John Kaufman and his family to the city. Kaufman will direct the activities of the school.

I.L. Stivers, chairman of the Advisory Committee for the school, officially welcomed the group and expressed to them appreciation for the fine work that they had done to make this school a reality.

State Rep. Ray Smith, speaking for the legislative delegation, expressed his thanks to Hot Springs and Garland County for their co-operation in getting the school opened.

A.W. Ford, state commissioner of education in Little Rock, brought the group up to date on why the educational challenges of our society had to be made and the concern of the State Department in helping Hot Springs provide this vocational training to the people of our area.

Kaufman stated that he and his family were thrilled to be selected to direct the activities of the school and that it brought a challenge to him and he was optimistic about the future of the school.

# Vo-tech opening scheduled Monday

The official opening of the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School will be held Monday at 8:30 a.m.

A general assembly in the library will feature Ode Maddox, state representative for District 20, as the speaker.

Courses starting Monday at the school will be the Practical

Nursing Course and the Small Motors Course.

Plans for opening a branch of the school in Hot Springs began in October of 1969.

The school went into operation July 1 of this year when Langston School was finally occupied by representatives for the Hot Springs branch.

# Vo-Tech To Teach Heavy Equipment

7-24-70

County Judge Neil Phelan said today tht the Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC) and Hot Spring County are engaged in a cooperative program with the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School in setting up a course of instruction in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment.

The CADC is screening and acquiring from the General Services Administration, a federal agency, items of heavy equipment to be used by the vocational school in teaching the course. The equipment is secured on a loan basis.

Judge Phelan explained that the County provides mechanics and drivers necessary to bring the equipment to Malvern where it is being located on the

vocational-technical school site. The County will also provide for the continued maintenance of the machinery. Instructors and teaching materials will be furnished by the vocational school.

Equipment already moved to the site includes dump trucks, tractors, lo-boys, crane, fork lift, welding machines and similar machinery. Personnel will go to San Antonio next week to bring back a bulldozer.

J. J. Pickren, director of the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, said that applications for the position of instructor may be filed with the local Employment Security office. He also said that it may be possible to begin this course of instruction within a short time and before actual construction of the vocational-school begins.



# Plans Progressing On Vo-Tech School

*Daily Record* 8-3-70

Architectural plans for the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, to be built in Malvern, are nearing completion, according to Neil Phelan, Hot Spring County Judge, and officials of the Malvern Chamber of Commerce, who released the accompanying architect's drawing today.

The buildings pictured will be utilized as follows: (1) administration; (2) special industrial education; (3) air-conditioning and refrigeration classes; (4) machine shop; (5) diesel shop; (6) basic electricity, instrumentation and mechanical classes; (7) power generation, electro-mechanical and hydraulics training; (8) drafting classes and faculty offices; (9) business education training, basic physics, math and com-

munications classes; and (10) multi-purpose room and food service facilities.

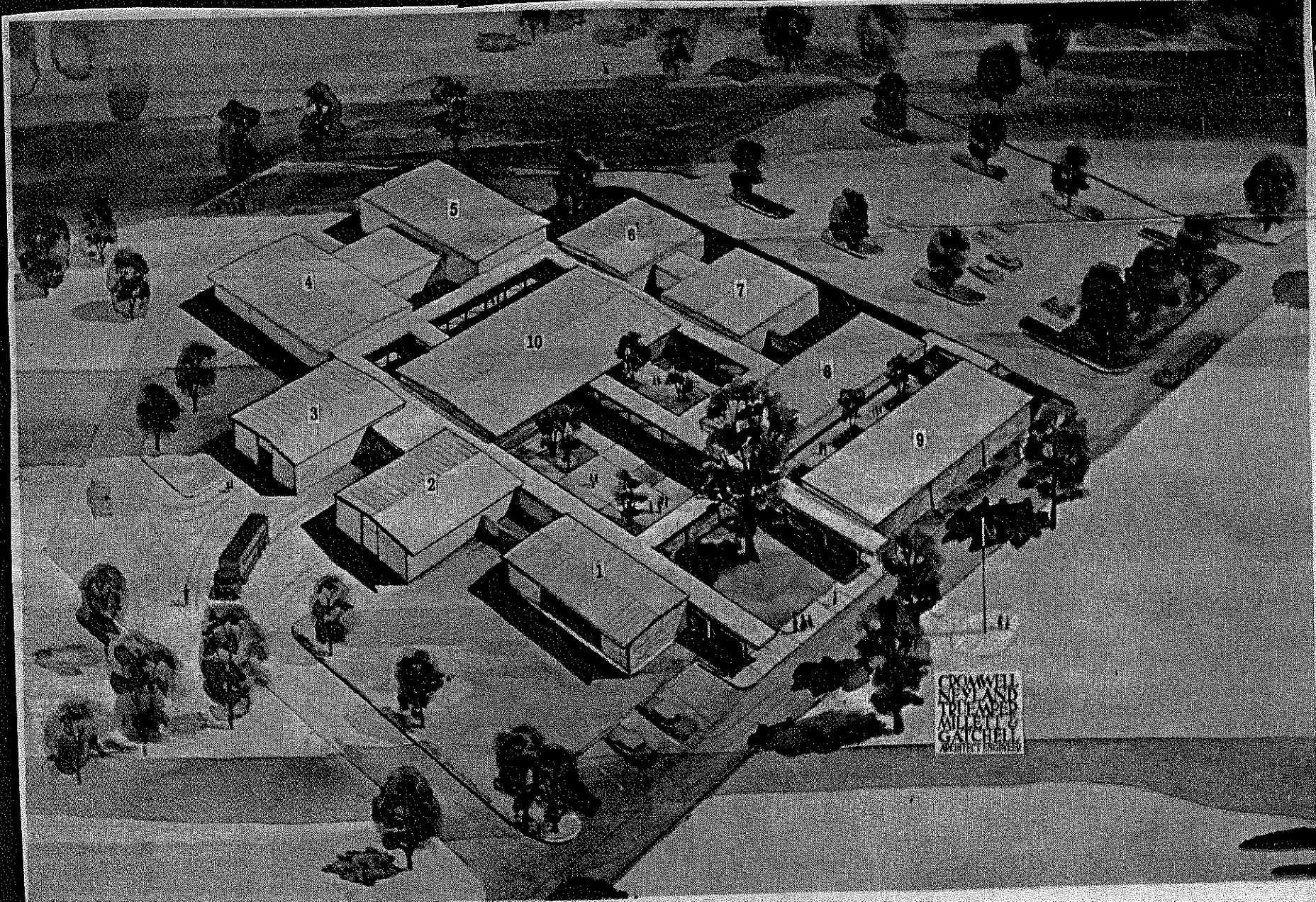
The administration building will contain offices for the director, his assistants, secretaries and bookkeepers, as well as conference rooms where students may confer with school officials privately. Records will be kept in a vault and adequate space is arranged for storage of office supplies. There is also a book store for the sale to students of school supplies including textbooks.

The multi-purpose building will be arranged so that classrooms can be formed at one end by the use of portable walls. The other end of the building will house the

food service facilities. The area can be used as a cafeteria, for student assemblies, banquets and other school functions.

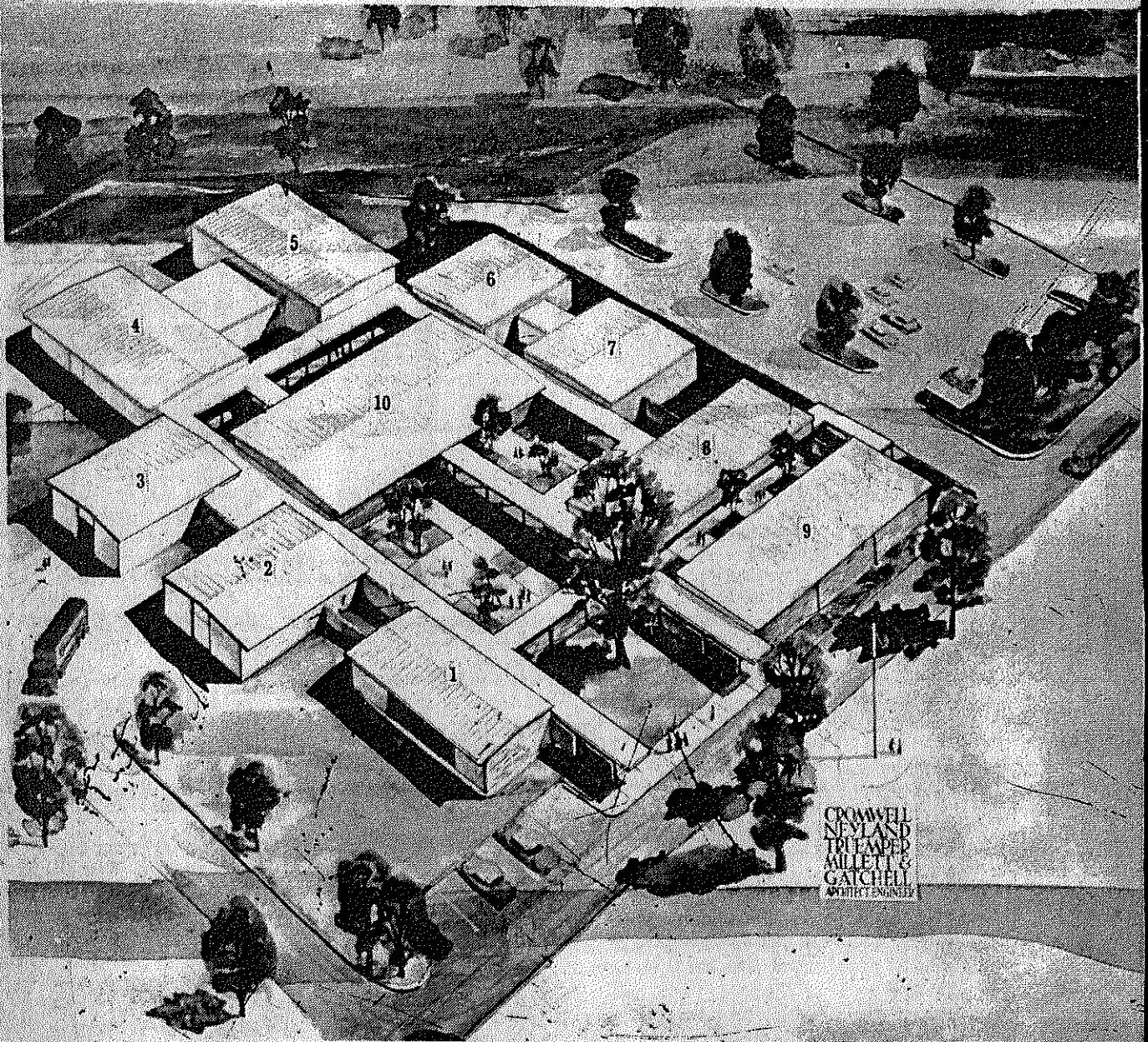
All of the buildings are connected by covered walks. Much of the natural beauty of the site will be retained. Entrance to the grounds will be from Park Drive with the parking area at the back of the school.

The Chamber officials and Judge Phelan expressed their satisfaction with the progress of the project. Groundbreaking ceremonies are planned for Sept. 7.



**NEW VO-TECH SCHOOL**--This is an architect's drawing of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, soon to be constructed in Malvern. See the accompanying story for explanation of which

parts of the plant are indicated by the various numbers on the drawing. The architects are Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett & Gatchell of Little Rock.



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## Plans for vo-tech school finished

MALVERN — Architectural plans for the Ouachita Vocational Technical School to be built in Malvern have been completed, a spokesman for the school said Wednesday.

The buildings in the complex are numbered in the accompanying photograph and they are: (1) administration; (2) special industrial education; (3) air-conditioning and refrigeration classes; (4) machine shop; (5) diesel shop; (6) basic electricity, instrumentation and mechanical classes; (7) power generation, electro-mechanical and hydraulics training; (8) drafting classes and faculty offices; (9) business education training, basic physics, math and communications classes; and (10) multi-purpose room and food service facilities.

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director, his assistants, secretaries and bookkeepers, in addition to conference rooms where students will be able to meet with school officials privately. The building also has adequate space for the storage of office supplies and a vault for record keeping. Students will be able to purchase textbooks and school supplies from a bookstore which will operate in the building.

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Groundbreaking ceremonies are planned for Sept. 7.

# Practical nursing course opens vo-tech branch in Hot Springs

Classes in Licensed Practical Nursing will begin on Oct. 5 at the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical, 120 Chestnut St. Applications for these classes are being taken now for the one-year course.

Applicants must be a high school graduate or the equivalent, between the ages of 17 and 50, and must demonstrate an aptitude for nursing. The overall cost of the course is approximately \$250, which includes laboratory fees, books, pinafores and cap.

This is an accredited course whereby, upon completion, the student may take a State Board Exam and become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

The nursing course has been offered locally at a school which has been in operation through the state Department of Education in co-operation with St. Joseph's Hospital since 1957. It was formerly housed at the First Presbyterian Church, 217 Whittington Ave.

Taught by two registered nurses, Mrs. Edna Mae Ahrenholtz and Mrs. Eleanor Stewart, the course includes classroom and hospital instruction in such areas as basic nursing principles and skills, care of children, nutrition and diet therapy, medical-surgical nursing and first aid and disaster nursing.



JOHN L. KAUFFMAN

the Hot Springs Branch, emphasized that applications are also being taken for other courses to be offered this fall. Kauffman invited interested persons to fill out applications in person or to telephone 624-1461 and said that the courses to be offered were not limited to those already announced.

"If we get as many as 10 or 12 applications for any course, we'll talk about getting a teacher and starting classes in that course," said Kauffman.

While the course in Practical Nursing is the only one so far to have a firm starting date, Kauffman said that it was hoped that classes in small motors, building trades and food services would be able to start by the middle of September.

Kauffman said he planned to meet with the State Department of Adult Education today to discuss further the proposed curriculum. Start of classes in all but the nursing course depends on when the school receives the tools, explained Kauffman, adding that a list of necessary tools for each course is turned in to the State Department of Education.

Persons from the age of 17-50 are eligible to apply for courses at the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School.

"We would like for applicants to have a high school education, but it is not compulsory in some

cases," said Kauffman.

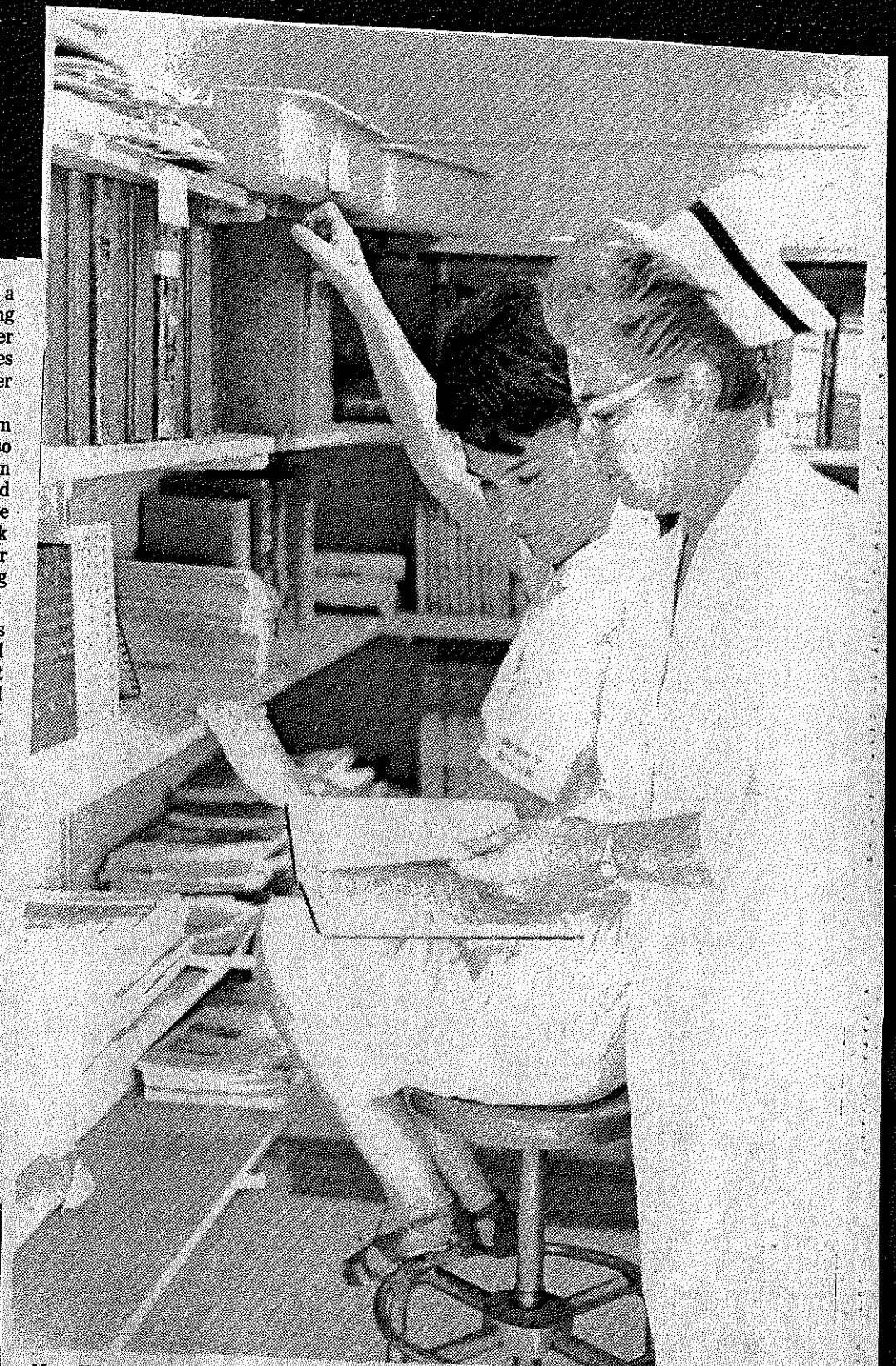
Cost to the student is about \$8 a month or \$96 a year, depending on the course. This is to cover the cost of tuition only and does not cover tools, books and other required equipment.

Kauffman said that a program of adult night classes was also planned and that courses in drafting and small motors would be scheduled as soon as possible for the benefit of those who work at daytime jobs. Applications for night classes are currently being taken.

"We hope that local industries will tell us what courses they'd like to have their people taught for job advancement," said Kauffman. He added that he felt the possibilities for a fine institution in Hot Springs were excellent.

Kauffman, who assumed his duties Aug. 1, was hired upon the recommendation of a personnel committee composed of I.L. Stivers, chairman, Dr. Gerald Fisher and Les Greene.

Kauffman, who was born in Fordyce, taught at Taylor High School for 11 years. He has also taught at Emerson High School and at Southern State College. He received a B.S. in agriculture and his M.S. in natural science and vocational education at the University of Arkansas. He did graduate work at Auburn University and Southwestern State in Weatherford, Okla.



Mrs. Edna Mae Ahrenholtz (right), head instructor of nurses, and student Laverne Powell do some research in the school

library. (Sentinel-Record photo by David Hughes.)



Practice in patient care is given student practical nurses

Carol Trumble, Mrs. Wilma Blaylock and Mrs. Nettie Ball.

# Vo Tech's Teachers Employed

J.J. Pickren, director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, announced this week that instructors for the school have been hired and most of them will assume their duties on Dec. 1. The school will open for classes on Jan. 17, 1972.

Instructors who have been employed are: Nathan F. Marshall, Air Conditioning-Refrigeration-Heating; Joe T. Dunlap, Welding; James D. Mathews, Drafting; Gary Garrison, Machine Shop; Edward Means, Auto Mechanics; Byron Williams, Food Services; Dean Carter, Diesel Mechanics; Sandra Moore, Business Education; J. Louis Moles, Business Education; Warren R. Samuel, Electricity-Electronics; and Ernest L. Fletcher, Building-Plant Maintenance.

Doyle C. Tarkington is Heavy Equipment instructor, and has been teaching this class for several months.

Others on the staff include Bob Jones, director of Finance; Hugh W. Looney, director of instruction; Alix B. Butler, bookkeeper; Joyce B. Parker, secretary; Kaye Hawthorne, secretary; and Jewelle Johnson, publicity.

Visitors are welcome to inspect the school building on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock. There will be some of the school personnel on hand to conduct visitors through the plant.



DR. JOHN COLE



DAVID PRYOR

# Vo-Tech groundbreaking scheduled September 7

*Malvern Meteor Journal - 9-3-70*

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Congressman David Pryor will make the principal address, and Floyd L. Parker, Chairman of the Area Advisor Committee for the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, will serve as master of ceremonies. Dr. John W. Cole, Vice chairman of the Arkansas State Board for Vocational Education, will give the welcome and will introduce Congressman Pryor. Music will be furnished by the Malvern High School Band under the direction of Bob Brooks.

Dignitaries expected to attend include Governor Winthrop Rockefeller, A. W. Ford, Education Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, members of the State Board for Vocational Education, representatives of the funding agencies, the Economic Development Administration and the Ozarks Regional Commission, and members of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Senate from this area.

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realization of plans for vocational and technical training to be offered to all of the people of this area.

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# Malvern vo-tech school groundbreaking is set

Sentinel Record, Hot Springs, Arkansas 9-2-70

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*The Malvern Chamber of Commerce*

*invites you*

*to*

*Groundbreaking Ceremonies*

*at*

*Ouachita Vocational Technical School*

*September 7, 1970*

*10 a. m.*

*Congressman David Pryor, Speaker*

*Park Drive and Moline Streets*

*Malvern, Arkansas*

Tuesday Afternoon, September 8, 1970

# Ground Broken At Malve



**TURNING FIRST SPADEFULS**--This group spaded up the first dirt Monday morning at the groundbreaking for the new Ouachita Vocational Technical School to be built soon at Malvern. Left to right are Joe Gillespie of the Economic Development Administration; Dr. John Peterson,

an aide to Governor Winthrop Rockefeller; Bob Faulkner, executive secretary to Governor Rockefeller; Congressman David Pryor; Dr. John Cole of Malvern, vice chairman of the State Board for Vocational Education, and Arch Ford, state commissioner of education. (Photo by Roshell)

# Malvern Vo-Tech School



CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRYOR

A dream came true for Malvern and surrounding areas Monday morning. Ground was broken for the \$950,000 state Ouachita Vocational Technical School, at Moline Street and Park Drive in Malvern.

Congressman David Pryor, the principal speaker, who worked so hard in Washington to get the federal funds necessary for construction of the new school, said:

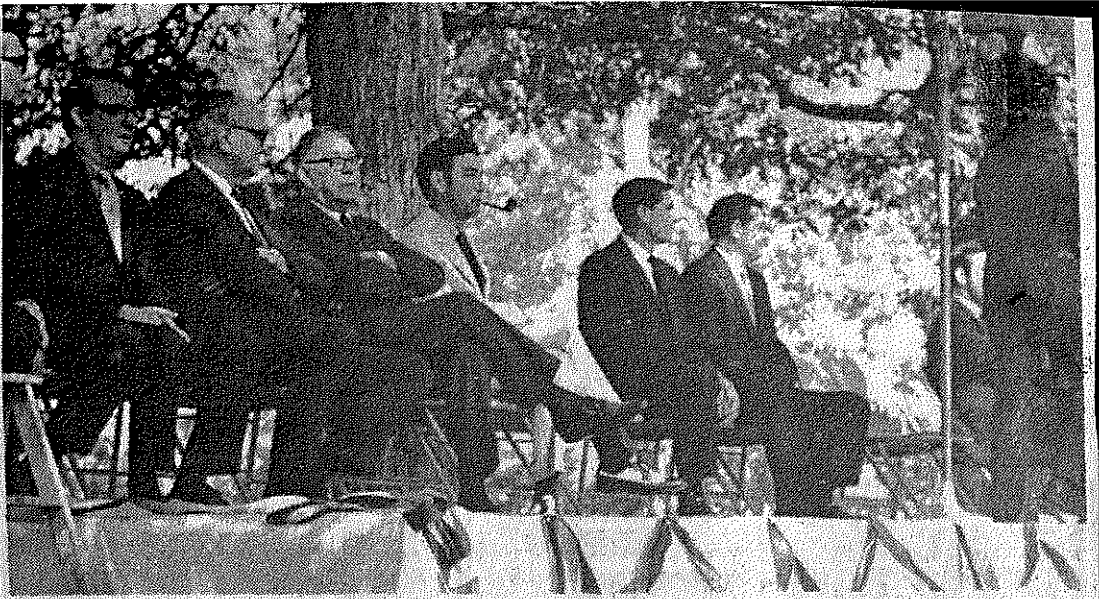
"This is the type of project that will help build Arkansas. It will help to keep Arkansas people in Arkansas through vocational education, and will bring to the industries of the state the very best employes possible.

"It is a great day for Malvern and a 10-county area. This school is the kind of institution that will enable us to achieve our real purposes and meet our real challenges, to accomplish what we as a people can accomplish when we all work together."

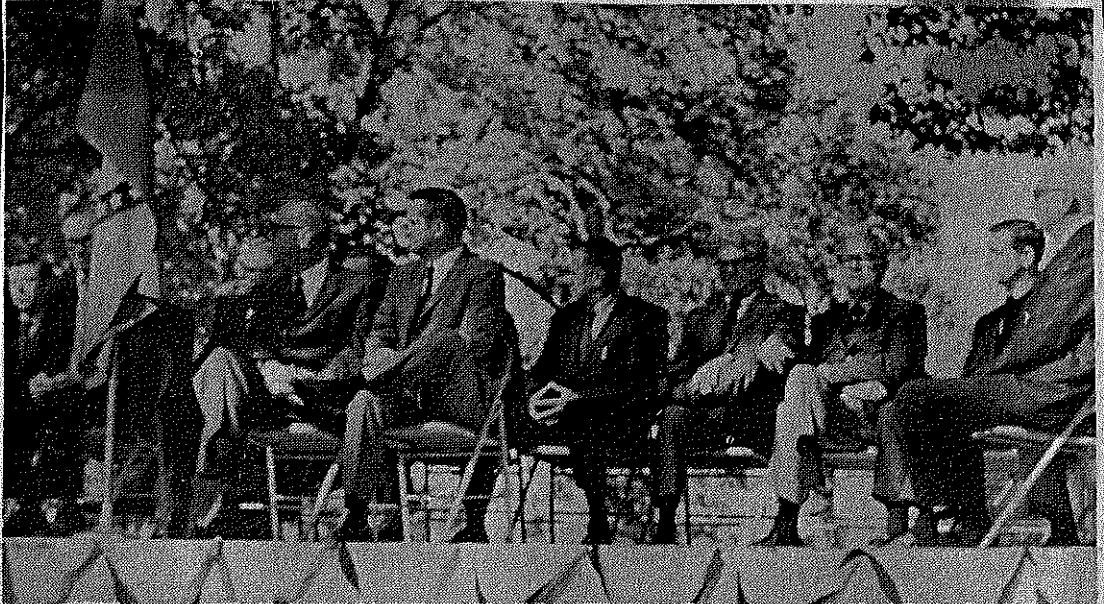
Pryor said that of all the projects that have come to his attention while a Congressman, no project has ever had more unified backing from all segments of the population of an area than did the Ouachita Vocational Technical School.

Congressman Pryor received a standing ovation from the large crowd when he began his speech and when he concluded it.

Dr. John Cole of Malvern, vice chairman of the State Board for Vocational Education, who also worked diligently and long to get a vocational technical school for Malvern, introduced Pryor. Cole



**AT CEREMONIES**—On the speaker's stand Monday morning for the groundbreaking ceremonies for Malvern's new Ouachita Vocational Technical School were, left to right, Bill Stilwell, president of Malvern Chamber of Commerce; Rev. Edgar Sutton of Malvern; Dr. John Peterson of Little Rock, administrative assistant for planning in the office of Gov. Rockefeller; Marion Adams of Little Rock, associate commissioner, State Department of Education; Jim Dupree of Weldon, a member of the State Board of Education; State Rep. Lacy Landers of Benton; Malvern Mayor James O. Birch; Floyd L. Parker (Standing) of Malvern, chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Ouachita Vocational Technical School; Bob Graham of Little Rock, state liaison officer of the Ozarks Regional Commission; Arch Ford of Little Rock, state commissioner of education; Bob Faulkner of Little Rock, executive secretary to Gov. Rockefeller; J. L. Strivers of Hot Springs, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Hot



Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School; Ed Cromwell of Little Rock, architect on the new vocational technical school; Joe Gillespie of Little Rock, a specialist of the Economic Development Administration; Hot Spring County Judge Neil Phelan and Jim Pickren, director of Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Others on the speaker's stand, but not visible in this picture, were Congressman David Pryor, principal speaker; Dr. John Cole of Malvern, vice chairman of the State Board for Vocational Education; J. W. Rowe, director of the Red River Vocational Technical School at Hope; State Sen. Virgil Fletcher of Benton; J.C. Ruppert, administrator of Area Vocational Technical Schools, Little Rock; Grady Knight of Little Rock, administrator of programs, State Department of Education; and James Sheppard of Little Rock, director of vocational agriculture education for

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION**

Mr. A. W. Ford, Commissioner of Education  
Mr. J. Marion Adams, Associate Commissioner  
Mr. J. C. Rupert, Administrator of Administrative Services  
Mr. Charles W. Easley, State Director of Trade and  
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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1970**

**3:00 P.M.**

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**GRADUATES — 1970**

**PROGRAM**

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Betty Lee Biamont  
Wilma Lee Blaylock  
Essie Sybella Byers  
Sheila Mae Collins  
Betty Jean Haase  
Lillie Mae Holcomb  
Cherry Ann Johnson  
Bettye M. Jordan  
Bessie L. Debose Kilgore  
Julia Mary Lepak  
Rose Marie Murray  
Alice Faye Nolen  
Hazel Naomi Otts  
Ethel Laverne Powell  
Edith Carole Tanner  
Carol Woods Trumble



**CLASS OFFICERS**

Sheila Mae Collins ..... President  
Wilma Blaylock ..... Secretary  
Rose Marie Murray ..... Treasurer



CLASS COLORS — YELLOW and WHITE

CLASS FLOWER — MUM

PROCESSIONAL ..... Mrs. Mamie Ruth Abernathy  
Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar

INVOCATION ..... Monsignor James Gaffney  
Pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church

WELCOME ..... John L. Kauffman  
Director, Hot Springs Branch  
Ouachita Vocational Technical School

MUSIC SELECTIONS —

"Climb Ev'ry Mountain" ..... Rogers and Hammerstein

Solo — Hazel Naomi Otts

"I Believe" ..... Drake, Graham, Shirl and Stillman

ADDRESS ..... William Y. Springer, M.D.  
Garland County Medical Society

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS ..... Director  
Ouachita Vocational Technical School

NURSES' PLEDGE ..... Class

STUDENT'S RESPONSE ..... Sheila M. Collins  
President of Class

BENEDICTION ..... Reverend William H. Kryder  
Minister, First Presbyterian Church

RECESSIONAL ..... Mrs. Mamie Ruth Abernathy  
Marche Pontifical by Gounod

November 6, 1970 Malvern, Arkansas, 72104

# State Soon To Open Vo-Tech School Bids

Bids for construction of Malvern's state Ouachita Vocational Technical School will be opened at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at the office of the state purchasing agent in the State Capitol

Building in Little Rock.

This was announced today by the architectural firm on the project--Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett & Gatchell of Little Rock.

The State Board for Vocational Education will consider the bids and award the contract to the successful bidder.

Bids will be received by the State Board for Vocational Education until 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

The information for bidders, form of bid, form of contract, plans, specifications, and forms of bid bond, performance and payment bond, and other contract documents may be examined at any of the following places:

1. Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett & Gatchell, Inc., 416 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201;
2. State Purchasing Agent's Office, State Capitol, Little Rock, Ark.;
3. Construction News, Inc., 714 W. Second St., Little Rock, Ark.;
4. Dodge Reports, 300 Scott St., Little Rock, Ark.

Copies may be obtained at the office of Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett & Gatchell (address above) for \$100 for each set. Any unsuccessful bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning such a set will be refunded his payment.

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School will be constructed on a tract of about 38 acres located at Moline Street and Park Drive in Malvern. The site was deeded to the state by Hot Spring County as a local contribution to the cost of the project. State and federal funds completed financing the estimated \$950,000 project.

The \$950,000 figure is the cost of the entire project--land, construction and everything else.

Estimated cost of the base construction bid is \$650,335.

Several buildings will constitute the Ouachita Vocational Technical School. The central multi-purpose area will be separated from shops, classrooms and administrative areas by open courtyards and covered walkways. Courtyards will become enclosed areas as expansion becomes necessary.

Typical classrooms and administrative areas will be constructed of masonry bearing walls and steel bar joists. Masonry on the exteriors of those buildings will be brick veneer. Shop buildings will be prefabricated steel frames with metal siding.

Area in the base bid is 48,800 square feet.

# Vo-Tech Bids To Be Opened On Dec. 8

11-17-70

Bids for construction of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern will be opened, read and tabulated on Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the state purchasing agent's office at the State Capitol building in Little Rock, Jim Pickren, director of the new school, said today.

The State Board for Vocational Education will meet on Dec. 14 and officially award the contract to the successful bidder, Pickren said.

# Ouachita Vo-Tech School To Be Completed By Fall

Ouachita Vo-Tech School is now under construction on the old International Shoe Plant property, located on West Moline Street and is expected to be completed in the early fall and ready for occupancy.

The school will be operated by the State Board for Vocational Education to help meet the need for trained personnel in Arkansas.

Complete facilities consisting of the latest teaching aids will be available in each department. There will be a complex of ten buildings containing 48,000 square feet connected by covered walkways. These buildings will

have glass frontage where the work can be observed from the walkways without disturbing the classes.

Courses to be offered are: Industrial Maintenance; Heavy Equipment; Business Education; Drafting-Blue Print Reading; Food Service; Air Conditioning-Refrigeration-Heating; Automotive Mechanics; Diesel Mechanics; Machine Shop; Welding; Electricity-Electronics; Mathematics-Physics; Communications.

A fee of \$24.00 per quarter is charged for all courses, all fees to

be paid in advance.

A student must be at least 16 years of age on day of enrollment and physically fit for employment after completion of course.

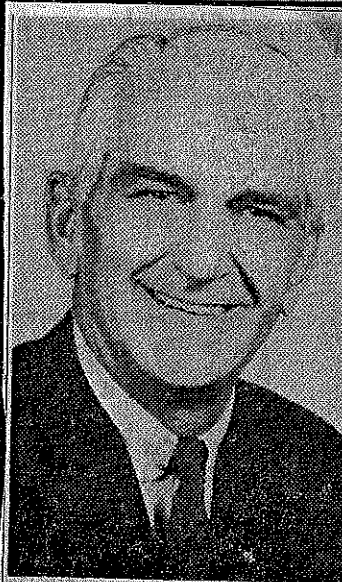
Students may attend on the G.I. Bill, Rehabilitation clients, as well as recipients of loans from Rural Endowment Fund; MDTA and any other eligible program.

The school will operate four buses daily. Route will originate in communities not more than 50 miles from Malvern. There will be no charge for riding bus.

The school will work closely with industries of this area with the employment security offices throughout the State in placing the student graduates.

For further information please contact the Ouachita Voc-Tech School offices, 1120 Dyer Street, Malvern.

ZETTE, Fri., June 11, 1971



## Council Chairman

James A. Dildy of Little Rock was elected chairman of the Arkansas Advisory Council for Vocational-Technical Education at a meeting of the Council Wednesday at Camp Couchdale on Lake Catherine. He is director of industrial development for the Arkansas Power and Light Company and succeeds Daniel H. Woods of Little Rock as the chairman.



By Spa vo-tech branch

# 5 new instructors hired

Five new instructors have been hired by the Hot Springs branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, according to John Kauffman, director.

This is but one example of the phenomenal growth of the school since the first classes in practical nursing and small engines started Oct. 5, 1970.

"I feel like I built myself a mountain and I can't get down it," said Kauffman who is naturally delighted with the growth of the facility.

Kauffman said that in October the school had about 50 persons enrolled in the two courses and that now enrollment comes close to 200.

No small group of students will be those participating in the High School Orientation course, a course just recently approved. At last count Kauffman estimated that 17 students will attend from Mountain Pine, 13 from Cutter Morning Star, 5 each from Lake Hamilton and Fountain Lake and 25 from Lakeside. Screening is taking place at Hot Springs High School this week and the students, the number to be determined, will start at Vo-Tech on Feb. 1. The students from the other schools will begin classes Monday.

Three of the new teachers will start Monday. They are:

Mrs. Ruth Smith, a registered nurse who was born in Arkadelphia but is a resident of Hot Springs. She has worked at Ouachita Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Rosewood, during which time she has served as director of nurses, head nurse, and clinical instructor to students of practical nursing. Mrs. Smith has three sons and two daughters. She will be the Health and Occupations instructor.

David Whitlow, married and also from Hot Springs, has a bachelor of science degree from Arkansas Tech. He has been self-employed as a homebuilder. He will be the instructor in building trades.

Darryl W. Foshee, also from Hot Springs, was an electronics technician in the Air Force. He spent five years in Fayetteville as a representative of IBM there. He is married. He will be the instructor in office machines repair.

Starting his duties on Jan. 28 will be Ed Wilson of Jonesboro, who attended the Vo-Tech school in Marked Tree and later taught there. He is married, with two children, and is presently service manager for Sears in Jonesboro and an officer in the National Guard. He will be the instructor in small appliances.

William R. Morgan, born in Prescott but residing in Hot Springs, will start his duties as instructor in auto mechanics on Feb. 1. Married, with a son and daughter, he was a former staff sergeant in the Army. He has served as service manager for Padgett Chevrolet in Malvern, Rowell-Parker in Hot Springs, and also in Pasadena, Tex. He studied automobile air conditioning at the University of Houston, Tex.

There are a total of eight courses being offered at the Vo-Tech school presently according to Kauffman. The courses are auto mechanics, appliance services, building trades, drafting, office machines repairs, practical nursing and small engines, high school orientation.

There are 55 adults attending the Vo-Tech school daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. and approximately 150 enrolled in night classes which are held each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

# Building Vo-Tech School

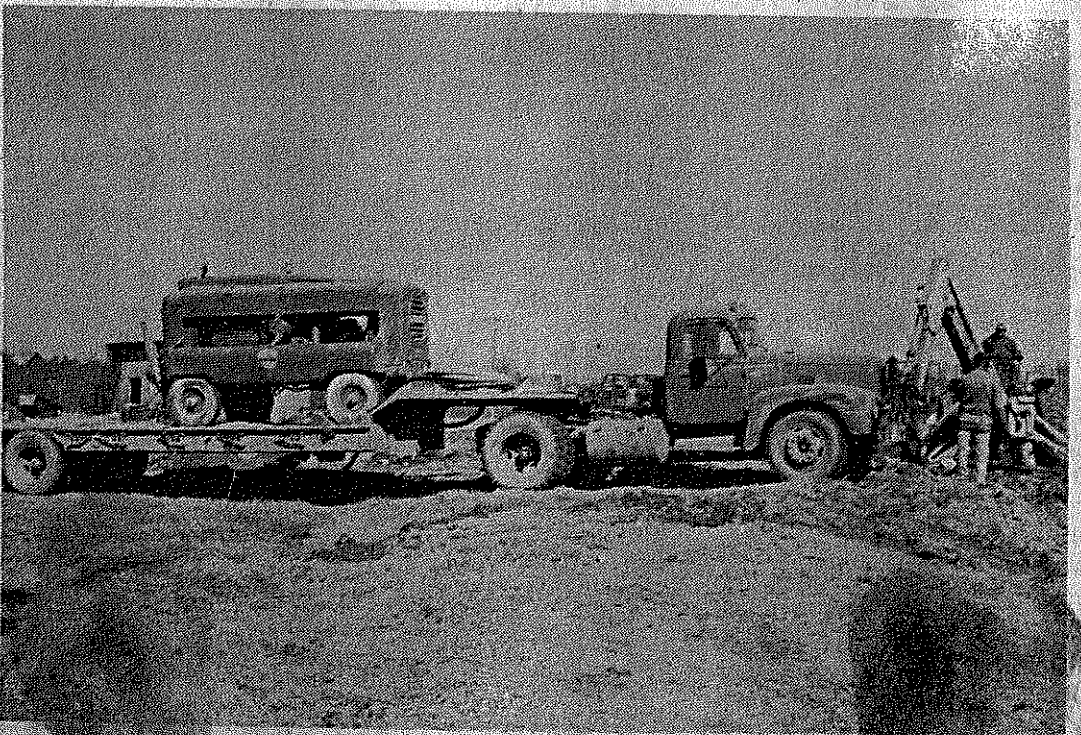
Men and machines are diligently at work on the construction of the new Ouachita Vocational Technical School on Moline Street at Park Drive in Malvern. Local, state and federal government funds are being invested in the enterprise, which

will furnish technical education to people over a wide area.

There is also a branch of this Malvern institution in Hot Springs.

(Daily Record Photos by Earle Walker)

*February 1971*



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**VoTech Staff**

## Attends

## Workshop

8-20-71

Members of the staff of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School have been attending the summer vocational education workshop which began August 9 and will end August 20. The two weeks program covers all phases of operation of vocational technical schools under the direction of the State Department of Education and is being conducted at Metropolitan High School in Little Rock. Administrative and instructional personnel from the thirteen vocational technical schools in the state are attending.

Governor Dale Bumpers addressed the group on Tuesday. Personnel from the various state and federal agencies involved in the state vocational training program, and officials of Arkansas industries have appeared on the program. Staff members of the University of Arkansas assisted in the planning.

Those from Malvern attending the two weeks sessions are J.J. Pickren, Director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School; Bob Jones, Director of Finance; Hugh Looney, Director of Instruction, and Doyle C. Tarkington, Instructor in Heavy Equipment. The workshop for office personnel required two days and was attended by Mrs. Floyd L. Parker, secretary, and Mrs. Elbert Butler, bookkeeper, from the local school. Staff members from the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School are also attending.



Hugh W. Looney Jr.

## Fordyce Native Joins Vo Tech School Staff

Malvern Daily Record 8-18-71

Hugh W. Looney, Jr., a native of Fordyce, has joined the staff of Ouachita Vocational Technical School as director of instruction and began his duties Monday, Aug. 9.

Looney comes to Malvern from Forrest City where he was employed with Crowley's Ridge Vocational Technical School as drafting instructor.

A graduate of Princeton Public School System, Looney attended Henderson State Teachers College, Arkadelphia, and in May, 1971, received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Industrial Arts and minor in General Business from Arkansas A & M College, Monticello.

Mr. and Mrs. Looney and child reside at Colonial Arms on South Main Street, Malvern. They are Methodists.

## Vo Tech School Office Staff In New Place

Daily Record  
8-31-71

The office personnel of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School are now located in rooms at the Rockport Elementary School, 404 N. Banks St.

J.J. Pickren, director of the school, said that the move was made to allow more room for the personnel and materials arriving daily.

The entire staff of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School express their deep appreciation to Kelly Wilson and Dr. Kirk Cone for the use of the facilities at their building on the corner of Dyer and Sullenberger Streets for the past several months.



**Mrs. Kaye Hawthorne**

10-1-72

# **Mrs. Hawthorne Joins Vo Tech School Staff**

Mrs. Kaye Hawthorne has been employed as secretary by the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and entered upon her duties Monday morning.

A graduate of Magnet Cove High School, Mrs. Hawthorne is married to Hershel Hawthorne, who is employed at the Lake Catherine Steam Plant with Arkansas Power & Light Co. They have two children, a daughter, Harper, age 4, and a son, Shel, age 2 and they reside at Jones Mills.

Mrs. Hawthorne was employed with Reynolds Metals Company until July, 1971.

The family attend the Shorewood Hills Methodist Church.

# Ouachita Vocational Technical School

Malvern, Arkansas

## Dedication and Open House

Sunday, October 8, 1972

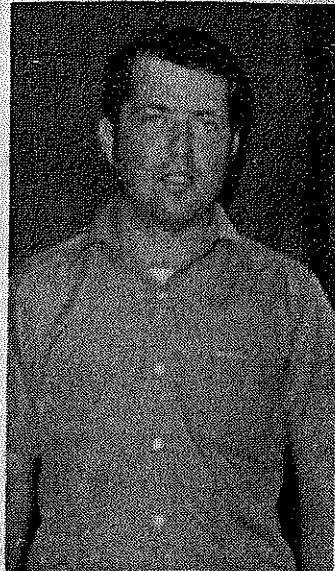
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Joe Dunlap

# Dunlap Welding Instructor

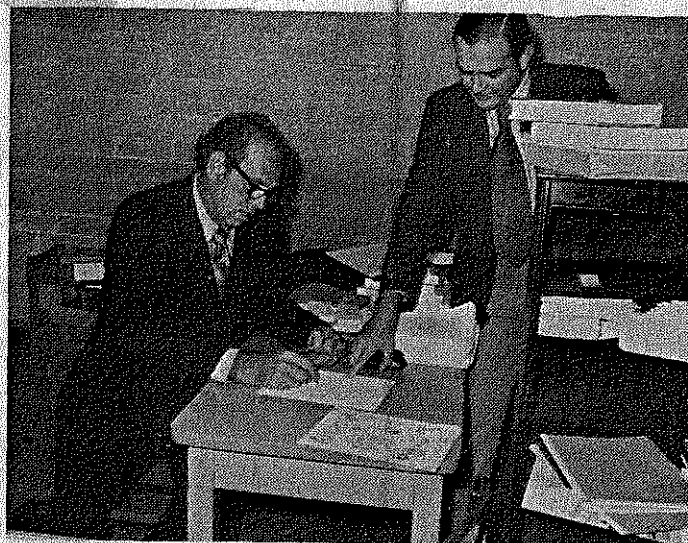
Joe Dunlap, Route 5, Malvern, has been employed by the Ouachita Vocational Technical School as welding instructor. He began his duties today.

Dunlap was employed at Pine Bluff with International Paper Company as welder in the Maintenance Department for the past five years. He graduated from Pines Vocational Technical School, Pine Bluff, in 1963 and since that time taught a night class in welding at the school there for three years.

A native of Kirby in Pike County, he is a 1962 graduate of Kirby High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap and their two children attend the Magnet Cove Missionary Baptist Church.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 13, 1971 Mo



**KERSH SIGNS UP**—Dr. N.B. Kersh, left, Malvern physician, fills out an application to enroll in Ouachita Vocational Technical School as a student in Welding. Hugh W. Looney, director of instruction for the Vo Tech school, is looking on. Kersh will continue practicing medicine.

# Doctor Applies For Vo Tech Welding Course

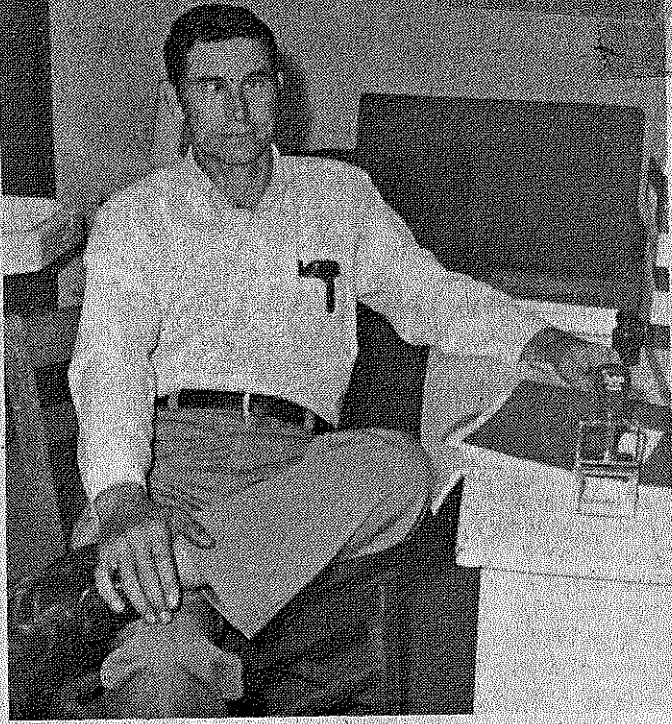
Dr. N.B. Kersh, Malvern physician, has enrolled in the Ouachita Vocational Technical School as a student in the Welding course, which will begin on Jan. 17, 1972. Dr. Kersh enrolled as a night student.

Dr. Kersh said that he has been doing a lot of welding but would like to learn more about it. He has much welding equipment including an arc welder, heliarc, etc.

One of the reasons Kersh gave as wanting to learn as much as possible about welding is that he is planning to build a Jenney B Aircraft and he wants it to be a good one, as he will be flying the machine.

Dr. Kersh and family reside at 1518 McBee St., where he also has his offices to practice medicine, which he says he will continue and does not plan to go into welding full time.

Oct. 18, 1971



**VO TECH CUSTODIAN**—Irrie E. Davies, above, who resides in the Gifford community on Route Three, Malvern, has been employed as custodian of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Davies is a World War II veteran and has previously been employed by Hot Spring County. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have five children, and they are members of the Traskwood Baptist Church.

October 18, 1971 Malvern

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## Vo Tech School Offers Variety Of Instruction

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School, which will open for classes on Jan. 17, 1972, will offer courses designed for almost anyone who would like to attend the school.

Hugh W. Looney, director of instruction, reports that the school is receiving applications for the various courses every day and some of the courses are close to being filled for the first quarter of school.

Courses to be offered are: Air Conditioning- Refrigeration- Heating; Automotive Mechanics; Business Education; Diesel Mechanics; Electricity-Electronics (Basic and Advanced); Food Service; Heavy Equipment; Industrial Maintenance; Machine Shop; Drafting-Blue Print Reading, and Welding.

More and more people are deciding that vocational education is the key to obtaining and holding a steady job. The technical and trade schools, which have long been the training ground for persons seeking a job skill not requiring a college degree, now are being inundated with laid-off white-collar workers and college graduates who can't find jobs.

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School has applications on file now for some college graduates that cannot find jobs in their selected fields and have enrolled in Business Education.

Many educators view such trends as an indication of a healthy re-evaluation of educational priorities. Students are noticing the inability of the job market to absorb college graduates; so they are turning to vocational schools.

Personnel of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School are not advising students to avoid college, but for those who want to learn a trade, the Vo-Tech school is the answer.

# Vo Tech Has 277 Students

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern opened for classes Monday morning with an unexpected high enrollment of 277 students attending the first day. Students may enroll at any time that a course is not filled.

Hugh Looney, director of instruction, gave the following enrollment by courses:

Industrial Maintenance, high school students, 4, regular all-day students, 3.

Welding, 10 high school students and 19 all-day students.

Machine Shop, 3 high school students and 8 all-day students.

Automotive Mechanics, 14 high school students and 19 all-day students.

Air Conditioning, 6 high school students and 15 all-day students.

Business Education, 4 high school students and 26 all-day students.

Diesel Mechanics, 21 high school students and 12 all-day students.

Drafting, 1 high school student and 14 all-day students.

Electronics, 4 high school students and 25 all-day students.

Food Service, 5 all-day students.

Heavy Equipment, 7 all-day students.

High school students attend the Vo-Tech school two hours per day, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All-day students attend the school from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Food Service Course

Byron Williams, director of food service for Ouachita Vocational Technical School, who has 35 years of experience in the food service business, quotes Jacob Rosenthal, director of Culinary Institute of America, as

follows:

"There are few professions as important to society or as elevated culturally as the Food Service Profession. The vital importance of food to health and life and the major social significance of dining, and especially public dining, reflect two reasons for the pre-eminence of the food service profession. In addition, if there is proper preparation and service and knowledgeable appreciation, the product and contribution of the food service profession can be one of the most enjoyable of human activities. And this enjoyment can be at the highest aesthetic and cultural level.

"But to achieve this status, the Food Service Industry must operate at the highest professional level-which means the most thorough training and the training must not be merely routine with respect to repetitive tasks, but must achieve real understanding of all aspects of the profession."

Nearly 3.4 million people work in food service outlets. It is estimated by 1975 the demand for employees will approach four million and in the next decade the food service industry will require approximately 250,000 additional employees per year.

Food service equipment purchases total over \$700 million annually. Today there are over 35,000 various types of eating places in the United States, employing over 3,000,000 people with an annual payroll of over \$3 billion.

Students at Ouachita Vo Tech will be preparing menus, covering everything from appetizers to desserts. The course will cover management, accounting, etc. and the student will actually be cooking a complete meal each day.





# Vo Tech's Teachers Employed

11-4-71

J.J. Pickren, director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, announced this week that instructors for the school have been hired and most of them will assume their duties on Dec. 1. The school will open for classes on Jan. 17, 1972.

Instructors who have been employed are: Nathan F. Marshall, Air Conditioning-Refrigeration-Heating; Joe T. Dunlap, Welding; James D. Mathews, Drafting; Gary Garrison, Machine Shop; Edward Means, Auto Mechanics; Byron Williams, Food Services; Dean Carter, Diesel Mechanics; Sandra Moore, Business Education; J. Louis Moles, Business Education; Warren R. Samuel, Electricity-Electronics; and Ernest L. Fletcher, Building-Plant Maintenance.

Doyle C. Tarkington is Heavy Equipment instructor, and has been teaching this class for several months.

Others on the staff include Bob Jones, director of Finance; Hugh W. Looney, director of instruction; Alix B. Butler, bookkeeper; Joyce B. Parker, secretary; Kaye Hawthorne, secretary; and Jewelle Johnson, publicity.

Visitors are welcome to inspect the school building on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock. There will be some of the school personnel on hand to conduct visitors through the plant.



J.L. Moles, Jr.

## Vo Tech Teacher Named

J. Louis Moles, Jr. of Fayetteville has accepted a position with the Ouachita Vocational Technical School as instructor of business education.

Moles is a graduate of Harrison High School, at Harrison, and has a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas. He received a Master of Education (Vocational Education) from the University of Arkansas in June 1971 and has completed 21 semester hours of graduate work beyond the master's degree.

He served as instructor in business and office occupations at Twin Lakes Vocational Technical School, Harrison, from October 1967 to August 1970. He was employed by the Retail Credit Company, Fayetteville, in 1966 and 1967.

Moles received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army after four years of active duty including 1½ years overseas duty in Korea.

Mrs. Moles is the former Jean Ann McDonald of Huntsville. She is currently employed as an instructor in educational foundations (library science), College of Education, at the University of Arkansas.

Moles is a member of National Business Education Association, Arkansas Business Education Association, American Vocational Association, Arkansas Vocational Association and Phi Delta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for educators.

Mr. and Mrs. Moles are Methodists.



Daily Record Photo—Whitehead

**SIGN GOES UP**—Workmen erect a huge sign at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern. The new school, located on Moline Street (Highway 270) just west of the Intech plant, will open for

classes Jan. 17, 1972. Enrollment in many classes is already nearing capacity, and applications of prospective students should be filed with the school immediately.

November 17, 1971

# Tours At Vo Tech Available To All

The new Ouachita Vocational Technical School, which will open classes on Jan. 17, 1972, is nearing completion and drawing the attention of many persons who want to see the building. Conducted tours are being held each Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock.

For persons who cannot visit the school on Sunday a tour of the building will be given for small groups during the week if they will call the school office for arrangement of such tour, telephone 332-3658.

The school is operated by the State Board for Vocational Education to help meet the need for trained personnel in Arkansas.

Complete facilities, consisting of the latest teaching aids are available in each department. There is a complex of 10 buildings containing 48,000 square feet connected by covered walkways. These buildings have glass entrance where the work can be served from the walkways without disturbing the classes. A fee of \$24 per quarter is charged for all courses and all fees must be paid in advance.

A student will be considered

enrolled when he has furnished Ouachita Vocational Technical School with transcript of school record, completed enrollment application form and paid fees for first quarter.

The calendar for the 1972 school year is:

Spring quarter, classes begin Jan. 17; Easter holidays, March 31-April 3; classes end April 7.

Summer quarter, classes begin April 10; Memorial Day holiday, May 29; Independence Day holiday, July 3-4; graduation June 30th.

The Food Service Department of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School will be housed in a 60' x 120' building in about the center of the complex of the buildings.

The dining area consists of 60' x 80' to accommodate a large group of people.

The kitchen is being furnished with the latest models of built-in equipment.

Students who will take the Food Service Course will find the working and study area a delight with its beauty.

Built-ins in the kitchen include: Water cooler, portable tray dispenser, serving counter, milk

cooler, soiled and clean dish table, dishwasher, portable hot food cabinet, range canopy, fryer, fry mate, range griddle top with oven, range hot top with oven, portable equipment stand, food cutter, 30-gallon kettle, expandable open top range, convection oven, portable cooling rack, baker's table, 30-quart mixer, baker's refrigerator, slicer, freezer, vegetable sink, pot sink, work table, cook's table and cook's refrigerator, and walk-in cooler.

The Food Service Course is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of cooking fundamentals, such as facts of the culinary arts, menu planning, purchasing, food preparation, food cost, inventory methods, newest types of equipment and their operation, management and related instructions.

Job opportunities in this field are practically unlimited.

"Vo-Tech education doesn't cost...it pays" is a slogan for the school. The cost of attending Ouachita Vocational Technical School is within the reach of most any person wanting to further his or her education.

The school has temporary

offices in the Rockport Elementary School at 404 N. Banks St. Persons desiring to enroll in the school, which will begin classes on Jan. 17, 1972, may come by the offices to fill out an enrollment application. Other qualifications for enrollment are a transcript and the first quarter fees of \$24, which must be paid in advance of the opening of the school.

Although the new school building is not completed, visitors are invited to visit the plant site on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 to see the building, classrooms, etc. There will be some of the school personnel on hand to conduct visitors through the building and explain the different phases of the building.

## 24 Business Students At Vo Tech

The business Education Department of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School has 22 regular all-day students and two high school students.

This department has finished a course in Personal Income Tax and is studying Accounting, English in Office Practice, Shorthand, Typing and Filing in Office Practice.

Instructors in this department are Mrs. Duvall Moore and J. Louis Moles.

Equipment in this department including desks, typewriters, adding machines and office business machines is valued at \$25,722.

Regular day students in this class include Edna Abby, Mammie Bailey, Janyce Butler, Sherry Farber, Donna Goodman, Linda Grissom, Gertie Ann Hamilton, Zelma House, Ethel Lambert, Thomas Lowell Mobley, Kay Moseley, Sondra Nichols, Martha Plunk, Nita Ritter, Marla Slaughter, Larry Smith, Marilyn Toney, Betty Lou Whitley, Mammie Witherspoon, Edith Guilino, Geraldine Lowe and Linda Burton.

High school students are Molly Alexander and Steve Kirk, both of Magnet Cove.



**BUSINESS STUDENTS**—Left to right, seated, are Sherry Farber, Nita Ritter and Mammie Bailey. Standing, Mrs. Duvall Moore, instructor, Martha Plunk, Sondra Nichols, Betty Whitley, Marla Slaughter, Ethel Lambert and Marilyn Toney.



**TAKE BUSINESS COURSES**—Left to right, seated, are Kay Moseley and Ann Hamilton; second row: Linda Grissom, Linda Burton, Edna Abby, Donna Goodman, Janyce Butler; third row: Edith Guilino, Zelma House, Larry Smith, Lowell Mobley, Geraldine Lowe and Mamie Witherspoon.

# Vo Tech Classes To Begin Monday Morning, Jan. 17

1-11-72

Classes at the new Ouachita Vocational Technical School will begin on Monday, Jan. 17. The new school building is not completed and, due to this fact, classes will be held in the Wilson

High School on Banks Street until completion of the new building. Classes for high school students will begin at 9 a.m. These students must have the approval of their superintendent or

principal before attending Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Classes for these students will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Regular, all-day, students will

report to the Wilson High School at 11 a.m. Monday.

Instructors of the school are Hugh Looney, director of instruction; Doyle C. Tarkington, heavy equipment; Nathan F. Marshall, air conditioning-refrigeration; Joe T. Dunlap, welding; James D. Mathews, drafting; Gary Garrison, machine shop; Ed Means, auto mechanics; Byron Williams, food service; Dean Carter, diesel mechanics; J. Louis Moles and Sandra Moore, business education; Warren R. Samuel, electricity-electronics.

J.J. Pickren is director of the school. Other office personnel include Alix Butler, bookkeeper; Joyce Parker and Kaye Hawthorne, secretaries; Jewelle Johnson, public relations; Ernest Fletcher, building-plant maintenance; and Irrie Davies, custodian.

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School, which will open for classes in Malvern on Monday morning, Jan. 17, will furnish bus service in Grant and Saline Counties for students attending the school.

The schedule is as follows:

8:30 a.m., bus will pick up students at 711 American Station, Benton;

8:40 a.m., bus will pick up at Harmony Grove school for Harmony Grove and Haskell students;

8:50 a.m., bus will pick up at Adams Grocery in Traskwood;

9:05 a.m., bus will pick up at Tull Grocery Store in Tull;

9:30 a.m., bus will pick up at Grant County Bank in Sheridan;

9:40 a.m., bus will pick up at Billy Riggan's Grocery Store in Poyen;

10:05 a.m., bus will pick up at Glen Rose Grocery Store in Glen Rose.

Bus will arrive in Malvern in time for 11 a.m. classes.

Free daily bus service will be provided for students attending the Hot Springs branch of the school and will leave Malvern each day at 7:45 a.m.

## Vo Tech To Open Jan. 17

11-24-71

The new \$1 million Ouachita Vocational Technical School is nearing completion and scheduled to open for classes on Jan. 17, 1972. The school is a great asset to this area in furnishing a higher skilled education for the student and also affording new jobs for the vicinity, a spokesman said.

High school students will attend two hours per day and may earn two credits per year. High school students must be approved by the superintendent of their school to attend.

The school has four school buses and will furnish free transportation to students in outlying communities.

A student must be at least 16 years of age on the day of enrollment and also physically fit for employment after completion of the course.

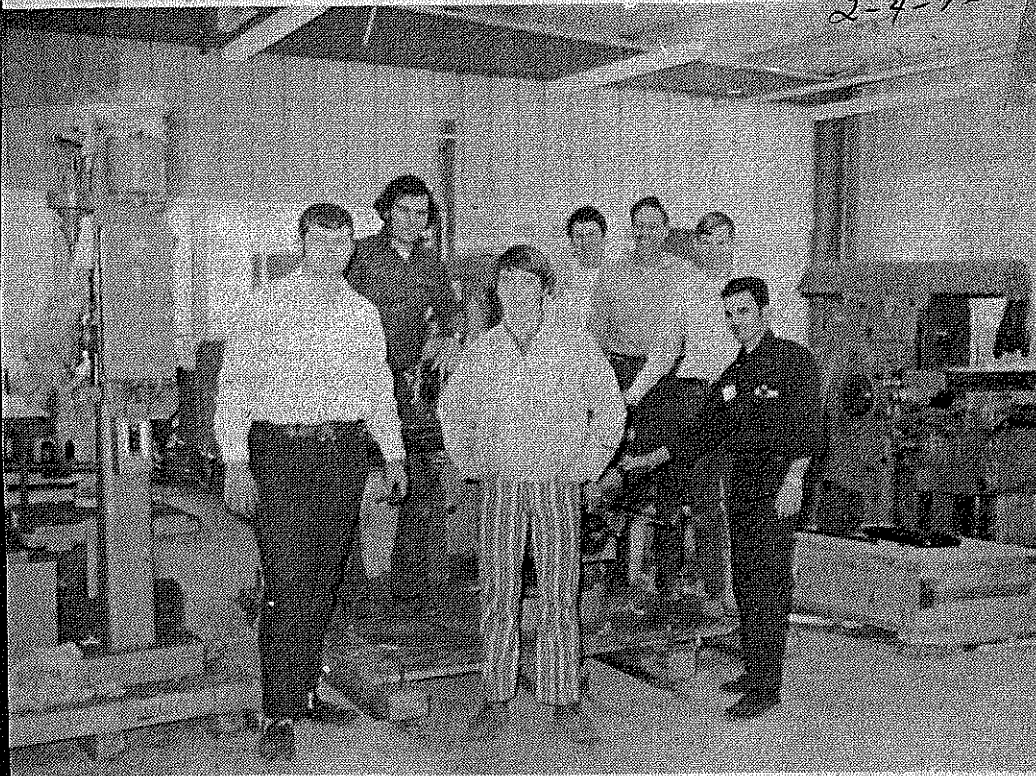
Students may attend under the G.I. Bill, or as Rehabilitation clients; recipients of loans from Rural Endowment Fund; MDTA and any other eligible program. Upon completion of the requirements of a course of instruction a diploma will be issued to the student.

The school term consists of four quarters of 12 five-day weeks and students may be enrolled in the first two weeks of each quarter.

No student will be permitted to enroll in more than one course at a time.

A student who has completed the basic one-year course may return for a second year and specialize in a particular phase of that course upon recommendation of the instructor.

To enroll a student must fill out an enrollment application, furnish a transcript and pay \$24 fee for the first quarter.



**TAKE COURSE**—This is part of the group taking the machine shop course at Ouachita Vocational Technical School, pictured with their teacher. Left to right are students Randy Bumgardner, William Hunter, Gary King, James D. White, Dan Long and Henry Addy Jr., and the instructor, Gary Garrison

2-4-72

## Machine Shop Course Has 21 Students

Gary Garrison is instructor of the machine shop course at Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Garrison has 11 all-day students and 10 high school students in his class. The high school students attend two hours each day, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. They are studying math and related theory.

This department has five laths, three drill presses, three shapers, two milling machines, one jig boring, two surface grinders, two tool grinders and all necessary hand tools and measuring instruments, etc. needed. Five more machines have been ordered and will be delivered soon. This equipment is valued at \$10,713.50.

Regular students in this department are Henry Addy, Jr., Randy Bumgardner, Gary King, William Hunter, Winston Jenkins, Tom Lee, Marion David (Dan) Long, David Urquhart, James D. White, Robert Clark and Clarence Ray Long.

High school pupils in this class are Gary Chambers, Robert Clark, Kevin Hayley, Ronnie Hester, Bruce Lambert, Mike Whitson, Ricky Cranford, Lenny Parish, Mike Ausbrooks and Steve Crutchfield.

2-17-72

## Vo Tech Operating At Site

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School is now in operation in its new building on Moline Street and Park Drive. The office personnel moved from its temporary headquarters in the Rockport Elementary School to the new building last Thursday.

Several of the courses are filled and closed to admitting additional students at this time; however, applications are being accepted and students will be admitted as soon as there is a vacancy in the class.

Courses still open are Business Education, Drafting, Food Service, Industrial Maintenance and Machine Shop.

Thursday Afternoon, December 2, 1971



Daily Record Photo—Walker

**VO TECH STAFF**—The administrators, teachers and all others of the staff of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School were honored at a coffee Wednesday morning by Malvern Chamber of Commerce. Teachers and administrators in the picture are, left to right, Nathan Marshall, air-conditioning-refrigeration instructor; Hugh Looney, director of instruction; Ernest Fletcher, building superintendent; Mrs. Sandra Moore, business education instructor; James D. Mathews,

drafting instructor; Byron Williams, food service instructor; Doyle C. Tarkington, heavy equipment instructor; J. Louis Moles, business education instructor; Joe Dunlap, welding instructor; Edward Means, automotive mechanics instructor; Gary Garrison, machine shop instructor; J.J. Pickren, director of the school; and Dean Carter, diesel mechanics instructor. Not in the picture are Warren Samuel, electricity-electronics instructor, and Robert E. Jones, director of finance.



**DIESEL MECHANICS**—Left side of engine, front to rear: David Anderson, Carl Witcher, Tom Prater and Mike Robers. Right side of engine, front to rear: Martin Demarest, Don Scott, Gilbert Donlay, Paul Ramsey and Harold Dean Bailey. On top of engine in rear, Dean Carter, Instructor.

## Diesel Mechanics Class Under Way

The Diesel Mechanics Department of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School is in full swing with students learning how to repair, maintain and service diesel motors and vehicles under the supervision of the instructor, Dean Carter.

This department has five engine stands, for mounting engines, designed so that engines may be turned any angle while the student is working, a pump stand for calibrating fuel pumps on diesel engines, a vat for

boiling engines, torque wrenches and all other necessary tools for diesel engine work, six different engines used for training purposes, including one entire truck.

The equipment in this department is valued at \$20,000.

Carter has 16 regular day students and 22 high school students in his class.

Day students are David Anderson, Harold Bailey, Billy Culliford, Gary Deaton, Martin Demarest, Gilbert Donlay, Robert Duncan, Jerry G. Em-

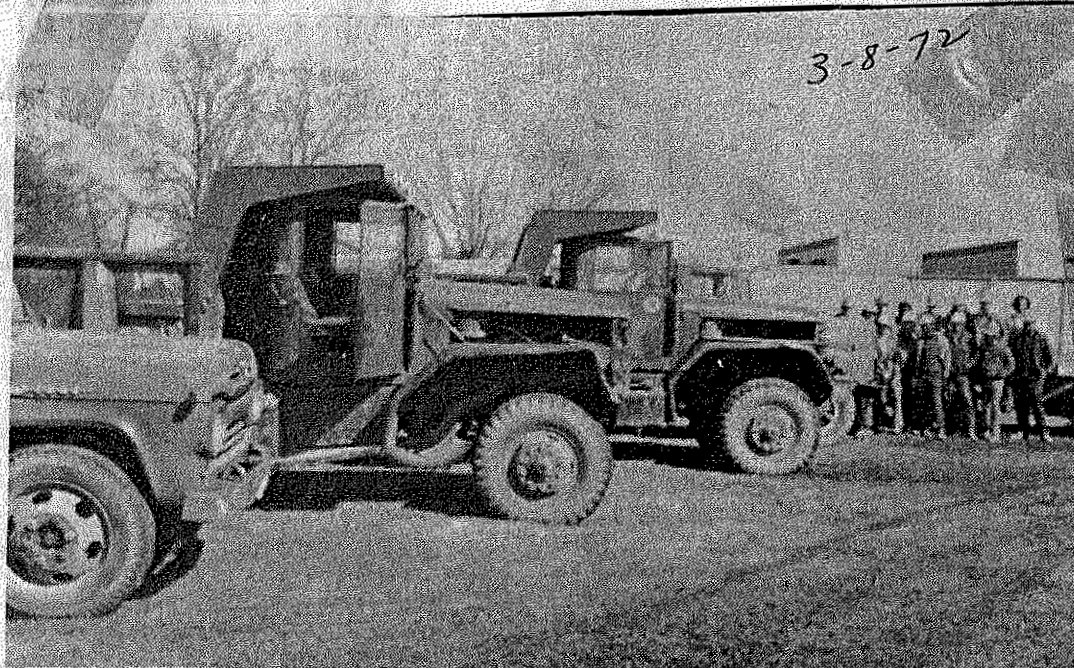
berton, Lemnel Haney, Danny Phillips, Tommy Prater, Paul Ramsey, Mike Rogers, Dan Scott, Carl W. Witcher and Robin Coston.

High school students are Johnny Bailey, Don Brown, Robert Brown, Tracy Buchanan, Mike Carter, Alan Davis, Mike Freeman, Wayne Guyton, Paul Harper, Bobby Heer, Jim Henley, Eddy Lackey, Ronnie Ledbetter, Don Ozmont, Marty Placker, Steve Raopond, Ronald Rowan, Steve Speer, Dennie Standridge, Mark Upton, Johnny Lee Wade and David Walters.

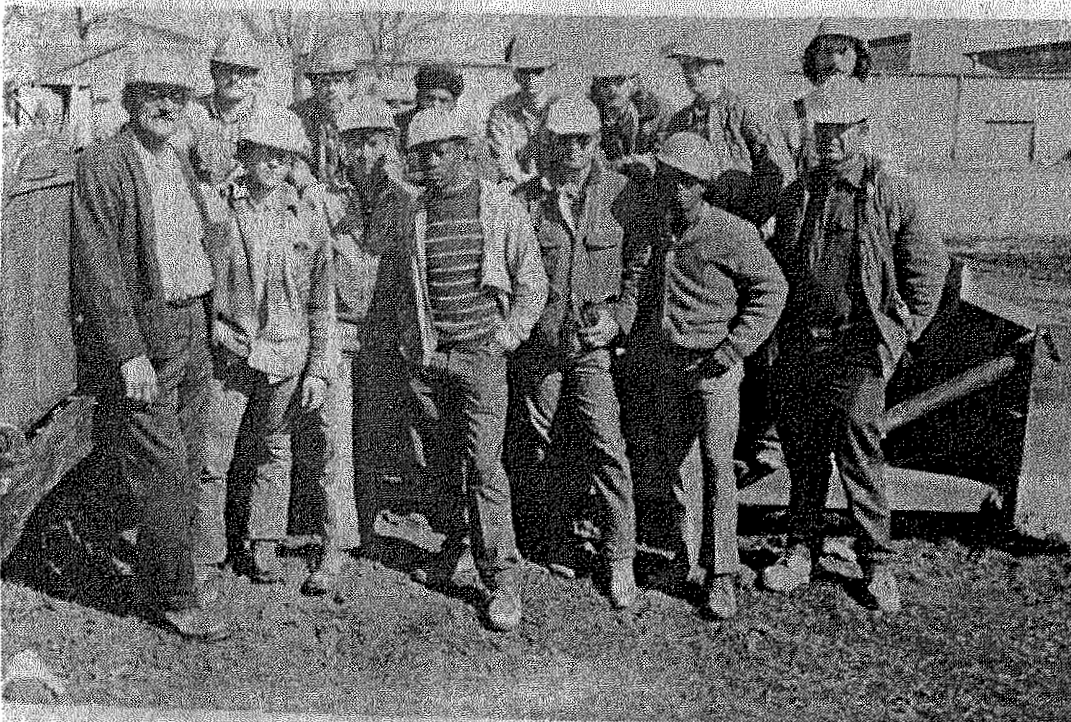
High school students in this class are from Malvern, Magnet Cove, Sheridan and Bryant high schools.



# Vo Tech Works On School Site



**PART OF EQUIPMENT**—Pictured is some of the equipment in Heavy Equipment Department of Ouachita Vocational Technical School: three dump trucks, two of which are 6-by GI trucks and a low boy in back. Standing are students in front of a bull dozer.



**HEAVY EQUIPMENT CLASS**—Front row, left to right, Doyle Tarkington, instructor; Tony Davis, James Littles, Hosea Clary, Tommy Ivey, Cornelius Smith and Grady Beeson. Back row, left to right, Robert Rhoads, Carl Efird, James Cannon, Elmer Littles, Ed Anpler, Kenneth Gibson and Lon Muncrief.

The Heavy Equipment class of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School is presently working at Glen Rose preparing a

site for a new school building.

The Heavy Equipment Course of the school has been in operation since November 1970

and has graduated two classes. Doyle Tarkington of Donaldson is the instructor of this class.

Previous jobs the Heavy Equipment Department has worked on include rural road work for Hot Spring County, widening and building a road at Antoine in Clark County, building roads in Clark County at the Children's Colony at Arkadelphia, making a building site for a new factory at Perla, making storage lot, loading dock and preparing site for building addition and a dugout loading dock at a factory in Malvern.

Equipment in the department includes two bull dozers, one scraper, one front end loader, one motor grader, three dump trucks, one dragline, one clam and crane combination, and one low boy to move equipment.

The equipment in this department is valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

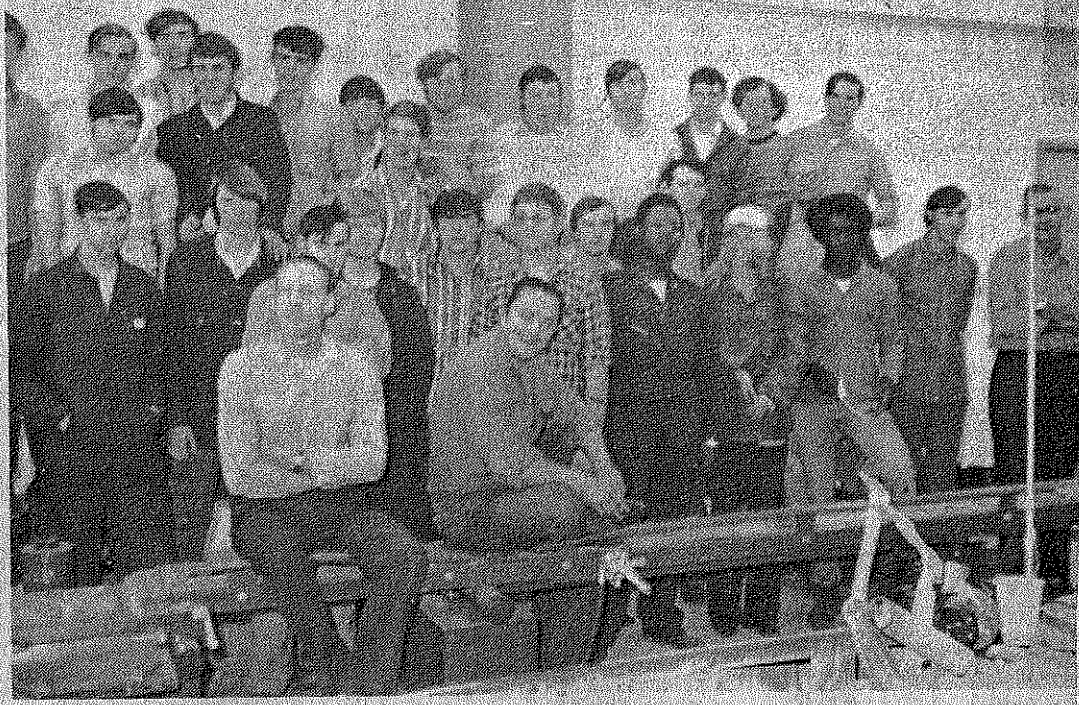
Students in the Heavy Equipment class are Ed Appler, Cletis Bailey, James Cannon, Tony Allen Davis, Carl Efird, Kenneth Gibson, William Jones, James Littles, Robert Rhodes, Elmer Littles, Lon Muncrief, Cornelius Smith, Hosea Clary and Tommy Ivey.

3-9-72

# 45 Students

## In Vo Tech

### Auto Mechanics



**AUTO MECHANICS CLASS**—Left to right are Dan Long, Mel Pennington, both seated; second row, Mickey Edwards, Sam Holloman, Terry Hayden, Phillip Sanders, John Allen, David DePew, David Pennington, Larry Morgan, Earl Ashcraft, Karen Horvath, Bill Duke, Vernon Smith, Wayne McClenahan, Ed Means, Instructor; second row: Cletus Bailey, Paul Rybard, Joe Kennom, Ricky Doss, Leroy Williams, Ronald Johnson, Joe Harvey, Steve Burks, William Midkiff, Ronnie Lytle, Pat Watkins, Jim Glidewell, David Doty and Steve DuPriest.

Ed Means, automotive mechanics instructor at Ouachita Vocational Technical School, has 21 regular all-day students and 24 high school students in his class each day.

This class is equipped with a front end machine, balancer, boring bar, complete set of tune-up equipment, complete shop equipment and all machine tools, pullers, etc. needed to repair auto motors. More equipment has been ordered, such as testers, etc.

The equipment in the Automotive Mechanics Department is valued at over \$11,000.

All-day students in this class include Henry Abbey, Cletis Bailey, Johnny Brady, Billy R. Duke, Michael Edwards, Bobby Gravett, Jerry Hardin, Karen Horvath, Robert Young Joy, James Littles, Wayne McClenahan, Denver McRae, Larry Morgan, Joseph Pennington, Phillip Sanders, Vernon Smith, Travis White, Larry Wiley, Robert Wilson and Bill Wilson.

Miss Karen Horvath of Route 3, Benton, is a regular student in auto mechanics.

High school students in this class are Johnny Allen, Jim Anderson, Earl Ashcraft, Steve Burks, Ollie Clark, Robin Coston, David DePew, John Digger, David Doty, Ricky Doss, Steve DuPriest, Jim Glidewell, Joe Harvey, Sam Holloman, Roland Johnson, Joe Keenom, Ronny Lytle, William Midkiff, David Pennington, Paul Rybard, Gary Slate, Pat Watkins, Dickey Whitaker, and Leroy Williams.

3-9-72



**JOIN FACULTY**—New instructors at Ouachita Vocational Technical School, left to right, are Lemuel Haney, Dan Long, James Hugh Phillips and James L. Williams.

## Vo Tech Hires Four Teachers

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School has employed four additional instructors. Lemuel Haney of 711 Fairview

St. Malvern, is an instructor in the Diesel Mechanics Department. Haney, formerly of Centre, Ala., has had three years experience in diesel mechanics. He is married and has four children.

Dan Long, well known Malvern resident, is an instructor in the Auto Mechanics Department. Long has 25 years experience in this type work, having owned his business of auto repair, salvage and selling used cars. He is married to the former Miss Eloise Shepard. They have a daughter and twin boys, 18 months old.

James Hugh Phillips is an instructor of the Welding Department. Phillips has taught in the Pines Vocational Technical School in Pine Bluff. He, his wife and three children, reside at 507 West Church St., Sheridan.

James L. Williams is an instructor in the Electronics Department. He is retired from the military, where he served 20 years in the Signal Corps. He, his wife and three children, reside at 2010 West Caddo St., Arkadelphia.

## Students Overflow Vo Tech

3-3-72

"There was an old woman who lived in a shoe; she had so many children she didn't know what to do."

Substitute the word "pupils" for "children" and you have the present plight of Malvern's Ouachita Vocational Technical School, according to Bob Jones, director of finance for the new institution.

Jones, addressing Malvern Civitan Club at its dinner meeting at the Magnolia Cafeteria Thursday night, said Ouachita Vocational Technical School officials had estimated that 125 pupils would be a very large enrollment for the Jan. 17, 1972, opening date for classes. As it turned out, the new school opened with a whopping enrollment of 292 pupils, Jones said.

"We had so many students we didn't know what to do," Jones declared, "and we still don't."

The speaker said there is already a waiting list of 38 pupils who have paid their fees and are awaiting room at the school to begin their studies.

Jones said the various technical courses—such as auto mechanics, diesel mechanics, machine shop, welding, electricity-electronics, air-conditioning and refrigeration, industrial maintenance, heavy equipment, business education drafting food service, etc.—are being taught by experts with many years of practical experience.

He reported that the school is operating four large buses, providing free transportation of students to and from the school. Also, a small shuttle bus is providing transportation for still others.

Some night classes probably will start about Aug. 1, Jones reported.

## Vo Tech Teacher Needs Old TV Sets For Class Project

3-29-72  
W.R. Samuel, electronics instructor at Ouachita Vocational Technical School, is asking for donations of old television sets for use in his classroom. The set does not need to be in working order, as the students need the parts in their studies.

Anyone having a set to give the school may call 332-3658 and someone will pick it up.



**CHAPTER OFFICERS**—Left to right, Ann Hamilton, Zelma House, Kay Moseley, Janyce Butler, Nita Ritter and Betty Whitley, who were installed as officers of the Ouachita Vo-Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda.

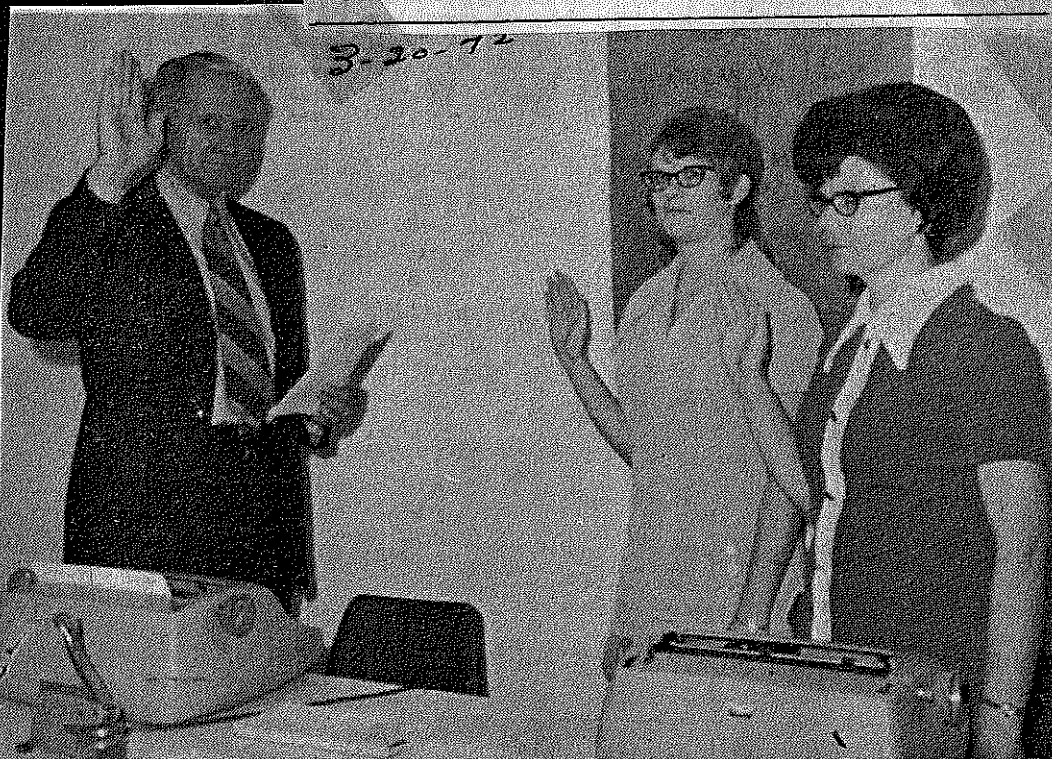
## New Vo-Tech Chapter Has Installation

Officers of the Ouachita Vo-Tech Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda were installed in ceremonies at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Thursday morning.

Installing officers were Miss Linda Beene, state and national president of Phi Beta Lambda; Allan Becket, Leon Williams, Ramona Weaver and Allan Pierce, Phi Beta Lambda officers and students at State College of Arkansas, Conway. Miss Beene is also a senior student at SCA.

Officers of the local chapter who were installed are Janyce Butler, president; Betty Whitley, vice president; Nita Ritter, secretary; Kay Moseley, treasurer; Zelma House and Ann Hamilton, executive committee.

Other members of the chapter are Ethel Lambert, Lowell Mobley, Sherry Farber, Sondra Nichols, Martha Plunk, Mamie Bailey and James Smith. Sponsors are the business education instructors, J. Louis Moles and Mrs. Sandra Moore.



**VOTER REGISTRARS**—County Clerk Grady Cullins swears in two Business Education students of Ouachita Vocational Technical School—Sondra Nichols and Betty Lou Whitley—to act as registrars of voters. The girls registered voters Thursday in the school cafeteria. The volunteer registrars are members of Phi Beta Lambda, Ouachita Vo Tech Chapter, a newly organized sorority of the school, which sponsored the registration as one of its projects for the year. Twenty-two students registered as voters Thursday.

3-21-72

## VoTech Seeks Address For New School

J.J. Pickren, Director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and Bob Jones, Director of Finance of the school, met last week with the Malvern Planning Commission and asked for an address for the school.

The Commission agreed to name the address of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School to Vo-Tech Circle, Highway 270 West.

# Official <sup>3-2-72</sup> Praises Vo Tech

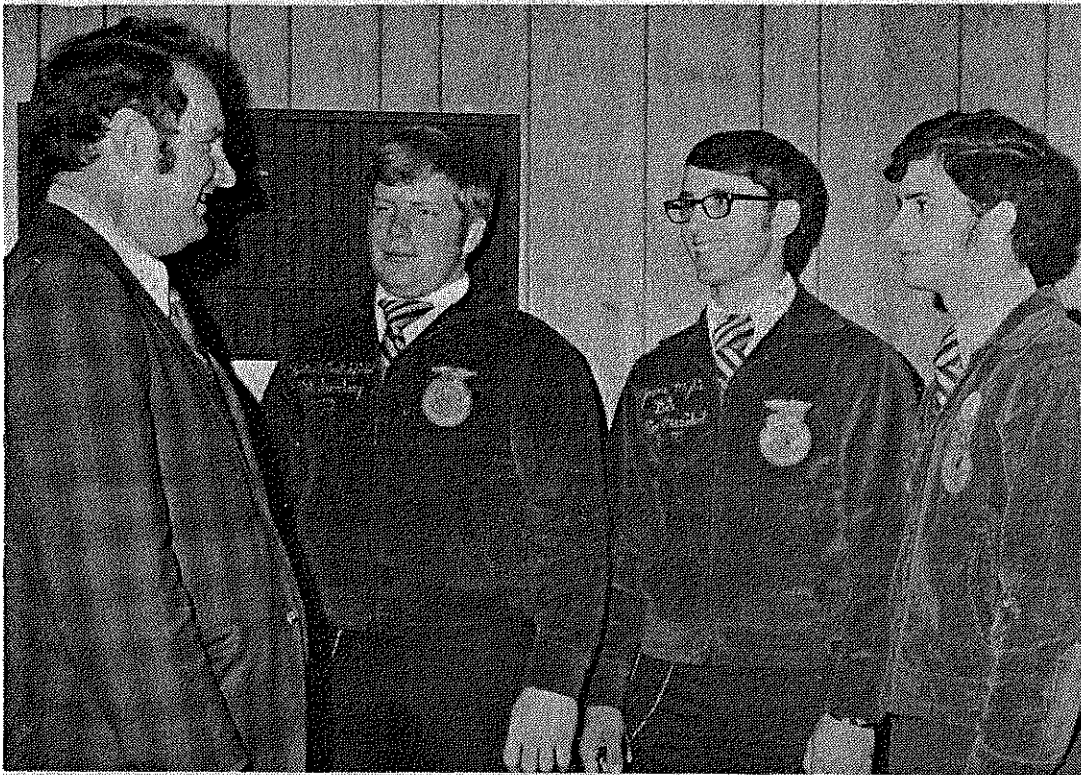
Jim Dildy of Little Rock, chairman of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Vocational Technical Education, was in Malvern last week to visit the Ouachita Vocational Technical School.

Dildy was taken on a tour of the buildings and expressed surprise at the layout, equipment and location, and was pleased that the school was designed with the cooperation of the local schools and industries in this area.

After a tour of the plant Dildy said this was the finest Vo-Tech school in Arkansas.

Dildy is no stranger to Malvern, having served a number of years at football coach of the Leopards at Malvern High School and also served as assistant superintendent of Malvern Public Schools. He is now manager of industrial and area Development with Arkansas Power and Light Co. in Little Rock.

Accompanying Dildy to Malvern last week were Alton Bush with Arkansas Power and Light Co. and Bill Williamson with the University of Arkansas.



Daily Record Photo—Stillwell

**FFA VISITORS**—Three young men who are members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and who represent the Arkansas Association of FFA, visit Malvern area on a goodwill trip Tuesday. At left in picture is Mation Fletcher, director of State FFA Camp Couchdale at Lake Catherine. The visitors, left to right, are Hartsell Crutchfield of Lamar, state FFA secretary; James Wylie of Carthage, state FFA vice president, and Larry Cook, president of the Magnet Cove Chapter of FFA. The visitors presented the program at the Malvern Lions Club meeting, and visited Ouachita Vocational Technical School and numerous Malvern business establishments which have contributed to the State FFA Foundation. Floyd L. Parker, Malvern banker and county lay chairman of the Foundation, accompanied the group on the tour.

## <sup>3-10-72</sup> VoTech Director Speaker At Hatfield FFA Annual Banquet

J.J. Pickren, Director of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School of Malvern, was guest speaker last Friday night at the Future Farmers of America Parent and son Banquet at Hatfield.

Mr. Pickren discussed the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and other phases of Vocational Education.

Marion Fletcher, Assistant Supervisor of Agricultural Education with the State Department of Education, accompanied Mr. Pickren to the meeting in Hatfield.

## <sup>3-3-72</sup> Vo Tech To Start New Bus

A new bus route will be started next Monday morning by the Ouachita Vocational Technical School of Malvern.

The bus will start at Carthage at 7 a.m. each day and will go to Leola, Sheridan and back through Leola to Highway Nine and thence through Lono to the school. It will make the return trip each afternoon.

The school has four big busses and one small bus to transport students to the school and back home each day.

4-17-72



Daily Record Photo—Walker

VO TECH SCHOOL—A wide, attractive driveway provides entrance to the handsome new Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern. The

buildings of the new school are seen in the background.

# Night Classes Start May 1 1972

Four night classes have been organized at Ouachita Vocational Technical School and will start on May 1.

The Welding Course will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock from May 1 to end of June and will consist of 81 hours. Joe Dunlap, regular day instructor, will be the instructor.

Automotive Mechanics, to be taught by Ed Means, regular day instructor, will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 o'clock and consist of 54 hours.

Basic Electricity will be taught

Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 o'clock by the regular day instructor, Warren Samuel. This is a 54-hour course.

Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Heating will be held on Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock and will consist of 60 hours. N.F. Marshall, regular day instructor, will teach this course.

Other classes will be organized with interest demands. Each class must have a minimum of 10 students, and each class is being held for those in that particular field or related field.



**TOUR VOTECH SCHOOL**—Members of the Fields Elementary School's first grade toured the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Wednesday with their teacher, Mrs. Tommy Marone. The tour was conducted by Bob Jones of the school.

## Students Tour VoTech School

Mrs. Tommy Maroney and her first grade students from Fields Elementary Grade School visited Ouachita Vocational Technical School Wednesday afternoon, May 3.

Bob Jones, a Director of the school, conducted the group on a tour of the different departments of the school.

Students in the class making the tour included: Doug Rood, Alan Holcomb, Jay Connelley, Jon Connelley, David Fuller, Robbie Jones, Holly Baker, Sandra Clark, Lisa Clegg, Marjorie Overton, Sherry Kelly, Sherry McCray, Brenda Scholes, Tommy Aldridge, Valerie Womack, Abby Pennington, Versie Brown, Penny Farber, Nita Kindrick and Mark Albey.

One of the departments, the drafting class, gave a door prize. This prize, a mechanical pen, was won by first grader, Tommy Aldridge.

## More Meetings To Set Vo Tech Night Classes

Night courses at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School are now in process of being formed.

Only persons in the fields or related fields of the night courses being offered will be eligible to enroll.

All of the meetings held to organize the night courses will meet in the Vo-Tech School cafeteria.

On Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. a meeting will organize a class in electronics.

Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. a meeting will be held to organize a night class in drafting.

Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. a meeting will be held for persons interested in machine shop.

Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. the automotive mechanics and diesel mechanics classes are to be organized.

Wednesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. a night course in special food preparation and cake decoration will be organized.

5-4-72



Daily Record Photo—Whitehead

**EATING AT VO TECH**—This was part of the crowd who Tuesday ate the first meals served by the cafeteria of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School here. State officials from Little Rock mingled with local townspeople in celebrating the occasion.

## Cafeteria Opens

# 3-16-72 First Meal At Vo Tech

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School cafeteria served its first meal Tuesday. Byron Williams, instructor, and his students prepared a meal of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, butter and an assortment of pies and drinks.

Over 100 persons were served during the lunch hour.

Special guests included; J. Marion Adams, associate director, Area Vo-Tech schools; Jim Miller, cooperative education and work study; Dr. John W. Cole, vice president of the State Board of Education and County Judge Neil Phelan, and Grady Knight, coordinator of program planning, evaluation and exemplary programs.

Other special guests included: Bill Looney, Floyd L. Parker and Bob Jones, the committee who worked to get the application made and presented for the

Ouachita Vocational Technical School.

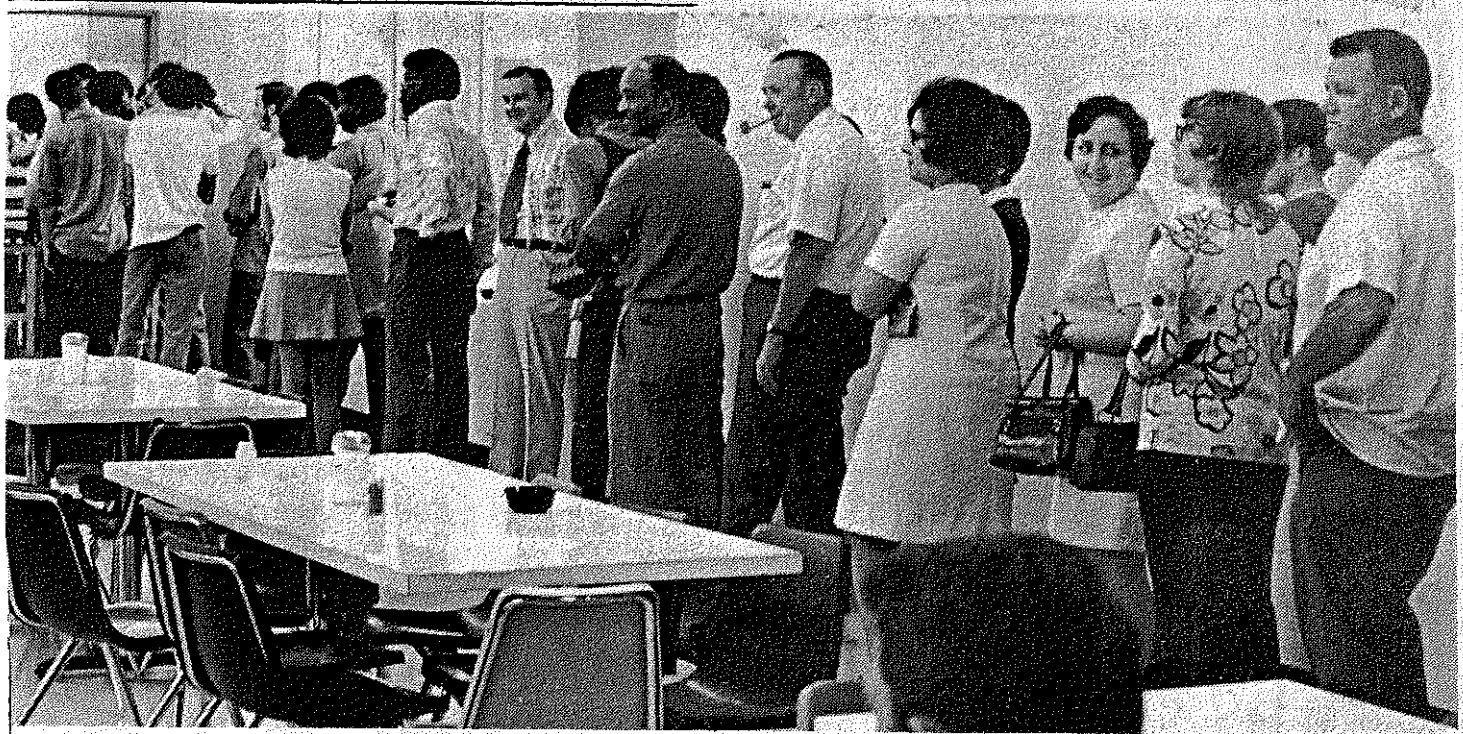
Dr. Kirk Cone and Kelly Wilson, who gave, rent free, office space to the Vo-Tech personnel for several months and other assistance to assure this area of obtaining the school.

Bill Stilwell and Bill Whitehead of the Malvern Daily Record, Charles O'Neal of the Meteor Journal and John Schlenker of KBOK radio station, who have taken many pictures and given space freely in newspapers and on the air to advertise the school.

Plans are to have another group visit to the school at a later date.

Each departments' craft committee will be invited to inspect the different departments, check the progress and make recommendations for future improvements in the school.





**CHOW LINE**—A chow line forms Tuesday as the first meals are served at the cafeteria of the

Daily Record Photo—Whitehead  
**Ouachita Vocational Technical School here.**



Luthern Hardin

## Official Has High Praise For Vo Tech

Luther Hardin, director of the Foothills Vocational Technical School, Searcy, attended the directors meeting at Ouachita Vocational Technical School Thursday.

Hardin, who is president of the Arkansas Council of Local Administrators and Assistant Directors of Vocational Technical Education, was highly complimentary of the local school in Malvern.

Hardin said the U.S. Commission of Education, Portland, Ore., said in a AVI meeting that "in the next 10 to 12 years only 17 percent of the jobs available would require a bachelor degree".

In speaking of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Hardin stated, "This is a model school that other Vo-Tech schools to be built could well pattern, with many facets of this school to be incorporated in their schools."

Hardin was also very complimentary of Dr. John W. Cole of Malvern a member of the State Board of Education, for his work in the educational field statewide for so many years.

Also Hardin said he had never seen a school that had received such fine cooperation from the local citizens as the Ouachita Vo-Tech School and the industries in the county and surrounding counties who furnish personnel to serve as advisory committees to the school.

The visitor predicted that within the next 10 years the local school would be expanded into a much larger school because of the demand for vocational technical education.

## Dr. John Cole Vice Chairman Of State Board

6-13-72

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Rabie Rhodes of Harrison was elected Monday to his seventh term as chairman of the state Board of Education.

Dr. John Cole of Malvern was elected vice chairman to succeed T. C. Cogbill Jr. of Star City.



Dr. John Cole



**VISIT VO TECH**—Directors of Vocational Technical Schools hold a meeting Thursday at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern.

The visitors were enthusiastic in their praise for the new Malvern school. Daily Record Photo—Whitehead

# Vo Tech Heads Meet 6-2-72

The regular monthly meeting of Vocational Technical School directors was held at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Thursday.

This was the first time many of the Vo-Tech directors had visited the Ouachita Vocational Technical School and all expressed a delight and surprise at the layout of this new school and its facilities.

Directors and school personnel attending the meeting included Corbin McKimmon of Oil Belt Vo-Tech, El Dorado; Thurston Kirk and Don Harlan, Petit Jean Vo-Tech, Morrilton;

John L. Kauffman, Hot Springs Branch of Ouachita Vo-Tech; Jack Mathis, Fayetteville; Charles Davis and Charles O. Ross, Southwest Technical Institute, Camden; Alvin Vest, Arkansas Valley Vo-Tech, Ozark; Mike Spades and John Rapert, Black River Vo-Tech, Pocahontas; Roy Phillip Hill,

James Mullen, Crowley's Ridge Vo-Tech, Forrest City; Weldon Stevenson, Twin Lakes Vo-Tech, Harrison; Larry Hale and Luther Hardin, Foothills Vo-Tech, Searcy; J.W. Rowe, Red River Vo-Tech, Hope; Lonnie McNatt and Bill Stanley, Delta Vo-Tech, Marked Tree; Bill Lewis, Russellville Area Career Center; Paul Sumpster of Westark Community College, Fort Smith; Joe Harper and Leon Coker, Pines Vo-Tech, Pine Bluff; Bob Medearis and James A. Jones, Little Rock Adult Vocational School; J.C. Ruppert, Dianne Farquhar, Mildred Brading, Amanda Copeland, Charles Easley and Hugh Cheek of the State Department of Education, Little Rock.

Local luncheon guests Thursday included Dr. John W. Cole, County Judge Neil Phelan, Bill Looney and Robert Miller with

# Vo-Tech Graduates Male Nurse

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**LEARNING IT** — Harmon, right, and Nurse Ahrenholtz, discuss a piece of equipment on the third floor at St. Joseph's as a floor nurse looks on. Members of Harmon's graduating class were Helen J. Bryant, Deborah Burks Cook, Edith Mae Choate,

Charlene C. Collins, Margie Rae Dean, Theresa G. Duke, Deborah Haliburton, Bettie J. Hill, Alline Jones, Shirley M. Randall, Dorothy M. Robbins, Bettie Lou Thomas and Ollie M. Weaver.

(Staff photo)

# Vo-tech graduates first male nurse

8-20-72

By JOHN WALLWORTH  
Staff Writer

Tommy Harmon is almost a nurse.

The 30-year old divorced father of two was one of 14 to graduate from the Practical Nurse Division of the Hot Springs Branch of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School last week. But he's still 26 days short of completing his training due to a sick-time loss.

Before he enrolled in the year long course that has classroom instruction at Vo-Tech and clinical training at St. Joseph's Hospital, he worked for five years as a clerk in a super-market chain.

As far back as 1958 when Harmon graduated from Lake Hamilton High School he wanted to go into a hospital nursing career but "just didn't feel I could afford it," he says.

The \$70 a month stipend offered by Vo-Tech helped him afford the training that will lead to a license as a practical nurse when he finishes his make-up time and when he passes the exams by the Arkansas State Board of nursing.

By adding pay he received for "sitting duty in residences" when he sat with patients who were recuperating in their homes, Harmon was able to realize a goal he's held for almost 14 years now.

Before the five-year stint with the super-market chain, the man worked in other local grocery stores. He also did volunteer work in local hospitals.

"I saw such a need for things I could be doing if I was experienced," he says, while doing the volunteer work, and he also heard about the Vo-Tech program.

Harmon is the first male to graduate from the Practical Nurse Division. He's the fourth man to graduate from the Practical Nurse course in Hot Springs through the Hot Springs Practical Nursing School which merged with Vo-Tech to create the current learning situation that uses St. Joseph's as the

affiliating hospital.

In Harmon's graduating class the age range was from 18 to 49 years.

The original concept for the LPN training came because "older women who were married and had raised their families wanted the training," Nurse Edna M. Ahrenholtz, an instructor at Vo-Tech who was with the program before the merger says.

She also says that the students ages "didn't make any difference, the older ones kept the pace" both in the six weeks of pre-clinical classroom training that started the year long study and during the next 10½ months when the students spent six hours in the hospital and two hours in the classroom.

There are presently two of the classes a year now, one that begins in September and one in January, the nurse says.

Harmon says that the hardest thing about the program was "getting up in the morning." The students begin training at 7 a.m. each day.

There was another almost problem, he says, in that he was hesitant towards the female patients at first, not knowing how they would react to him.

"People have always had women to take care of them in hospitals," he explained, "I wondered what the reaction would be when I walked into the room."

It wasn't bad, he says.

The best thing about the nursing program to Harmon was "learning how to meet the needs of your patient."

Now that he has almost completed the training the near licensed practical nurse expects to take his board exams in December.

He also hopes to do more study, perhaps the two years of training necessary to become a physician's attendant.

If he does that he will still almost be a nurse.



# VoTech Classes Open 172 Enroll

Ouachita Vocational Technical School began its fall classes Tuesday, August 1, with 172 students enrolled and many more on the waiting list to enroll as soon as there is a vacancy in the class they desire.

The school was closed the month of July for classes but all instructors stayed on the job.

J. Louis Moles and Mrs. Sandra Moore, Business Education Instructors, attended the BE Workshop in Hot Springs and worked on new classroom procedures and specific goals for the classes and course outlines.

Cloy E. Harris, Food Service Instructor, attended the Hot Springs conference. Spent a one day tour of Food Service Establishments in Little Rock with Fay Pounds of A.P.S. He also visited Twin Lakes Vo-Tech in Harrison for a conference with John Garrett.

James L. Williams, Electronics Instructor, attended a two week course at Digiac Corporation in Plainview, New York where he studied Digital Computer Principles, Computer Operations Technology and Digital Computer Principles as Applied to Electronics.

Gary Garrison, Machine Shop Instructor, made two trips to Reynolds Metals at Bauxite to get scrap metal and one trip to Jones Mills plant for scrap metal for his department. He attended the Seminar at Hot Springs. He

purchased metal from McMillan in Malvern and purchased oil for machines. He talked with people at Glenvale Products, Weyland Machine Shop, N.S.C., P.C. Hardware and General Cable concerning school, students, jobs and materials. He also made two trips to Surplus Property in Little Rock to get materials.

Doyle Tarkington, Heavy Equipment Instructor, attended the Hot Springs Seminar, made a trip to Dallas, Texas to pick up two motors, went to Little Rock and got a Van and tagged three trucks.

Frank Bryant, Industrial Maintenance Instructor, attended a 10-day Electro Mechanical school July 10th through July 21 at Plainview, New York, sponsored by Digiac Corporation. The course consisted of 80 hours of Hydraulic, Pneumatic, Fluidic and Computer logic. The course also taught teaching methods in these fields.

Joe Dunlap, Welding Instructor, made two trips each to Reynolds Metals plants at Jones Mills and Bauxite to pick up scrap metal, visited P.C. Hardware in Little Rock. This company was interested in hiring one welding student. He picked up metal for the shop at McMillan Supply, toured Weyerhaeuser Mill at Mountain Pine and made two trips to Surplus Property in Little Rock.

Ed Means, Automotive

Mechanics Instructor, went to Fort Sill Oklahoma to pick up a tractor, spent one week at the GMC Training Center in Memphis studying Transmission, power steering and air conditioning. He visited most of the car dealers in Little Rock getting educational films, also visited all local car dealers.

Dean Carter went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma and picked up equipment and visited Camp Robertson and Jacksonville Air Force Base. He attended the summer conference in Hot Springs. July 24 and 25 he went to Dallas, Texas to Darr Equipment Co., and Berry Bros. Equipment Co. He got two engines at Darr and ordered parts for the Road Grader at Berry Bros. He made arrangements with Darr Co. to attend a one-week school in Peoria, Ill., at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. The school will be on a truck engines. Mr. Carter and Mr. Means also picked up machinery at Ft. Polk, La., saving the school approximately \$2500.00.

State Education Department officials were in Malvern

Thursday and made plans for Ouachita Vo-Tech School to start on a GED course to start on and run a 240 hour course in 12 months. Mrs. Neal Phelps, the instructor of the GED course is only offered to be one of the school who are in the class.

## *OOTS Staff and Faculty*

J. J. Pickren, Director

Robert E. Jones, Director of Finance

Hugh W. Looney, Director of Instruction

Mrs. Elbert E. Butler, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Floyd L. Parker, Secretary-Receptionist

Mrs. Hershel C. Hawthorne, Secretary

Frank Bryant ..... Industrial Maintenance

Dean Carter ..... Diesel Mechanics

Joe Dunlap ..... Welding

Gary Garrison ..... Machine Shop

Cloy Harris ..... Food Service

Nathan Marshall ..... Air Conditioning

James Mathews ..... Related Instructions

Edward Means ..... Automotive Mechanics

J. Louis Moles ..... Business Education

Mrs. Duvall Moore ..... Business Education

Doyle Tarkington ..... Heavy Equipment

James Williams ..... Electronics

E. L. Fletcher ..... Bldg. Plant Supt.

Irrie Davies ..... Custodian

### *High School Instructors*

Lemuel Haney ..... Diesel Mechanics

Vernon Davis ..... Automotive Mechanics

Nelson Bailey ..... Electricity

## *Ouachita Vocational Technical School*

*Malvern, Arkansas*

### *Dedication and Open House*

*Sunday, October 8, 1972*

*2:30 p.m.*

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## Statistical Data On OOTS

\$622,949.86—Federal Funds  
100,000.00—State Funds  
132,500.00—Local Funds  
278,000.00—Equipment

45,541 sq. ft.  
\$13.68 per sq. ft.

## Student Information

175 Students Enrolled (Maximum capacity 184)  
53 High School Students  
110 Applications on file

## Budget For 1972-73

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Regular Salaries .....          | \$164,857.00 |
| Extra Help .....                | 25,000.00    |
| Maintenance and Operation ..... | 75,000.00    |
| Soc. Sec. & Ret. Matching ..... | 16,151.00    |
| Overtime .....                  | 3,000.00     |

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## Program

Master of Ceremonies..... Dr. John W. Cole  
Invocation ..... Rev. Emery Washington  
Welcome..... J. J. Pickren  
Introduction of Faculty..... Hugh W. Looney  
Introduction of Guests..... Robert E. Jones  
Remarks..... Arch W. Ford  
Introduction of Speaker..... Dr. Cole  
Dedication Address..... Governor Dale Bumpers  
Benediction..... Dr. Fred Harrison

## Reception

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## Ushers

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| Kay Moseley   | Betty Whitley  |
| Ethel Lambert | Nita Ritter    |
| Zelma House   | Sondra Nichols |
| Peggy Burks   | Sandra Lucas   |
| Janyce Butler | Isabel Gilliam |

# Doing Something For Malvern

Malvern's City Park received a little aid Tuesday afternoon as members of the Ouachita Vo-Tech School chapter of Phi Beta Lambda choose to do their part in observance of National PBL Week and clean up the City Park. The girls began their project at 12:30 and worked until 6 p.m.

Daily Record Photos—Whitehead

2-14-73



# 49 Students Graduate From Vo Tech School

2-15-73

Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, located on Highway 270 West, announced 49 candidates for graduation. These graduates are good examples of the OVTS Slogan, "Vo-Tech education doesn't cost ... it pays." Eighty-two percent of the graduates are already employed, working in the field or related occupations.

The following is a list of graduates including position, and employer:

**Automotive Mechanics** — Billy Duke, Auto Mechanic, Long's Ford Co., Arkadelphia, Joseph M. Pennington, Auto Mechanic, Wilson Buick Co., Malvern, Michael \* Edwards, Auto Mechanic, Cecil Tate Motors, Inc., Malvern, Terry Hardin, Auto Mechanic, Goodyear, Arkadelphia, Johnny Brady, Auto Mechanic, Prescott Motors, Prescott, John Kirkpatrick, Auto Mechanic, Reynolds Metals Co., Jones Mills, Larry Morgan, Auto Mechanic, National Lead Co., Hot Springs.

**Business Education** — Janyce Butler, Secretary, Ouachita Vo-Tech School, Malvern, Isabel Gilliam, Bookkeeping Machine Operator, Bank of Malvern, Malvern, Zelma House, GED Instructor, Ouachita Vo-Tech School, Malvern

Geraldine Lowe, Secretary, Bank of Amity, Amity, Lowell Mobley, Management Trainee, Fordyce Bank & Trust, Fordyce, Kay Moseley, Secretary-Receptionist, Telecommunications Systems of America, Memphis, Tenn., Nita Ritter, Desk Clerk, Royal Vista Inn, Hot Springs, Betty Whitley, Bookkeeper, Bank of Malvern, Malvern, Sherry Farber, Waitress, Al's Truck Stop, Malvern

Sondra Nichols, General Office Clerk, Rehsemen Ford, Little Rock, Mammie Bailey, Ethel Lambert, Linda Burton, Mammie Newborn, Martha Plunk

**Diesel Mechanics** — Gary Deaton, Diesel Mechanic, Long's Ford Co., Arkadelphia, Jerry Emberton, Diesel Mechanic, Truck Shop—Acme Brick Co., Malvern, Mike Rodgers, Equipment Repairman, C & S Motors, Hot Springs, Paul Ramsey, Diesel Mechanic, Fordyce Ford Co., Fordyce, Don Scott, Truck Mechanic, Hoskins' Truck Service, Malvern, Tracy Smith, Diesel Mechanic, Ridder Truck Lines, Gifford.

**Heavy Equipment** — Phillip Tillman, Motor Parts Salesman, Malvern, Malvern Motor Parts, Malvern, Bruce Burks, Factory Worker, In-Tech Co., Malvern, Ralph Kratz, Motor Grader Operator, Hot Spring County, John Kirkpatrick, Maintenance, Reynolds Metals Co., Jones Mills, Robert Rhoades, Truck Driver, Fambro Gate Co., Malvern, Carl Efird, Heavy Equipment Operator, Hot Springs, James Cannon, Laborer, Acme Brick Co., Malvern, Calvin Hiatt, Heavy Equipment Operator, International Paper Co., Malvern, Elmer Littles, Heavy Equipment Operator, Pipeline Construction, Malvern, Hosea L. Clary, Student, Ouachita Vo-Tech School, Malvern, Kelly Gray, Welder, Fambro Gate Co., Malvern, Tony Allan Davis, Navy Serviceman, Dale Gray, Steve Traylor, Gerald Williams, James Williams.

**Welding** — Ricky Vaden, Welder, Fambro Gate Co., Malvern, William Stanley Roberson, Welder, Ouachita Marine Co., Arkadelphia.

**Electronics** — James L. Williams, Electronics Instructor, Ouachita Vo-Tech School, Malvern.

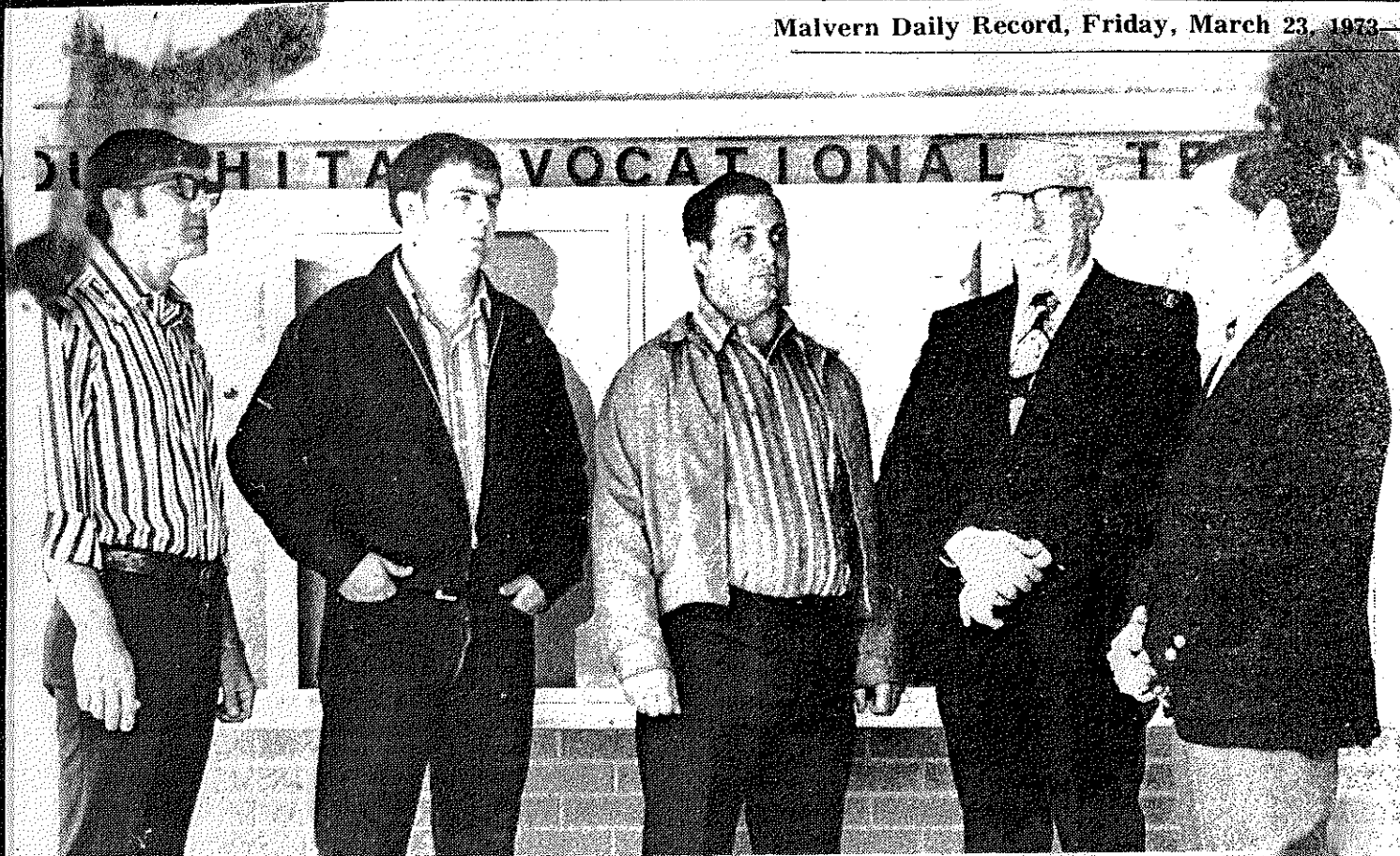
**Machine Shop** — Gary Bayless, Tool & Die Repairman, Glenvale Products, Malvern, Ronald Kimbrell, Machine Attendant, Westinghouse, Little Rock.

The school opened for classes on January 17, 1972. Classes for this school term, 1973-74, began January 22, 1973. This enrollment added 50 new students to the various departments. Since OVTS opened its doors, 350 students have made application to further his or her education.

Courses offered by the school include: Air Conditioning-Refrigeration Heating, Automotive Mechanics, Business Education, Diesel Mechanics, Electronics, Food Service, Heavy Equipment, Machine Shop, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding. Classes are in session 6 hours each day, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. A tuition fee of \$24 per quarter is charged for all courses.

Upon completion of the requirements of a course, the student will receive a diploma. A formal graduation ceremony will be held June 30, 1973.

The staff of OVTS invite visitors to tour the school. One of the Personnel will conduct visitors through the building and explain the various departments.



**PROGRAM REVISED**—Reynolds Metals and Steel Workers Local 332 have revised their apprenticeship program at Jones Mills Reduction Plant near Malvern. Pictured above are Vo-Tech apprentices

James Ballard, Doyle Blocker and Troy Shinn. J. J. Pickren, Director of the Ouachita Vo-Tech School, second from right, and Bill Hope, apprenticeship coordinator of Reynolds, right.

## Reynolds, Steel Workers Revise Vo-Tech Apprenticeship Program

Reynolds Metals Company and Steel Workers Local 332 have consummated a revision to their Apprenticeship Program Agreement at the Jones Mills Reduction Plant. The revision makes it possible to fully utilize the facilities of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School at Malvern.

Joe Haney, maintenance superintendent, and Bill Hope, apprenticeship coordinator of Reynolds met with J.J. Pickren, director, and Hugh W. Looney, director of instruction at Ouachita Vo-Tech School on March 20, to finalize plans.

The three apprentices are: Doyle Blocker, Diesel Mechanic; James F. Ballard, Machinist,

and Troy Shinn, Carpenter Apprentice. The apprentices had previous training in Arkansas Vocational Schools before entering the Apprenticeship Program.

The apprentices will attend Ouachita Vo-Tech twice each week; Tuesday and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. They will receive related instructions in a classroom - laboratory atmosphere with individualized instruction and group lectures. These additional courses are geared specifically toward their job requirement at Reynolds. The tuition, book and tool expenses are paid by the company.

This Apprenticeship-Study arrangement will make it

possible to shorten the Apprenticeship Program and bring it into closer alignment with the needs of Reynolds Metals Company. It will also reduce the sacrifices required of an individual entering the Apprenticeship Program. This arrangement is expected to benefit Reynolds by producing better-trained craftsmen in a shorter time period, and at a lower cost because of being able to use the best available instructional materials.

The Ouachita Vo-Tech Staff feel that this Apprenticeship-Study Program is another step in the continuing effort to train students in the occupations that industry demand in this area.

# MHS Seniors Get Several Awards

Malvern Daily Record, Friday, May 24, 1974

Some 51 awards and scholarships were announced to Malvern High School students last Friday night during graduation ceremonies in Claude Mann Stadium.

Recipients of awards were Shirley Gray, Delta Kappa Gamma Award and Home Economics Outstanding Senior; Steven Hanley, D.A.R. History Award; Robin Daniel, D.A.R. Good Citizenship, Student Council Good Citizenship, and Outstanding Speech Student.

Rodney Davis, Student Council Good Citizenship; Danforth Award, Civitan Good Citizenship, Kiwanis Club Memorial, Bud Sherwood Award, and Outstanding Teenager; Beta and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Club of the Year.

Lyle Fellows, History Award; Freddie Hall, Best Actress; Melba Phillips, National Honor Society Award; Phyllis Richardson, Honor Society Award and Civitan Club Good Citizenship; Andrea Williams, Honor Society Award; Margaret Williams; Honor Society Award.

Stan Allen, Language and Math Award; Beverly Whitehead, Math Award; Steve Cummings, Science and Band Award; Ricky Arivette, Art Award; Jeanne Darrow, Art Award, P.E.O. Award, and Epsilon Sigma Alpha Jonquil Award.

Theresa Buckley, A.D.A Hawkins Award and Les Gaye Madames Club Award; Gloria Haynes, Choir Award; Curtis Ivy, Choir Award; Steve Corley, Band Award; Randy Green, Outstanding Teenager; and Nancy Davenport, Outstanding Junior.

Receiving academic scholarships were Ken Lumley, West Point; Tricia Williamson, Andrea Williams, Suzanne Ward, Becky Ritter, Gary Briner, and Melba Phillips, Henderson State College.

Beverly Whitehead and Sheila Cunningham, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Robin Daniel, Randy Green, and Phyllis Richardson, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Karen Lewter and Stan Allen, Ouachita Baptist University; and Celia Boers, Arkansas State University.

Athletic scholarships went to Verna Curry, Philip Lambert, and Royce Taylor, State College of Arkansas; Rodney Davis, Ouachita Baptist University, and Butch Baker, University of Arkansas.

Music scholarships from Henderson State College went to Steve Cummings and Timi Thornton.

Wallace Scholarships to the Ouachita Vo-Tech School were awarded to Tricia Williamson, Steve Felty and Timi Thornton.

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## Health Aid

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## Course

## Is Planned

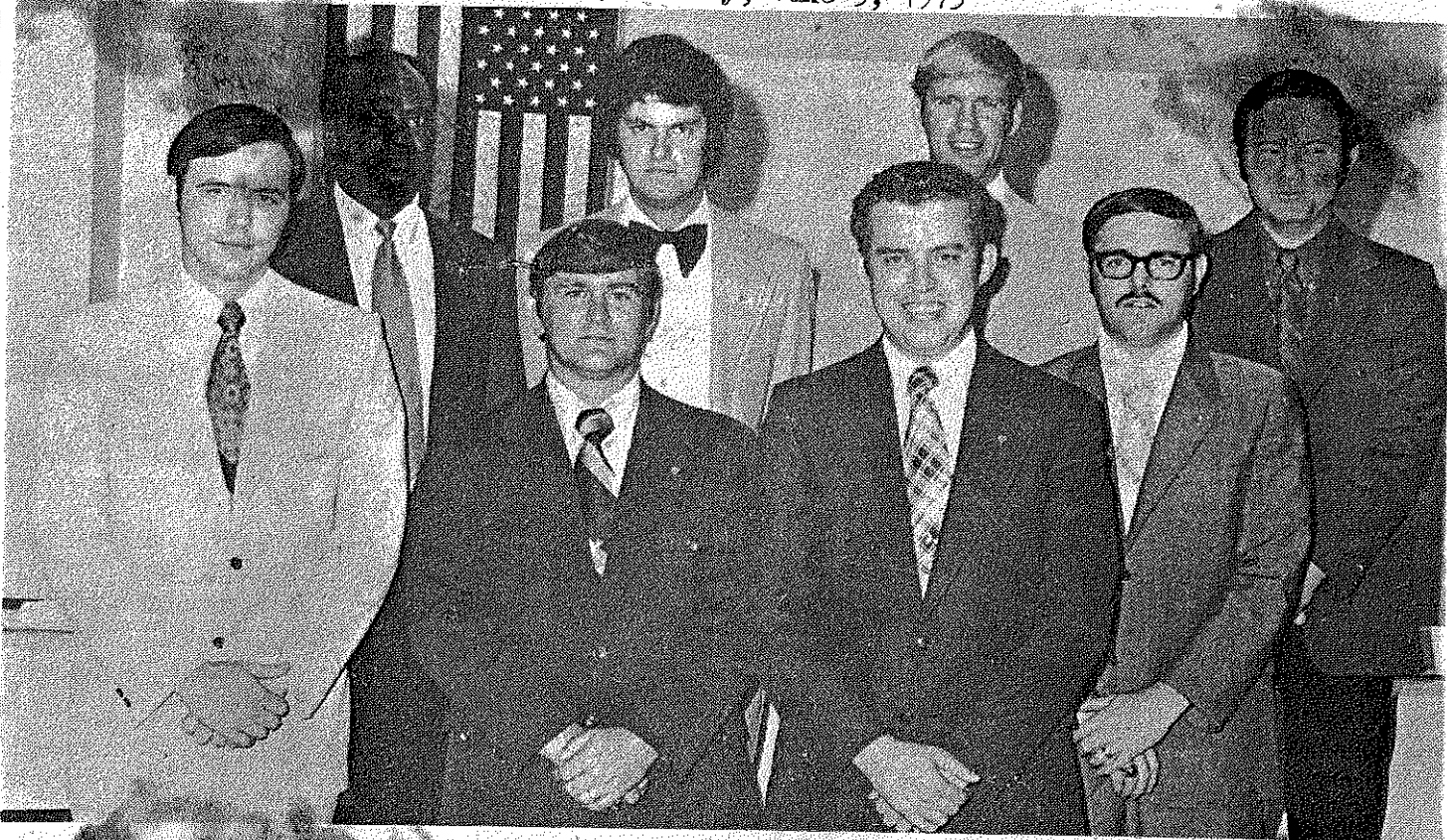
The HEP Program of Hot Spring County is sponsoring a class for Home Health Aides to be held at Ouachita Vo-Tech School beginning June 24. The class will include 80 hours of classroom training in such areas as nutrition, first aid, and proper care of a bed patient or invalid.

Teachers for the course will be Mrs. Mary Gans, home economist, from Little Rock, and Mrs. Hazel Evans LPN from Malvern. Persons forty and over will be given preference for the class. There is no charge to the student.

Classes will be held from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon five days per week for four weeks. Graduation is scheduled for July 19 for those completing the course.

Home Health Aides will be available for employment in the homes of elderly persons. They will be hired through HEP for employment in the home by the hour. The person hiring the aide will be responsible for payment for their services (minimum of \$2.00 per hour).

For more information about the classes or hiring an aide, contact Employment Security Division at 332-5461 or the HEP office at 337-9576.



Daily Record Photo—Copeland

**NEW OFFICERS**—The Malvern Jaycees held their officer installation banquet Friday night at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School. New officers from left to right, front row, are: Cary Young, director; Raymond Petty, director; Wayne Reynolds,

president; Buddy Gifford, treasurer. Back row: Willie Lawson, secretary; Terry Fife, director; Larry Wilson, director and James Holland, external vice president. Not pictured is Orlando Womack, internal vice president.

# Ouachita Vo Tech Among Schools Getting Grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Approval of about \$3 million in grants to help 35 Arkansas schools and colleges fund work-study programs was announced Monday by the office of Rep. John Paul Hamerschmidt, D-Ark.

The funds, channeled through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will provide 30 per cent of the salaries of students who work part-time

at the schools.

The schools, amount of funds provided and number of students involved, are:

Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, \$25,944 for 55 students.

Arkansas College, Batesville, \$49,680 for 107 students.

Arkansas Tech, Russellville, \$217,267 for 68 students.

Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, \$206,448 for 444 students.

Arkansas Valley Vocational-Technical School, Ozark, \$34,500 for 74 students.

Capitol City Business College, Little Rock, \$42,504 for 91 students.

Capitol City Business College, Pine Bluff, \$30,580 for 65 students.

Capitol City Business College, Russellville, \$9,936 for 21 students.

College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, \$106,370 for 229 students.

Crowley's Ridge College, near Paragould, \$23,094 for 49 students.

Delta Vocational-Technical School, Marked Tree, \$13,800

for 29 students.

Foothills Vocational-Technical School, Searcy, \$13,491 for 29 students.

Harding College, Searcy, \$66,240 for 142 students.

Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, \$289,900 for 624 students.

Hendrix College, Conway, \$38,640 for 83 students.

John Brown University, Siloam Springs, \$45,816 for 98 students.

Oil Belt Vocational-Technical School, El Dorado, \$16,008 for 34 students.

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, \$148,764 for 320 students.

Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, Malvern, \$11,150 for 124 students.

Petit Jean Vocational Technical School, Morrilton, \$6,679 for 14 students.

Philander Smith College, Little Rock, \$96,600 for 208 students.

Phillips County Junior College, Helena, \$20,521 for 44 students.

Pines Vocational-Technical

School, Pine Bluff, \$17,194 for 17 students.

Red River Vocational-Technical School, Hope, \$28,897 for 62 students.

Shorter College, North Little Rock, \$49,680 for 107 students.

Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, \$102,120 for 220 students.

Southern State College, Mag-nolia, \$257,994 for 556 students.

Southwest Technical Institute, East Camden, \$41,400 for 89 students.

State College of Arkansas, Conway, \$278,070 for 599 students.

Twin Lakes Vocational-Technical School, Harrison, \$20,976 for 45 students.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, \$386,400 for 832 students.

UA-Little Rock, \$120,554 for 259 students.

UA Medical Center, Little Rock, \$55,200 for 118 students.

UA-Monticello, \$182,574 for 393 students.

Westark Community College, Fort Smith, \$22,521 for 48 students.

Friday Night

June 27-1975

# 163 Graduate From Vo-Tech

One hundred sixty-three graduates will receive their diplomas during the Third Annual Graduation Exercises, to be held Friday evening, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ouachita Vocational Technical School Student Center.

The address will be given by Dr. John W. Cole, M.D. of Malvern.

The Phi Beta Lambda Club will host the reception following the ceremony, in the Student Center.

Thirty-six GED graduates will also receive certificates during the ceremony. The following is a listing of graduates by department:

**AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION** — George M. Bragg, Dallas W. Bryant, Frederick R. Buford, Cletis C. Buie, William G. Burks, Michael Davis, Odis D. Eford, Fred G. Fooks, Lester J. Herring, Jasper R. Hutcherson, VICA President, Howard Kerr, Douglas R. Langley, Edgar Newton, Robert David Rhodes, Larry Spurlin, Richard L.

Vaughn, Arthur Williams, Doyle O. Wilson, Jr. Kenneth York.

**AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS** — Edward D. Anderson, Phillip C. Baxley, Robert M. Bennett, Richard Alan Carmichael, Donald Czerwinski, Gus B. Davis, Herbert Davis, Joe Charles Grier, J.R. Hicks, Harold Key, David G. Kinkaid, Fred M. Lasalle, Jerry Pounders, Samuel R. Rhoads, Donald Sallee, Greg Shaw, Larry J. Sprague, VICA President, Gregory Staples, Ernest Williams, Reece Young.

**BUSINESS EDUCATION** — Lisa C. Burns, Lavesta Lynn Cooper, Marsha S. Hall, PBL President, Elaine Nodine Hamilton, Fannie M. Jones, Portia Jones, PBL President, Beckie L. Kriigel, Letty E. Kusar, Ethel M. Lambert, Tressie M. McJunkin, Elaine Morgan, PBL President, Patsy Sue Morrison, Kathy Ann Reggans, Opal Fae Smith, Raymedios Walker, Donna Dee Ward, Cheryl Weaver, Monika  
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Wilbanks.

**DIESEL MECHANICS** — Charles W. Ball, Darrell Wayne Eford, John F. Gray, Douglas R. Minge, Alvin L. Morgan, Wilburn L. Phillips, VICA President, Richard L. Reynolds, Donald L. Williams, Robin Hill, Donald Tidwell, John Kirkpatrick, William Alexander.

**ELECTRONICS** — Glen Alston, Lornell Carr, Harold L. Gates, Roy O. Frazier, Donald R. Johnson, Joe O. Johnson, Jr., Woodrow Johnson, VICA President, Rufus Lee McClain, Garry R. Mount, Oscar Alvin Murdock, Beverly Ann Rhoads, Charlie Simpson, Jr., Rodney W. Snider, Bradley Stanton Speer, Perry Oliver Williams.

**FOOD SERVICE** — James Carter, Mary L. Draper, Able Hudson, Jr., Juanita McGhee, Tressie McJunkin, James L. Rogers, Velma Smith, Waymon Williams, VICA President.

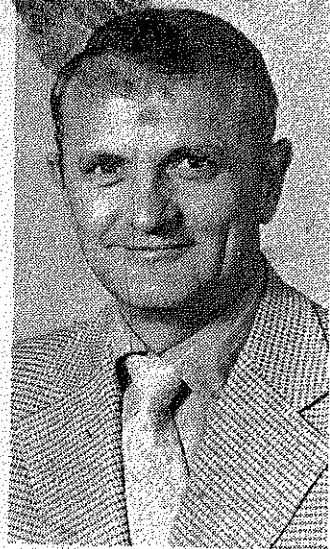
**INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT MECHANICS** — Garry Bennett, Greg Chennault, Robert Felly, Marion M. Fleming, Leslie Ray Porterfield, Lynn M. Ross, VICA President, Lloyd Sparks.

**MACHINE SHOP** — Richard T. Beason, Marvin E. Berryhill, Wilburn O. Catlett, Greg Chennault, Clouse J. Hamm, Wendell Hawkins, Eugene Hendershot, Marvin Dan Long, Gene Sudbury, Gerald L. Vincent, Ricky Wilson, Steve McCallum.

**WELDING** — Kenneth Bradley, James Brown, James Catlett, Donald Chandler, Jerry Clark, Philip Davenport, Calvin Ford, Robert Gurdon, Ricky Heflin, Don Hicks, Robert Jackson, Jack Maddox, L.D. Murders, Jack Robinson, Edward Ward, Kelvin Wilson.

**1974-75 GED GRADUATES** — Willie Ann Balch, Charles Ball, Robert Beard, Mary Bergan, Joe Bradshaw, June Buck, Melvin Craft, Susan Crow, Rosemary DeFroe, Jay Draper, Teresa Dunn, Albert Ellis, Louanne Garrett, Sharon Hathcoat, Terry Holladay, Kevin Hudson, Roger Jackson, Johnette Johnson, David Kerr, Thomas Lee, Doris McMillan, Ruby Moss, Loy Porterfield, Paula Prichard, Richard Reynolds, Melinda Rhoads, Ronald Ripley, Nina Robinson, Betty Scherer, David Scott, Brenda Short, Debbie Swayze, Brenda Turner, Greg Walters, Susan Walters, Benny Woods.





Billy Ray White



J.J. Pickren

## At Vo Tech School

# Pickren Retires; White Director

J.J. (Jim) Pickren is retiring June 30 as director of Ouachita Vocational Technical School here. He will teach a course in General Co-operative Education at Malvern High School, beginning those duties in July.

Billy Ray White of El Dorado will succeed Pickren as director of Ouachita Vocational Technical School on July 1. For the last six years he has been director of instruction at the Oil Belt Vocational Technical School in El Dorado.

Pickren became director of Ouachita Vo Tech in 1969, even before that school came into being. He assumed those duties during the preparation of the application for federal funds toward construction of the school. Approval of the funds was received in June, 1970, and construction began in January 1971. Classes were started in January, 1972, in temporary facilities, and were moved to the new building in February, 1972.

Being very proud of Ouachita Vo Tech School, Pickren had this to say on the eve of his retirement.

"The investment in construction and equipment at Ouachita Vocational Technical School amounts to \$1,042,000 in local state and federal funds. The school was built, tailor-made to the industrial and business needs of this particular area, by the thinking of the people of the area.

"More than a hundred people from local industries, management, labor and education took part in planning the buildings, equipment and courses. The success of Ouachita Vo Tech is due largely to such careful planning.

This is the best Vocational Technical School in Arkansas—

from the standpoints of the buildings, equipment and instruction. The school has an outstanding faculty, which has the confidence of local industries.

"We have the only apprentice program in any vocational technical school in the state.

"The contribution of Dr. John W. Cole of Malvern, former member of the State Board of Education, to the efforts of the community to get the vocational technical school located here was

tremendous: If it had not been for Dr. Cole's efforts, our Vo Tech school, if we had one at all, would be only a little red schoolhouse on a hill."

Pickren also praised the entire office staff of Ouachita Vocational Technical School and singled out for special praise Bob Jones, director of finance, and Mrs. Elbert Butler, bookkeeper.

A native of Salem, Ark., Pickren graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1931. He has a master's degree in vocational education from East Texas State University, and has done additional graduate work at

the University of Missouri and the University of Colorado.

Pickren taught and coached at Lewisville for five years. He was county extension agent for DeSha and Mississippi Counties for 10 years. He returned to Lewisville in 1946 as vocational agriculture instructor, and remained there until 1966, when he went to Hope as assistant director of the Red River Vocational Technical School. Next he came to Malvern, in 1969, as director of the Ouachita Vo Tech School (which at that time was only a dream of civic-minded citizens for the future).

He is married to the former Evelyn Barham of Lewisville, who is a teacher in Pratt Elementary School. The couple has one son, Jim, an electrical engineer with Monsanto Co. in Connecticut.

The Pickrens will continue to reside in Malvern.

White, the new director of Ouachita Vo Tech School, was born and grew up in Union County. He is married to the former Lynda Roebuck. The Whites have two children, Lana Jo, age 7, and Lori Ann, 12.

A graduate of Strong High School, White studied vocational agriculture two years at Southern State College in Magnolia, and in 1954 he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arkansas and has a master's from Louisiana Tech. He taught science at Fordyce High School, taught vocational agriculture for 12 years in Gould, Plum Bayou, and Strong High Schools and specialized in the shop program. He comes to Malvern directly from the Oil Belt Vocational Technical School in El Dorado, where for the last six years he has been director of instruction.

White is a member of the El Dorado Arkansas Club, a deacon in the East Main Baptist Church and chairman of the Young People's Sunday School Department. He has held the presidency and other offices in the Parent Teacher Association. He is a former board member of the Farm Bureau Insurance Co. He is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 594 at Huttig. He is a member of six vocational clubs on state and national levels.

8—Malvern Daily Record, Thursday, June 28, 1973

# Ouachita Vo Tech's Graduation Tonight

The first annual graduation exercises of Ouachita Vocational Technical School, located on Highway 270 West, will be held Thursday, June 28, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center.

Special guests include Bill Hunt, superintendent of Malvern Public Schools; E.B. Looney, manager of Arkansas Power & Light Company; Floyd L. Parker, chairman of the Advisory Committee; Dr. Fred R. Harrison and Rev. J.W. Harrison, pastor of East Side Church of God in Christ.

Musical selections will be provided by the Arkansans, a local group which includes Paul Shuffield, Darrell Stone, Charles Nix and Carol Nix.

Members of the Phi Beta Lambda Chapter will assist in the seating and the reception.

As each graduate leaves Ouachita Vo-Tech School to join the "working majority" and aid in the industrial growth of this country, he will remember the OVTS Slogan, "Vo-Tech Education Doesn't Cost. It Pays."

The following is a listing of the 93 candidates for graduation and their employers:

## AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS

| Students             | Employed By           |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Henry Abby           | Rebsamen Ford Company |
| Johnny Brady         |                       |
| Charlie Boyer        | Little Rock Dodge     |
| Billy Duke           | Long's Ford Company   |
| Tickey Edwards       | Cecil Tate Motors     |
| Terry Hardin         | Goodyear              |
| Karen Horvath        |                       |
| Robert Young Joy     | DeWitt Chevrolet      |
| John Kirkpatrick     | Reynolds Metals Co.   |
| Wayne McClenahan     |                       |
| Garry H. Morgan      | National Lead Company |
| Joseph M. Pennington | Wilson Buick Company  |
| Vernon A. Smith Jr.  |                       |
| Pat Watkins          |                       |
| Tommy Ragan          |                       |

|                   |                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| -Minnie Jacobs    |                               |
| -Ethel Lambert    |                               |
| Geraldine Lowe    | Bank of Amity                 |
| -Sandra Lucas     |                               |
| Thomas L. Mobley  | Fordyce Bank & Trust Co.      |
| Kay Moseley       | Telecomm. Systems of America  |
| -Mammie Newborn   |                               |
| Sondra Nichols    | Rebsamen Ford Company         |
| -James Patrick    |                               |
| -Martha Plunk     |                               |
| Nita Ritter       | Timex Corporation             |
| James Larry Smith | Aluminum Company of America   |
| -Glen Stephens    |                               |
| Diane Toney       | Timex Corporation             |
| -Gail Toney       |                               |
| Leslie Tittle     | Prudential Life Insurance Co. |
| Darlene Walters   | Malvern National Bank         |
| Betty Whitley     | Bank of Malvern               |

## DIESEL MECHANICS

|                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| -Vernon Davis   |                             |
| Gary Deaton     | Long's Ford Company         |
| Martin Demarest | J.A. Riggs Tractor Company  |
| Jerry Emberton  | Acme Brick Co.-Truck Shop   |
| Lemuel Haney    | Larry Davis Truck Lines     |
| Tommy Prater    | Newell Leasing Company      |
| Paul Ramsey     | Brown Manufacturing Company |
| Mike Rodgers    | Weyerhaeuser Company        |
| Don Scott       | Hoskins' Truck Service      |
| -Tracy Smith    | Ryder Truck Rental          |

## ELECTRONICS

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| James L. Williams | Ouachita Vo-Tech School |
|-------------------|-------------------------|

## BUSINESS EDUCATION

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Edna Abby       | Timex Corporation        |
| -Mae Bailey     |                          |
| -Fannie Bean    |                          |
| -Peggy Burks    |                          |
| -Linda Burton   |                          |
| Janyce Butler   | Ouachita Vo-Tech School  |
| -Juanita Carter | Johnson Funeral Home     |
| -Phyllis Crouch |                          |
| Sherry Farber   | Al's Truck Stop          |
| Maxine Gosnell  | Glen Rose High School    |
| Karen Hope      | Ark. Livestock & Poultry |
| Sharen Hope     | Workmen's Comp. Comm.    |
| Zelma House     | Timex Corporation        |

## HEAVY EQUIPMENT

|                   |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bruce Burks       | International Technovations, Inc. |
| -John Burrow      |                                   |
| James Cannon      | Acme Brick Company                |
| -Hosea Lee Clary  |                                   |
| Tony Allan Davis  | Navy                              |
| -Carl W. Eford    |                                   |
| -Dale Gray        |                                   |
| Kelly Gray        | Fambro Gate Company               |
| Calvin Neil Hiatt | International Paper Co.           |
| John Kirkpatrick  | Reynolds Metals Company           |
| Ralph Kratz       | Hot Spring County                 |
| Elmer G. Littles  | Pipeline Construction             |
| Robert Rhoades    | Fambro Gate Company               |
| Karl Sturm        | City of Little Rock               |
| Paul D. Tarrin    | Hill Bros. Construction Co.       |
| Phillip Tillman   | Malvern Motor Parts               |

## MACHINE SHOP

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Gary Bayless       | Glenvale Products        |
| -Randy Bumgardner  |                          |
| Steve Crutchfield  | Timex Corporation        |
| -Greg Chennault    |                          |
| -Richard Dammann   |                          |
| -William M. Hunter |                          |
| Ronald G. Kimbrell | Westinghouse             |
| -Don Walters       |                          |
| James D. White     | Excel Tool & Machine Co. |

## WELDING

|                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| -Terry Burks     | Harvey Engineers          |
| -Jessie Cranford |                           |
| Burrell Nix      | Reynolds Metals Company   |
| -Woodroe Phifer  | Aluminum Processors, Inc. |
| -Travis Reeves   | Miller Construction Co.   |

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| William S. Roberson | Ouachita Marine Company |
| -Albert D. Scott    |                         |
| -Mickey Skelton     |                         |
| -Larry Thomason     |                         |
| Ricky Vaden         | Fambro Gate Company     |
| -Andy Weise         |                         |

-Denotes Students graduating tonight. The others listed have previously completed their courses but will received their diplomas tonight.

## J. J. Pickren retires

# Vo-Tech has new director

Billy Ray White of El Dorado, Arkansas has succeeded J.J. Pickren as director of

Ouachita Vocational Technical School at Malvern effective July 1. For the past six years he has been the director of instruction and student affairs at Oil Belt Vocational Technical School in El Dorado.

He was born and reared in Union County. He is married to the former Lynda Roebuck. The Whites have two children, Lana Jo, age 7, and Lori Ann, age 12. A graduate of Strong High School, Mr. White studied vocational agriculture two years at Southern State College in Magnolia, and in 1954 he received a bachelor of science in Agriculture from the University of Arkansas. He taught science one year at Fordyce High School, taught vocational agriculture and shop courses for 12 years in Gould, Plum Bayou, Hamburg, and Strong High Schools where he specialized in the shop programs.

White came to Malvern directly from the Oil Belt Vocational Technical School in El Dorado, which is operated like Ouachita Vocational Technical School by the State Department of Education.

Mr. Pickren retired June 30 as director of the school and he will teach a course in General Co-operative Education at Malvern High School.



Billy Ray White

## OVTS now taking applications

Fall classes for the 1973-74 school term at Ouachita Vocational Technical School will begin August 1st. Classes will be held six hours per day, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Courses offered by Ouachita Vocational Technical School include: Air Conditioning; Automotive Mechanics; Business Education; Diesel Mechanics; Electronics; Food Service; Heavy Equipment; Industrial Maintenance; Machine Shop and Welding.

A fee of \$24 per quarter is charged for all courses. Students must be at least 16 years of age on enrollment day.

A student will be officially enrolled when

he has (1) Completed the Ouachita Vo-Tech Application for Enrollment; and (2) Taken the GATB (General Aptitude) Test; and (3) Paid fees for the first quarter.

Anyone interested in enrolling should fill out an application as soon as possible. Several applications have been received to date, and are being processed. After the applications are received by the school, a letter will be sent to each applicant telling them when to take the GATB Test.

For further information contact Ouachita Vocational Technical School, Vo-Tech Circle, Malvern, Arkansas, or call 332-3658 and speak with Hugh Looney, Director of Instruction.

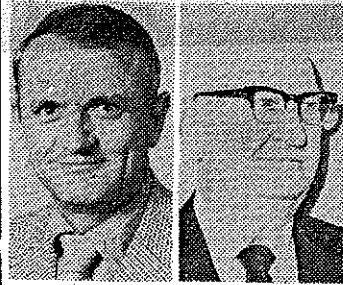
## Public To Meet City Manager, Vo Tech Head

The public is urged to attend coffee Tuesday, July 17, from 9:30 until 11 a.m. in honor of City Manager and Mrs. Kenneth Parker and Ouachita Vocational Technical School Director and Mrs. Billy Ray White, Malvern Chamber of Commerce announced today. The coffee will be held at Ouachita Vo Tech School. Mr. Parker and White assumed their duties this month.

The Parkers came from Dallas, Tex., and the Whites from El Dorado.

Sponsoring the coffee is the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose is to give everyone an opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. White.

—Malvern Daily Record, Monday, July 16, 1973



White

Pickren

## Vo-tech School Gets New Head

*Gazette State News Service*  
MALVERN — Billy Ray White of El Dorado has succeeded J. J. Pickren as director of Ouachita Vocational-technical School here.

He began his new duties July 1.

For the last six years, White has been director of instruction and student affairs at Oil Belt Vocational-technical School at El Dorado.

He was born and raised in Union County. He was graduated from Strong High School and studied vocational agriculture two years at Southern State College. He was graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

White has taught in high schools at Fordyce, Gold Plum Bayou, Hamburg and Strong.

Pickren retired June 30 from the school here to teach a course in general co-operative education at Malvern High School.

Pickren became director of the school in 1969. He is a native of Salem and was graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1931. He has a master's degree in vocational education from East Texas State University.



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**NEW LEADERS WELCOMED**—A coffee was held at Ouachita Vo Tech School this morning to give area citizens a chance to get acquainted with Malvern's new City Manager and the new Director of Ouachita Vo Tech School. Talking with County

Judge Paul Shuffield, left, from left to right, are Billy Ray White, director at the Vo Tech School and his wife and City Manager Kenneth Parker and his wife. The coffee was sponsored by the Malvern Chamber of Commerce.

The Meteor Journal July 19, 1973

## Enrollment climbing at OVT

We are only two weeks away from the Fall school term 1973-74, which begins on August 1.

Courses offered are: Air Conditioning; Automotive Mechanics; Business Education; Diesel Mechanics; Electronics; Food Service; Heavy Equipment; Industrial Maintenance; Machine Shop; and Welding. Students enrolled in each of these courses will attend school six hours per day, 8:30 to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The cost of attending Ouachita Vocational Technical School is within the reach of most anyone wanting to further his or her education. A fee of \$24 per quarter is charged

for all courses.

Any person interested in enrolling should be at least 16 years of age on enrollment day; fill out the OVT's Application for Enrollment; take the GATB (General Aptitude) Test; and pay fees for the first quarter.

The GATB Test will be given daily at the school until the August 1st enrollment date. Applicants are being notified through the mail when to take the GATB Test.

Plan now for a brighter future. . . Vo-tech education doesn't cost--it pays!

Further information may be obtained by calling Hugh Looney, Ouachita Vo-Tech School, at 332-3658.



The Malvern Chamber of Commerce sponsored a coffee Tuesday, July 17 at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The purpose was to give Malvern residents an opportunity to meet the new city manager, Ken Parker and his wife, and the new director of Vo-Tech, Billy Ray White and his wife. County Judge Paul Shuffield is shown visiting with Mr. and Mrs. White and Floyd L. Parker, executive vice president of The Malvern National Bank, talks with Mr. and Mrs. Parker.



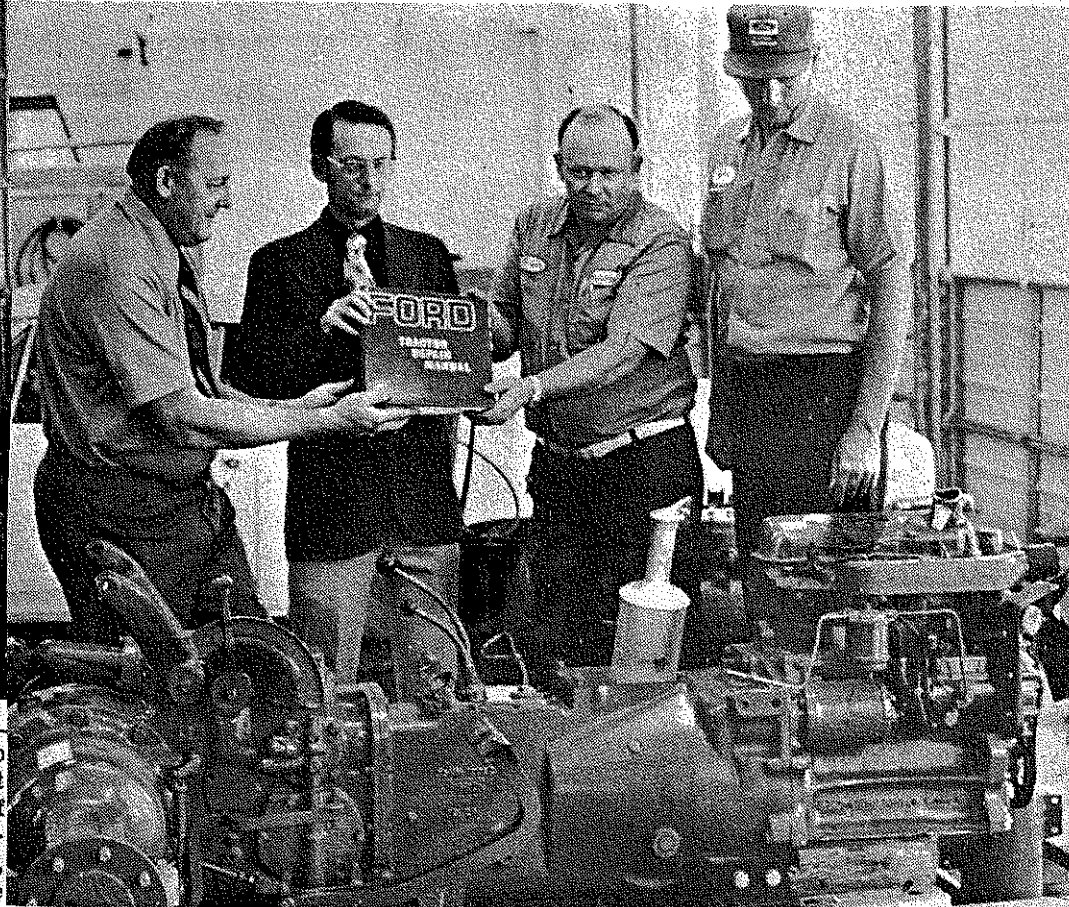
**WINNING FLOAT**—The winning float in the senior division of the Hot Spring County Fair Parade was created and displayed by members of Phi Beta

Lambda. Members of the group will receive \$100 donated by the County Fair Association. Cub Scout Pack 20 won the junior Division.





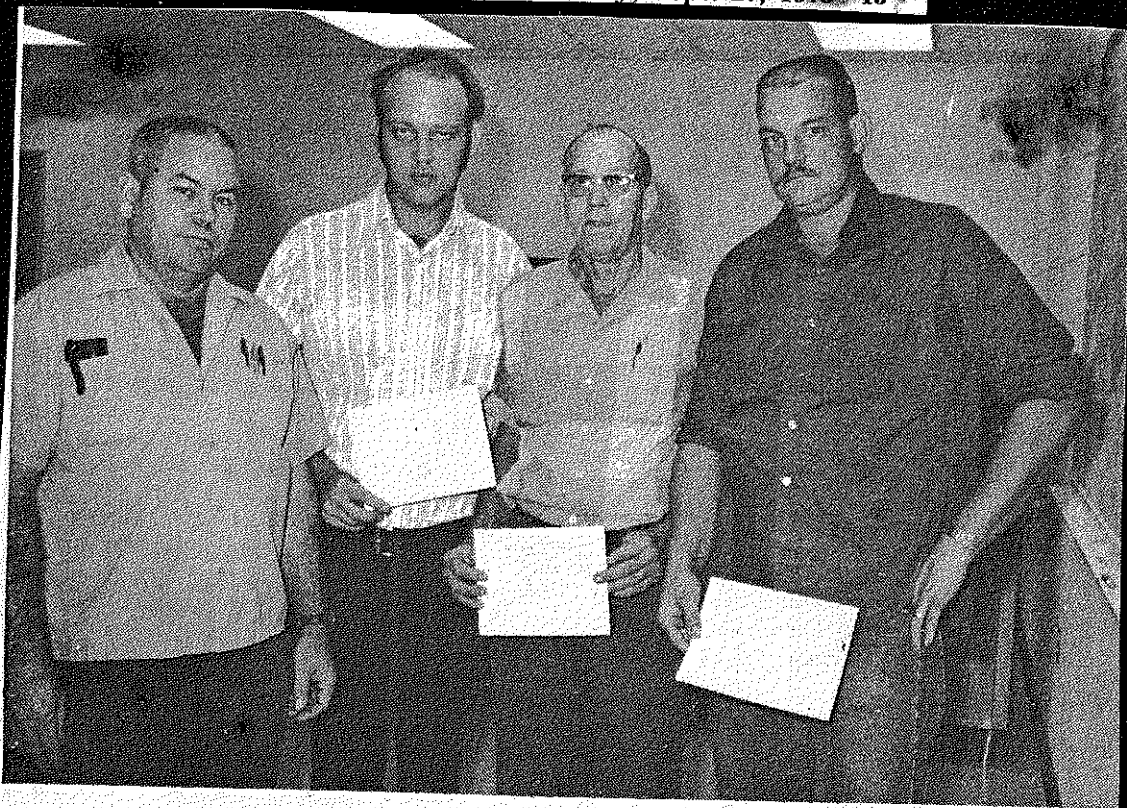
A Ford tractor power train (above)-- worth more than \$5,441.00 was donated this week to Ouachita Vocational Technical School by Ford Motor Company's Tractor and Implement Operations-North America. The donation, arranged by John's Ford Tractor Sales, is part of a continuing Ford program to support the agricultural community. Donated under the company's corporate contributions program, the power train consists of a three-cylinder, 201, CID diesel engine, an eight-speed manual transmission, and rear axle. Power trains are given to qualifying high schools, colleges, universities and technical schools. Larry Fuhrman, South Central District Sales Representative, presented the unit to Bob Jones, Director of Finance; Dean Carter, Diesel Instructor and looking on was John Barnett, John's Ford Tractor Sales. In 1972, Ford T. & I Operations donated 285 power trains-worth more than \$1,660,000, to educational institutions. Last year's total increased donations of Ford tractor power components since 1961 to 1,468-worth more than \$5,910,000.



Daily Record Photo—Copeland

**STUDENT STUDY**—A tractor power train was donated last week to the Ouachita Vo Tech School by Ford Motor Company's tractor and implement operations for study by the students. Larry Fuhrman, a Ford representative shown from left to right, Bob Jones, Director of finance at the school, Dean Carter, diesel instructor and John Barnett, local Ford tractor dealer are shown with the power train.

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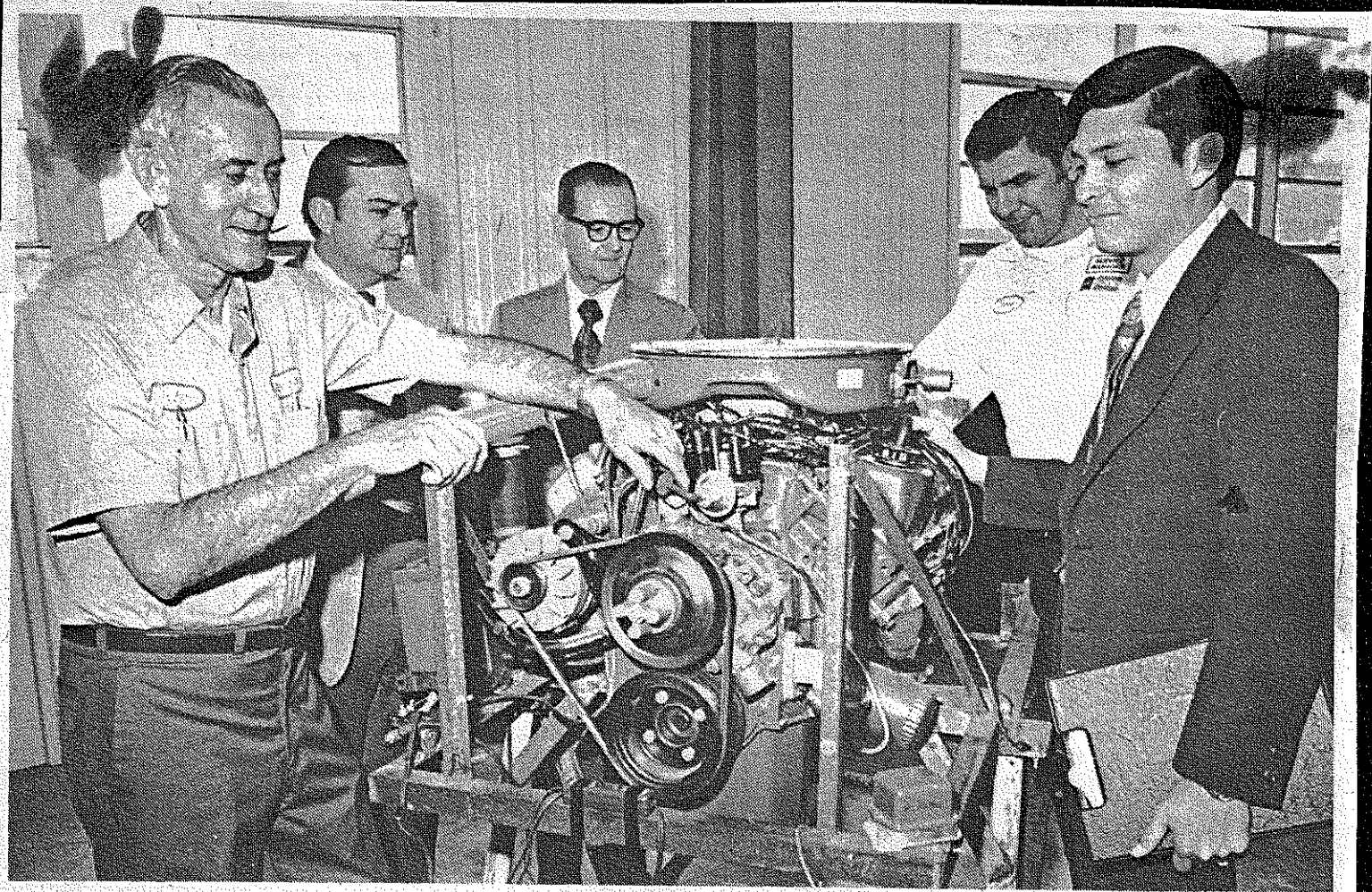


**CERTIFICATES AWARDED**—Three employes of the West Bend Company in Sheridan recently received certificates upon the completion of a four week, accelerated course in industrial maintenance at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Shown are (from left to right) Ova L. Wallace, instructor; Hardy Greenwood, Clifton Hudson and Tim Davis.



Daily Record Photos—Walker

**ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE** — These representatives of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, business education club, attended Nov. 8-11 the Southern Regional Leadership Conference of Phi Beta Lambda in Atlanta, Ga. They made the trip in a school van from the local Vo Tech school, and were part of a caravan of conference attendants from chapters all over Arkansas. Left to right are Mrs. Sandra Moore, business education teacher at Ouachita Vo Tech and sponsor of the chapter; Gaby Gauthier, chapter president; Beverly Rhoads, secretary, and Linda Herron, treasurer. Chapter members raised the money to pay their expenses for the conference.



**GIVEN TO VO TECH** — Ford Motor Co., along with Cecil Tate Ford in Malvern, presented the Ouachita Vo Tech School with an engine and front end assembly this week for study by the students. Looking over the new engine from left to right are Edward Means, auto

instructor; Hugh Looney, director of instruction; Cecil Tate, local Ford dealer; Jerry Skinner, local Ford service manager and Charles Roberts of Ford Motor Co.

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# Curriculum Fair Set

The Department of Education, Division of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education is sponsoring a statewide vocational curriculum fair to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 in the Hall of Industry at the State Fair Grounds on Roosevelt Road in Little Rock.

The purpose of the curriculum fair is to provide an opportunity for vocational teachers, school administrators, counselors and other interested educators to examine resource materials, teaching aids and the test equipment available for instruction in all areas of vocational education.

An estimated 75 exhibitors of commercial and educational agencies will be participating in the curriculum fair. Approximately 1500 Arkansas educators are expected to attend one of the two-day sessions.

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# Phi Beta Lambda Members Attend State Meeting

Phi Beta Lambda, business education club of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School, will be represented at annual state convention of the organization, to be held April 18 and 19 at Marble Falls resort near Harrison.

The 11 representatives will travel in three automobiles, one provided by the school, one by Teeter Motor Co. and one by Wilson Buick Co.

The students from the Ouachita Vo-Tech will compete with business education students from colleges and other Vo-Tech schools from throughout Arkansas in a number of contests on business skills.

Mrs. Sandra Moore, business education teacher at Ouachita Vo-Tech and sponsor of the club, will accompany the local delegation.

Students making the trip will be Helen Campbell, club president; Beverly Rhoads, vice president; Lynn Davis, Annette Collins, Ann Rosenblum, Monica Wilbanks, Tressie McJunkins, Mary Hollowell, club secretary, Elaine Nodine, Ruby Langston and Portia Jones.



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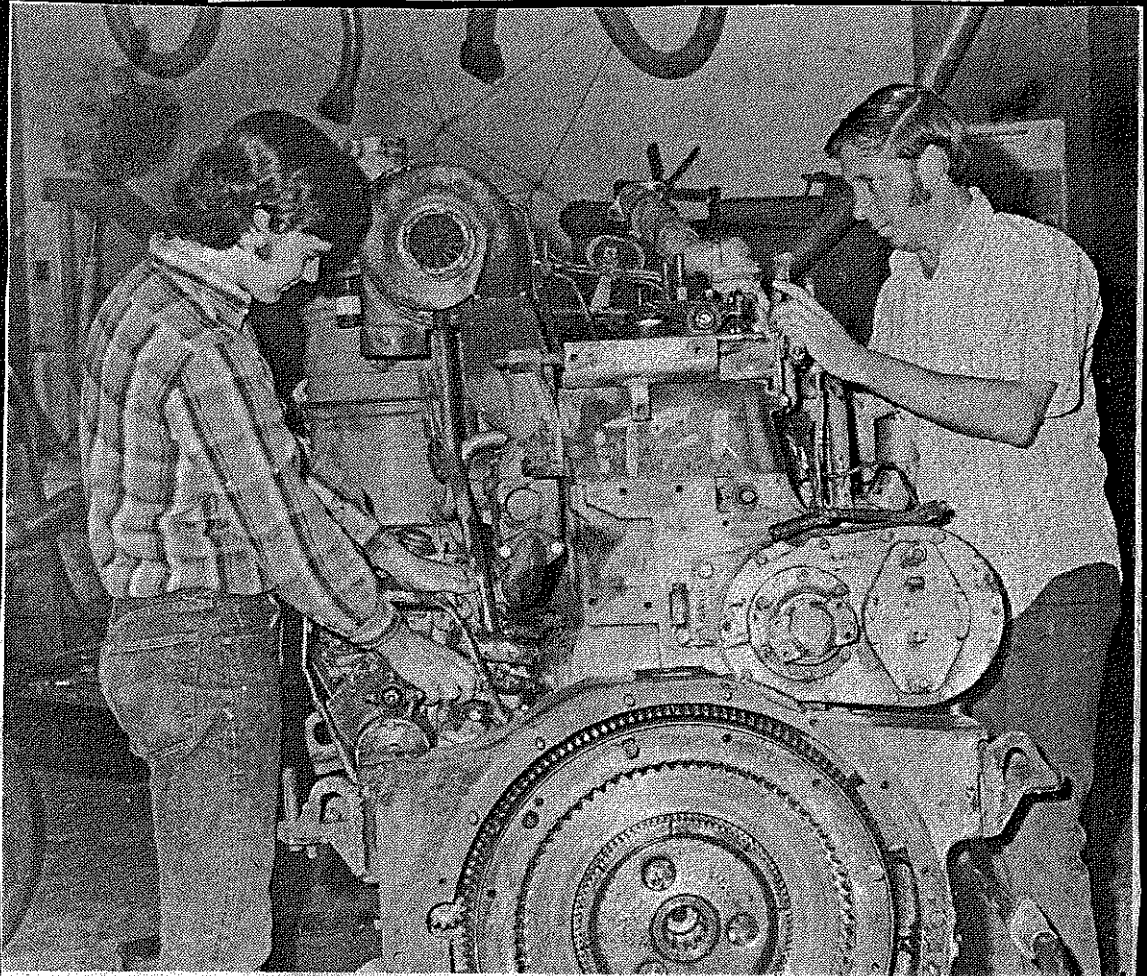
**FOR MARCH OF DIMES**—Funds totaling \$1,444.73 raised in a March of Dimes walkathon and road block sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda of Ouachita Vocational Technical School, are presented to Eld. Edgar N. Sutton, Hot Spring County March of Dimes chairman. Helen Campbell (second from left), current president of the Phi Beta Lambda chapter, makes the presentation. Also taking part, left to right, are Gabye

Gaither, who was chapter president during the drive; Sandra Moore, business education teacher at Ouachita Vo Tech and sponsor of the chapter, and Nell May, chairman of the project for the chapter. Students and faculty of the following schools participated in the fund-raising project: Ouachita Vo Tech, Ouachita High School, Magnet Cove High School and Glen Rose High School. (See story on Page 12.)

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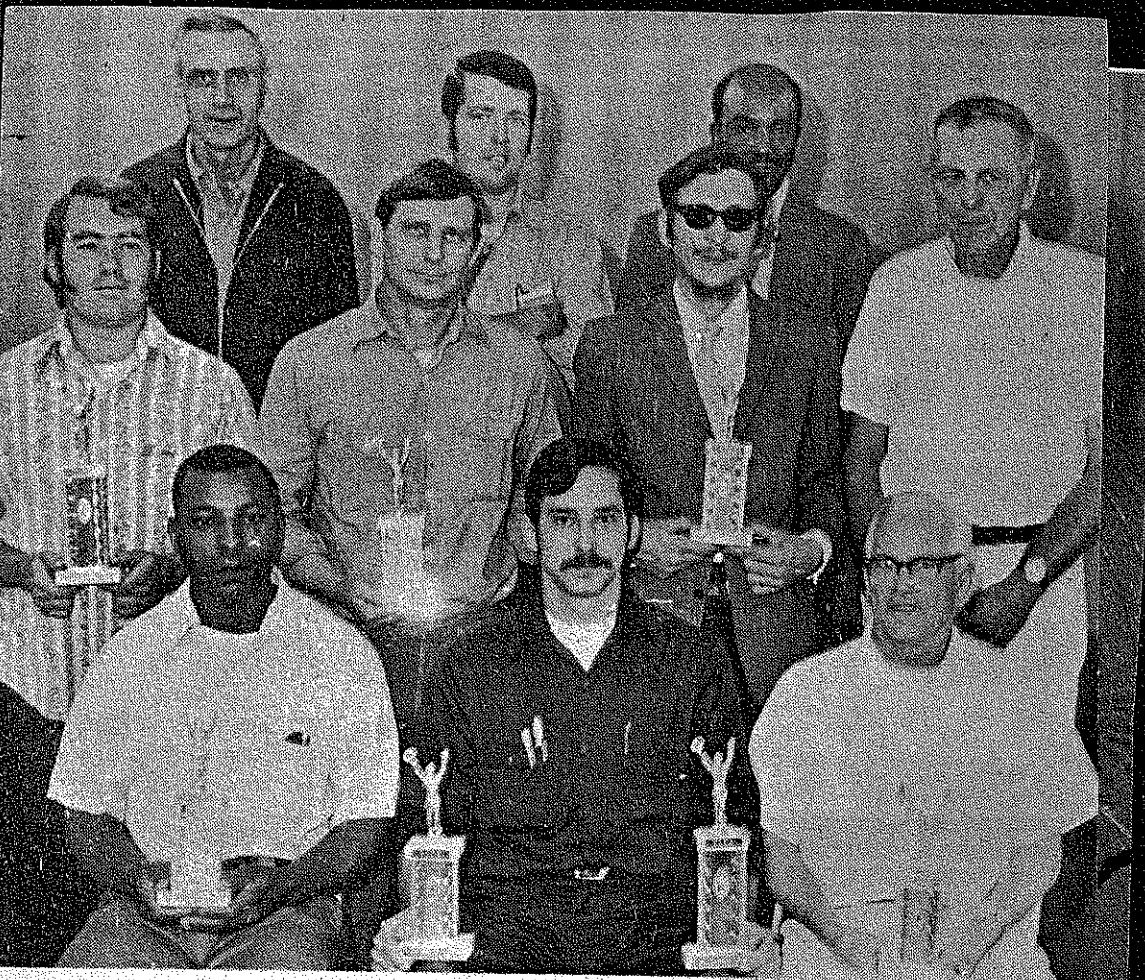
**GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION**—Governor Dale Bumpers recently proclaimed February 10-16, "Vocational Education Week," and acknowledged that approximately 77,000 young people and some 43,000 adult workers were enrolled in Vocational Education classes in Arkansas in 1972-73. Two students of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School are shown working in Diesel Mechanics, one of nine vocational educational skills offered at the local school.



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**"VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL WEEK"**  
**PROCLAIMED**—Governor Dale Bumpers recently proclaimed February 10-16, "Vocational Education Week," and urged all citizens to join in the observance. Shown are students in the auto-mechanic class of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School during daily work assignments.





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**VICA AWARDS**—Ouachita Vocational Technical School students who won awards in the state contests of Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) April 19 were presented their awards at Ouachita Vo Tech Wednesday. Left to right are: Front Row—Nathaniel Johnson, Robert Lafond and Waymon Williams; second row—Kenneth (Kenny) Jones, Jerry W. Clark, Arnold Crumpler, Joseph Rice; back row—Ed Means, auto mechanics instructor, who presented the trophy to Jones; Mr. Dunlap, welding instructor, and Waymon O. Williams. (See story on Page 16 for the awards received.) James W. Clark, who also won a VICA award was not present for the picture.

# Mrs. Neel Named To Who's Who

Malvern Daily Record  
Tuesday, May 21, 1974



Viola Jean Neel

Mrs. Viola Jean Neel of Ouachita Vocational Technical School has been nominated to Who's Who in American Vocational and Technical Schools for 1974.

A native of Quitman, she completed her elementary and high school education in Quitman before moving to Little Rock. She was employed with Southern Bell Telephone Company, Little Rock, in the Revenue Accounting Office for nine years. She terminated employment with that company in order to raise a family.

She is married to Carl C. Neel of Little Rock, and is the mother of three children; Clark, 13, Janet, 12, and Nancy, 7. The Neels reside at 541 McBee Street, Malvern.

Mrs. Neel wanted to re-enter the world of work, and felt she needed to update her skills. She completed an extension course in bookkeeping at Malvern Senior High School. After reading a newspaper ad for Ouachita Vo-Tech, she decided to enroll in the Business Education Course. While attending OVTS she was an active member of the Chi Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Lambda. She earned two letters of commendation from the VICTOR Educational Services Institute for exemplary achievement on Business Machines. She completed training with a 3.86 grade point average, ranking No. 1 in her class. She assumed the duties of OVTS Bookkeeper on February 24, 1974.

Mrs. Neel is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church in Malvern. Also, she has been the active leader of Cadet Girl Scout Troop No. 103 for the past five years.

*Sheridan Headlight*  
**Ouachita Vo-Tech**  
*5-16-74*  
**Applications Are  
Being Accepted**

Ouachita Vo-Tech School at Malvern is now taking applications and fees for the 1974-75 school term. The school year will begin August 5, 1974.

Interested persons may visit the school and inquire about the courses offered. The areas of instruction are: Industrial Air Conditioning, Automotive Mechanics, Business Education, Diesel Mechanics, Food Service, Industrial Maintenance, Machine Shop, Industrial Electronics, and Welding.

Fees are \$24.00 per quarter, payable in advance. Class hours are 8:30 a. m. to 3 p. m., Monday through Friday. Enrollees should come by the school as soon as possible, fill out an application, and talk with Hugh Looney, Director of Instruction. Detailed information may also be obtained by calling 332-3658.

*May 13, 1974*  
**Vo Tech Taking  
Applications  
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# Ouachita Vo Tech, GCCC Enter Joint Program

The State Board of Higher Education, at its recent July meeting in Pine Bluff, approved a new joint program between Garland County Community College and the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School at Malvern, starting with the fall 1974 semester.

It will lead to the associate of applied science degree, awarded to students successfully completing vocational-technical training at the school and college credit courses at the college.

Dr. John Russ, GCCC dean of instruction, said details of the program had been worked out with School Director Billy White and Director of Instruction Hugh Looney.

Russ will visit the school Monday, Aug. 5, to address the student body concerning the new degree program. He will distribute copies of the fall semester schedule of classes, catalogs and other college materials. GCCC classes start Sept. 3.

Russ said the newly approved program is patterned after one begun last fall with the Quapaw Vo-Tech School in Hot Springs.

The applied science associate

degree program is designed as a two-year "terminal" degree, preparing the student for an occupation after completing the required academic studies and instruction in a vocational or technical skill.

"A student who takes 1,440 clock hours of instruction at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School will receive 40 hours of college credit through CGGG," Russ explained. "An additional 24 hours of general education courses taken for credit at GCCC will round out the requirements for the associate of applied science degree."

The Malvern school currently offers nine areas of specialization for the associate degree major: air conditioning, auto mechanics, business education, diesel mechanics, food service, electronics, machine shop, industrial maintenance and welding.

Students in the degree program have the option of attending the vo-tech school during the day and GCCC at night, or they may attend vo-tech school half a day and GCCC half a day. The fall semester schedule of classes lists 77 day-time and 38 evening courses for college

credit.

Russ said that instructors at the Malvern school who have completed at least one year of teaching in an occupational area there will be awarded 40 hours of credit through GCCC should they wish to pursue the associate degree.

"The purpose of this joint effort is to provide the best occupational education possible in this geographic area at the lowest cost to taxpayers. By utilizing faculties and facilities of both institutions, this new joint program will avoid unnecessary duplication of effort," Dean Russ stressed.

Looney, in his letter to the State Board supporting the program, said, "We feel that this redesigning of curriculum will be a tremendous help to our instructors and students in order to further their education. We appreciate very much the opportunity to participate in this arrangement. We look forward with enthusiasm to promoting this arrangement at all times for the benefit of all students."

Another new program which received state board approval was one in human development, also starting this fall.

Four courses—reading improvement, mathematics, English-writing and personal development—will be taught in the newly established Human Development Division.

# 39 MHS students attend Vo-Tech

## Hopes for new diesel shop

by Leesa Livingston

Students from Malvern, Glenrose, Magnet Cove, and Poyen attend the Ouachita Vo-Tech school in North Malvern.

The total capacity of the school extends to 225 students per year.

The school is now operating 25 students below capacity. Thirty-nine of these 60 high school students are MHS students.

Malvern students attending are Robert Bragg, Richard Canada, Tony Caver, Kurt Crawford, Wakanda Davidson,

Gary Davis, Rick Hall, Max Head, Jimmy Henderson, and Steve Hobbs.

Others are Charles House, Andrew Howard, Phillip Hunt, Tom Keith, Ricky Lester, Lee Lisenby, Wayne Loomis, Charles Medlin, Steve Neeper, Bobby

Parish, Randy Phillips, Job Reynolds, James Short, Bill Tims, David Toler, Jerr Townley, Terry Walton, Bria Wingo, Bobby Winters, and Dou Walters.

Joel Jones, Ronald Grigsby, Randy Hooper, David Hughes,

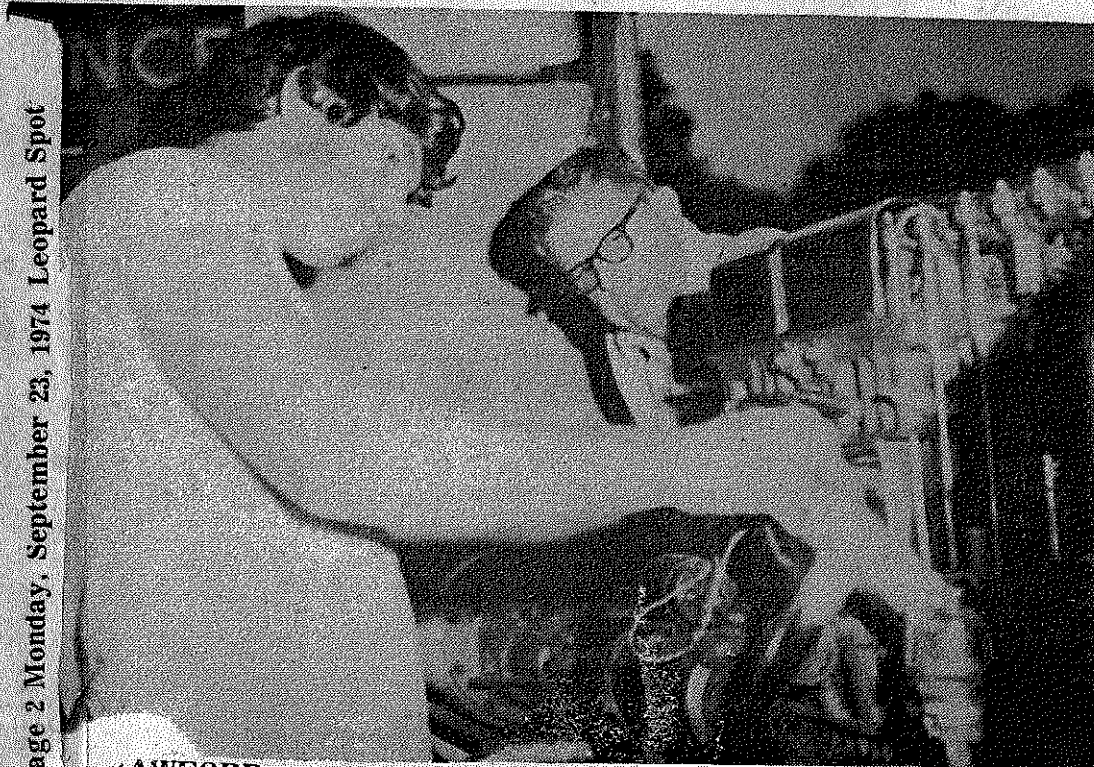
Haywood Hughes, Royc Langley, Mike Phillips, Terr Pierce, and Mike Wunderlic also attend Vo-Tech.

Other students this year are in two main groups - colleg dropouts and veterans according to Mr. Hugh Looney. All are required to complete their G.E.D., a test equivalent to high school diploma.

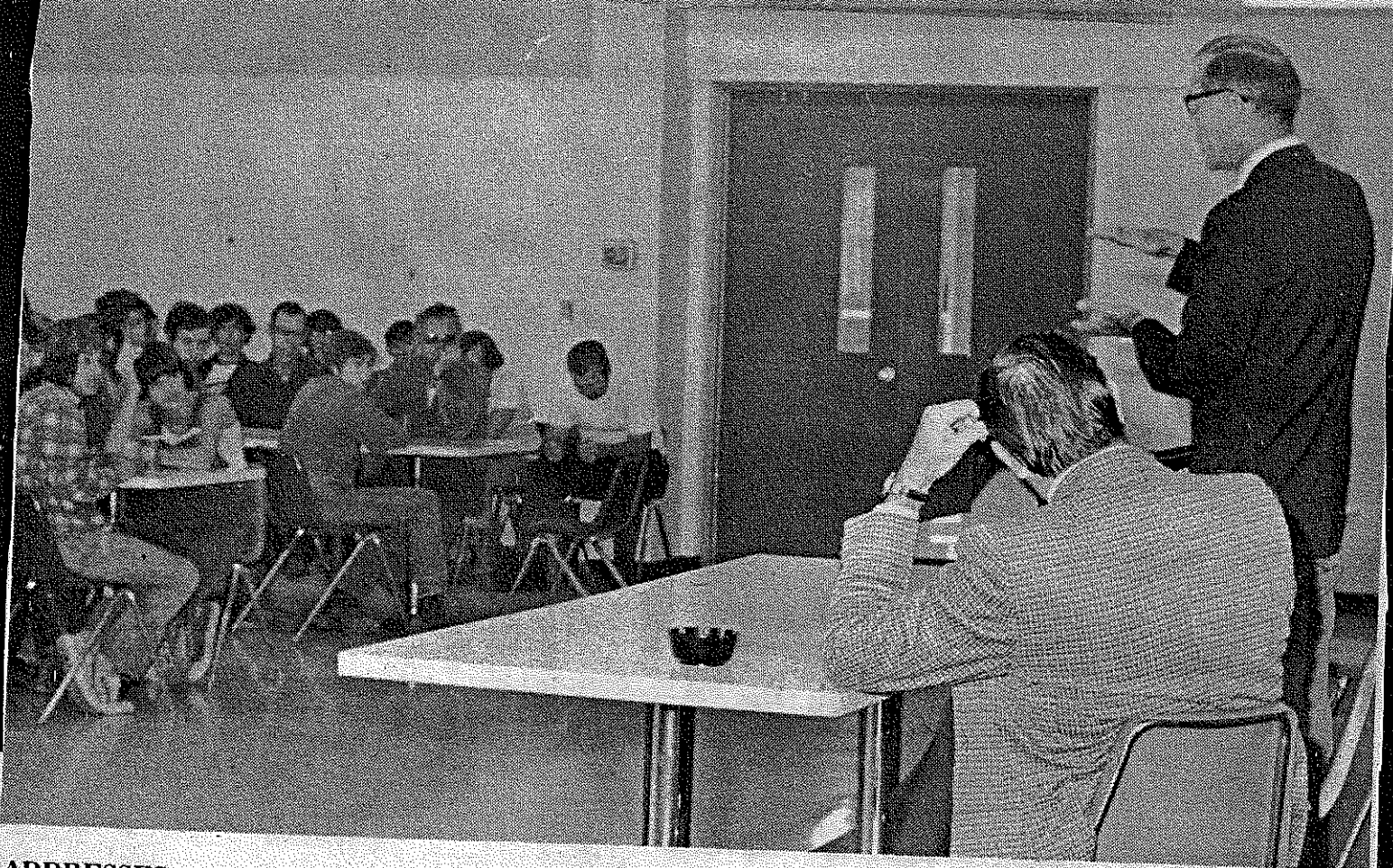
The school is now interested in the enlargement of the aut mechanics department and hopes to add a new diesel shop next year, according to Mr. Looney. The courses that obtain the most interest of students are air conditioning and aut mechanics.

Mr. Hugh Looney stated that the purpose of the school is to "Learn a skill to enter the world of work in that skill."

Classes consist of six hours. One hour of lectures and five hours of working each week. Last year the school held a total of 58 students in night classes.



**CRAWFORD** — examines the industrial maintenance exhibit at the fair.



**ADDRESSES VO TECH** — Clarence Copeland, manager of the Malvern office of the state Employment Security Division, speaks Tuesday morning, Oct. 15, to the students and faculty of Ouachita Vocational Technical School. He related

ways in which his office can assist the students in finding jobs here and throughout Arkansas. He said his office maintains a list of job openings all over the state. Seated at the speaker's stand is Hugh Looney, director of instruction for the Vo Tech school.

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## Henderson Offers Course In Malvern

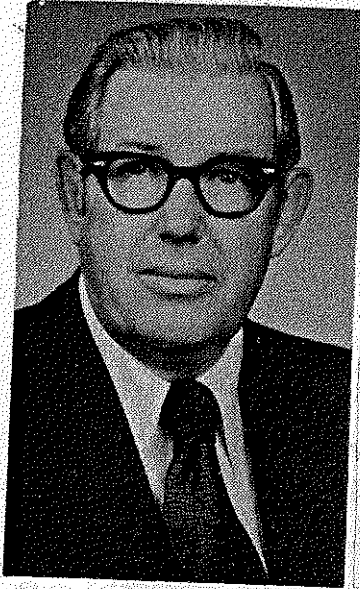
In cooperation with Ouachita Vocational-Technical School, Henderson State College will offer a course in Health and Safety in Malvern beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27 at Ouachita Vo-Tech.

Health and Safety deals with the meaning of health, personality and interpersonal relationships. Problems in mental health and mental illness, drugs and drug abuse, family life knowledge, diseases, nutrition, growth, fitness, human conservation, consumer protection, and the functions of health agencies are to be considered.

Dr. Clyde Berry, associate professor of physical education at Henderson State, will serve as instructor for the course.

The course may be taken for baccalaureate or associate degree credit.

Interested persons may contact Hugh Looney, director of instruction at Ouachita Vo-Tech, at 332-3658 or Dr. Jerry Malone, director of continuing education at Henderson State, at 246-5511, Ext. 235.



Luther S. Hardin

## Rotary To Hear Vocational Education Man

Luther S. Hardin of Little Rock, state director of vocational education, will be the guest speaker at the Malvern Rotary Club luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Magnolia Cafeteria.

Hardin was named to his present position by the State Board for Vocational Education in September, 1973, and assumed the office on July 1, 1974.

He attended high school at Newport, went to Arkansas Tech at Russellville, obtained a B.S. degree in vocational education in 1950 from Oklahoma A&M College, got an M.S. degree in vocational education in 1952 from Oklahoma A&M, did post-graduate work at the University of Arkansas from 1953 to 1962. He received an Administrative Certificate for having 21 hours above a master's degree in school administration over 200

Hardin served as an Army flight instructor from 1941 to 1943, as college flight instructor from 1946 to 1948, vocational agriculture teacher at Searcy High School from 1950 to 1965, supervisor of Veterans Farm Training Program, director of Searcy's baseball programs for 10 years, and director of Foothills Vocational Technical School for nine years.

He is a former president of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, was Searcy's "Citizen of the Year" for 1970, and has been president of the Vocational Technical School Directors and Assistant Directors.

Hardin was a pilot and officer of the U.S. Air Force in World War II, flying the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

JAN. 29, 1975

## Night Course In Auto Care Begins Tonight

The Ouachita Vo-Tech School will offer a night course in Automotive Maintenance to begin Wednesday night, Jan. 29. This 30-hour course will be taught by Ed Means on Wednesday nights only, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the OVTS Auto Mechanics Department.

Fees for this course are \$7.50, and interested persons can pay their fees on the first night of enrollment.

## Vo Tech And Henderson Offer Classes

In cooperation with neighboring vocational-technical schools, Henderson State University will offer seven vocational courses on campus during the spring semester.

Through a cooperative arrangement, Quapaw Vo-Tech School in Hot Springs, Red River Vo-Tech School at Hope, and Ouachita Vo-Tech School at Malvern are offering three-hour courses in skills and trades on the Henderson State campus.

Courses scheduled to be offered are Refrigeration: Fundamentals, Theory, and Practice I; Refrigeration: Fundamentals, Theory, and Practice II; Basic Communications Electronics, Residential Housewiring II, Building Trades, Major Appliance Repair, and Brick Masonry.

Organizational classes for the vocational classes, with the exception of Residential Housewiring II, are being held on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 30, at McBrien 210.

Dr. Jerry Malone, Coordinator of the Cooperative Program in Career Studies at Henderson State, said a \$15 fee would be levied for each course excluding books and supplies.

Malone said each course would be offered, provided it has a minimum enrollment of 12 students.

The class schedule for the vocational classes during the spring semester is Refrigeration I, Tuesday from 2-5 p.m.; Refrigeration II, Tuesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Basic Communications Electronics, Wednesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Residential Housewiring II, Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Building Trades, Monday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Major Appliance Repair, Monday from 6:30-9:30 and Brick Masonry, Tuesday from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Further information on the vocational courses may be obtained by contacting the Development Office at Henderson State 246-5511, Ext. 235.

# State's aluminum plants to lay off 664 employes

Reduced demand for aluminum and general economic conditions will result in the layoffs of 664 aluminum industry employes in the state.

Reynolds Metals Co. announced Tuesday that 125 workers at the Jones Mill plant will be laid off next primary production line is shutdown.

The Aluminum Co. of America says it will lay off 19 production workers at its Bauxite plant Friday because of the decreased demand for chemicals made there.

The Featherlite Manufacturing Co. at Hot Springs, which makes aluminum doors

and windows, shut down operations Tuesday until Feb. 10. The plant has about 520 employes.

Reynolds already had laid off 385 persons in the state in two previous layoffs both at the Jones Mill and the Hurricane Creek facility.

In the announcement Tuesday, Reynolds said it would suspend production early next month for two other production lines at Listerhill, Ala. Two hundred and fifty employes will lose their jobs there.

The cutbacks will reduce Reynolds' annual capacity rate to about 80 per cent.

The Alcoa layoffs were the first in the state by that com-

pany in several years, although there have been recent layoffs at other Alcoa plants.

Alcoa operations manager, J. W. Wells, said recall of laid-off employes would depend on the demand for the chemicals.

Ken Parke, public relations officer for Reynolds, said the layoffs were for "an indefinite period."

He said that if production was resumed at the plant, start-up would be spread over a matter of days.

Parker said the Patterson Reduction Plant at Arkadelphia had not been affected by the layoffs yet, except for "maybe one or two because of a redistribution of processing."



Malvern Daily Record, Feb. 28, 1975

# Legislation Passed On Votech Spending

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The legislative Joint Budget Committee, confused all week about facts and figures on vocational-technical education, adopted a sweeping motion Thursday that would nearly double vo-tech spending in the next fiscal year.

The motion would involve spending \$13,060,000 for vo-tech education in fiscal 1976 and \$14,288,000 in fiscal 1977. The budget for the current year is \$7,621,425.

The new amounts exceed not only the sums recommended by Gov. David Pryor but also the recommendations of a subcommittee of the budget group.

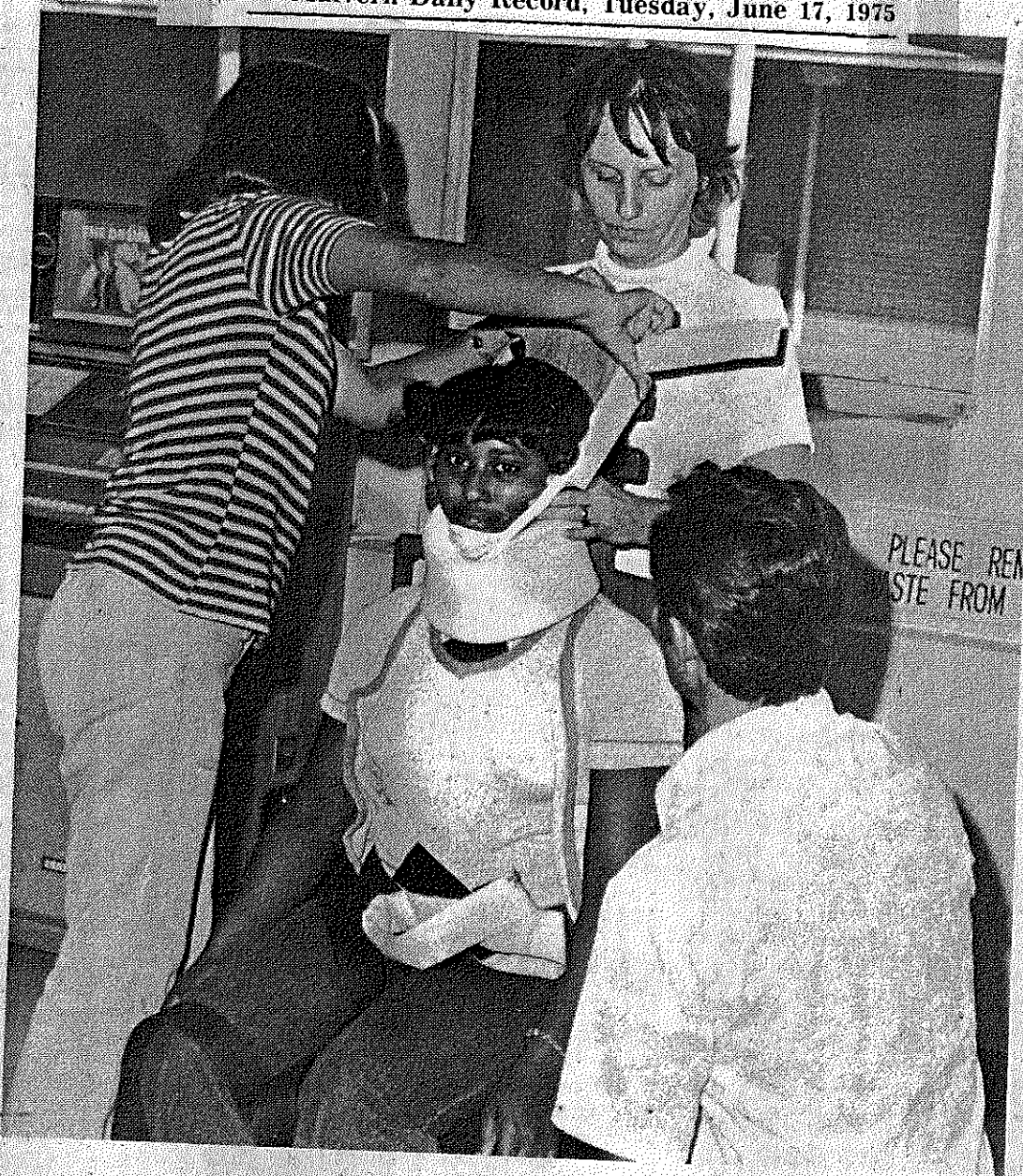
Pryor recommended \$11,660,000 for fiscal 1976 and \$12,830,000 in fiscal 1977. The legislative budget subcommittee recommended \$12,838,261 in 1976 and \$13,710,620 in 1977.

The vo-tech budgets had come up for review throughout the week, but each time were laid aside when members of the budget committee became confused about the meaning of fig-

ures presented to them.

Because of the backlog of major items in the committee, the group decided to hold an unusual Sunday meeting at 2 p.m., when other legislators are home for the weekend. In addition, resolutions were introduced in both chambers Thursday extending the deadline for submitting Joint Budget bills from the 50th to the 57th

day of the session, which is supposed to last 60 days.



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**FINISH COURSE**—Fifty-nine people recently earned their Emergency Medical Technician's license upon completion of a 13 week course held at Ouachita Vo-Tech. Instruction was under the supervision of Dr. Robert White, with local and out of town physicians teaching the classes.

## Due To Veto Doubt

Malvern Daily Record, Thursday, June 26, 1975

# Schools' Accreditation Questioned

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Questions about applications filed by 37 Arkansas schools for accreditation by the North Central Association have been raised because of the cloud over the validity of Gov. David Pryor's veto of a portion of a 1975 act. The NCA, which is the North

Central Association of Colleges and Schools when called by its full title, is a voluntary accrediting organization with standards higher than any set by the state government through the Education Department's rules and regulations.

"The advantage of an NCA accreditation is that kids in those schools who want to go on to college will be accepted anywhere if they qualify academically," said Dr. Sherman Peterson of the Education Department.

In Arkansas, 144 high schools, 20 junior high-middle schools and seven elementary schools have NCA accreditation. Another 37 schools have applications on file for NCA approval.

Those with applications pending include the high school at

Rison, junior high-middle schools at North Little Rock, Russellville, Hot Springs, Hope, Blytheville and Arkadelphia, and 25 elementary schools scattered across the state.

Some education officials fear that accreditation for the 37 schools might be delayed, perhaps even denied, because of the veto situation.

The veto struck from Act 1004 a section which would prohibit the state Education Department from imposing penalties on schools which violated the department's standard against a school assigning a faculty member to teach one subject outside his or her field of training.

The department, therefore, would be prevented from enforcing standards which are less demanding than those of the NCA.

Because of his concern about the possibility that accreditation would suffer as a result of the relaxed standard, Pryor tried to use his line-item veto power to remove that section from the act.

But after legislators request-

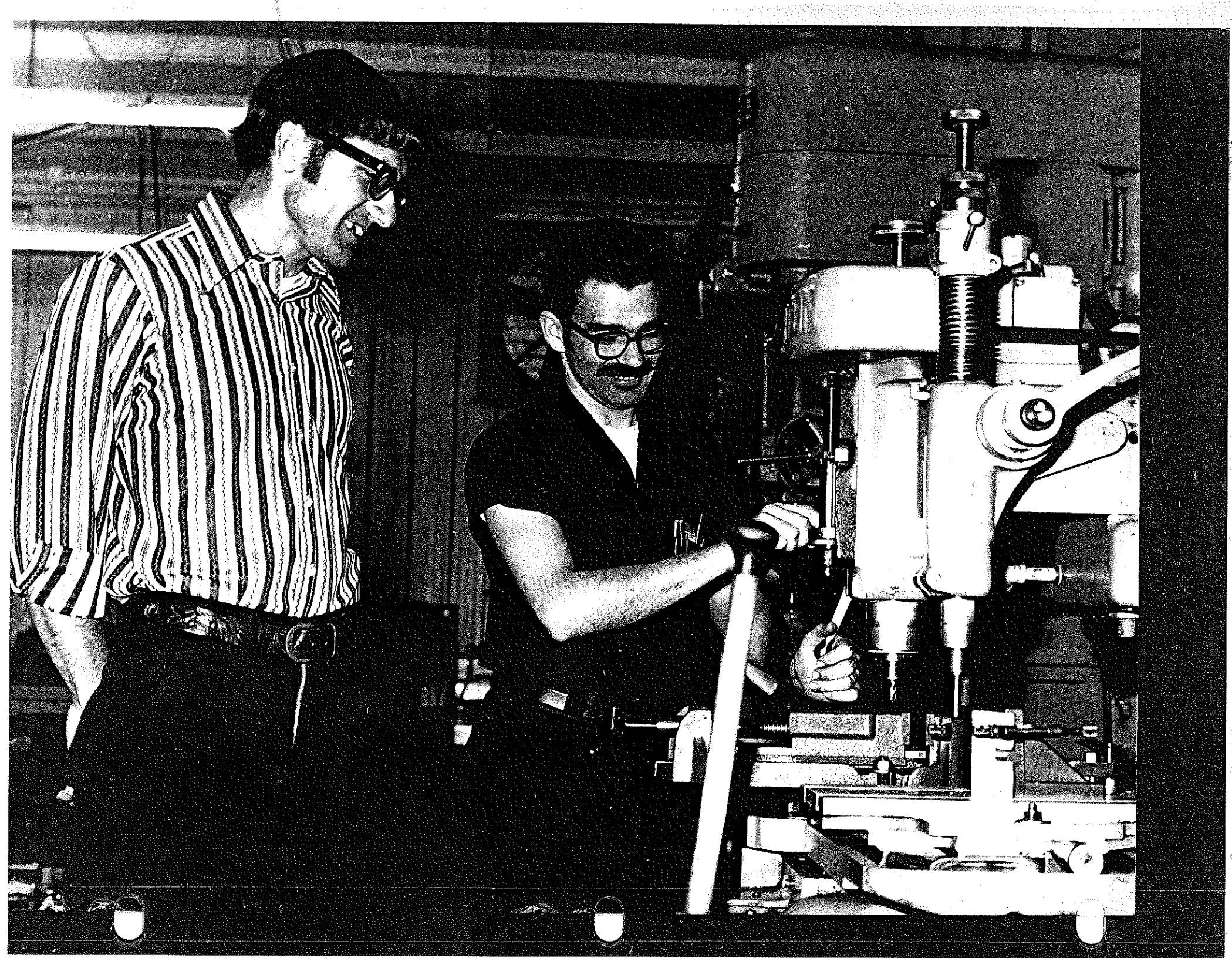
ed an opinion, Atty. Gen. Jim Guy Tucker said that veto, as well as eight others in various acts, was not valid. Pryor told department heads to abide by Tucker's opinion and treat the vetoes as if they did not exist.

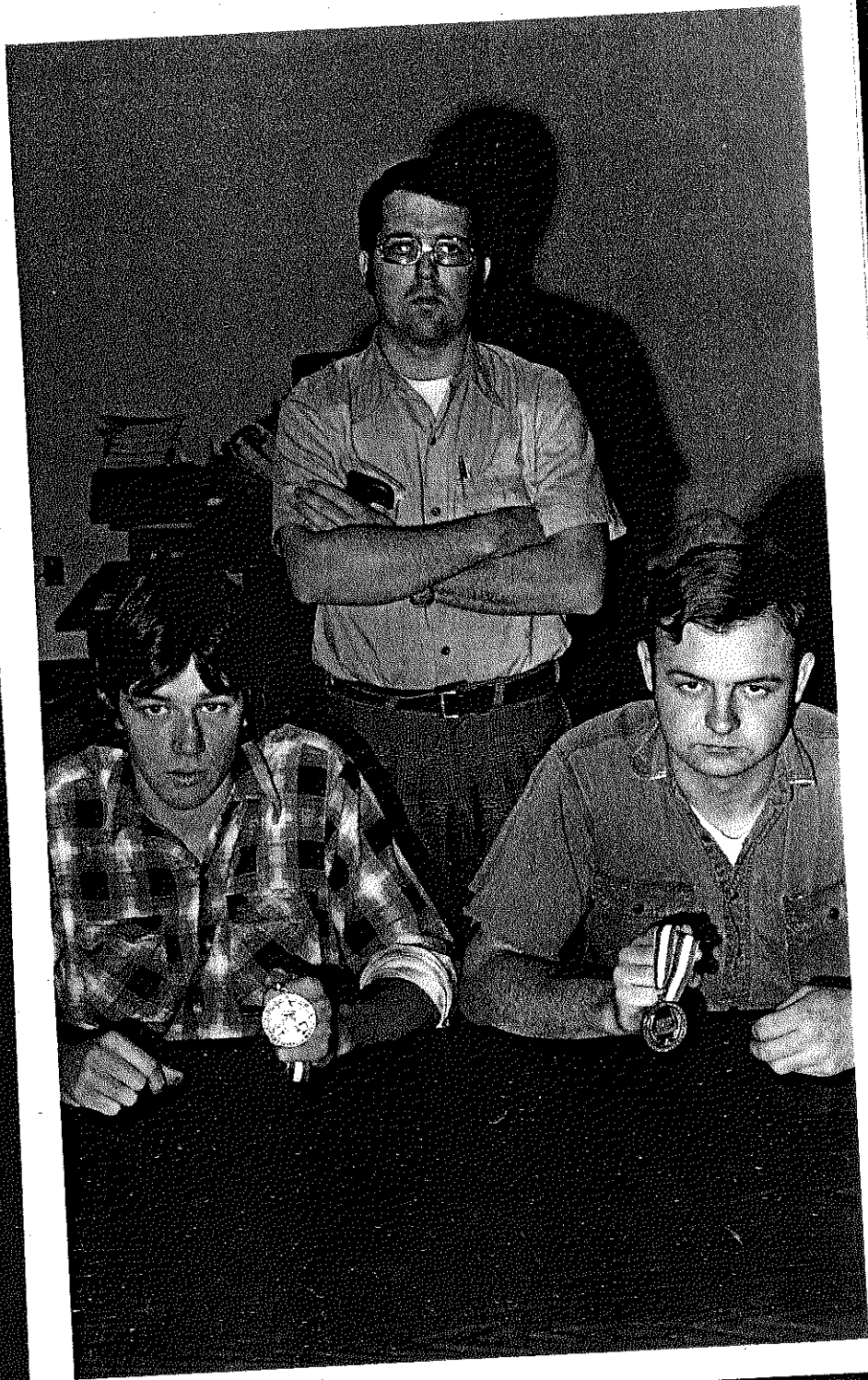
Peterson said that schools which follow the relaxed standard could not meet NCA accreditation tests. Most schools would, if possible, maintain NCA standards so they could avoid placing that prestigious

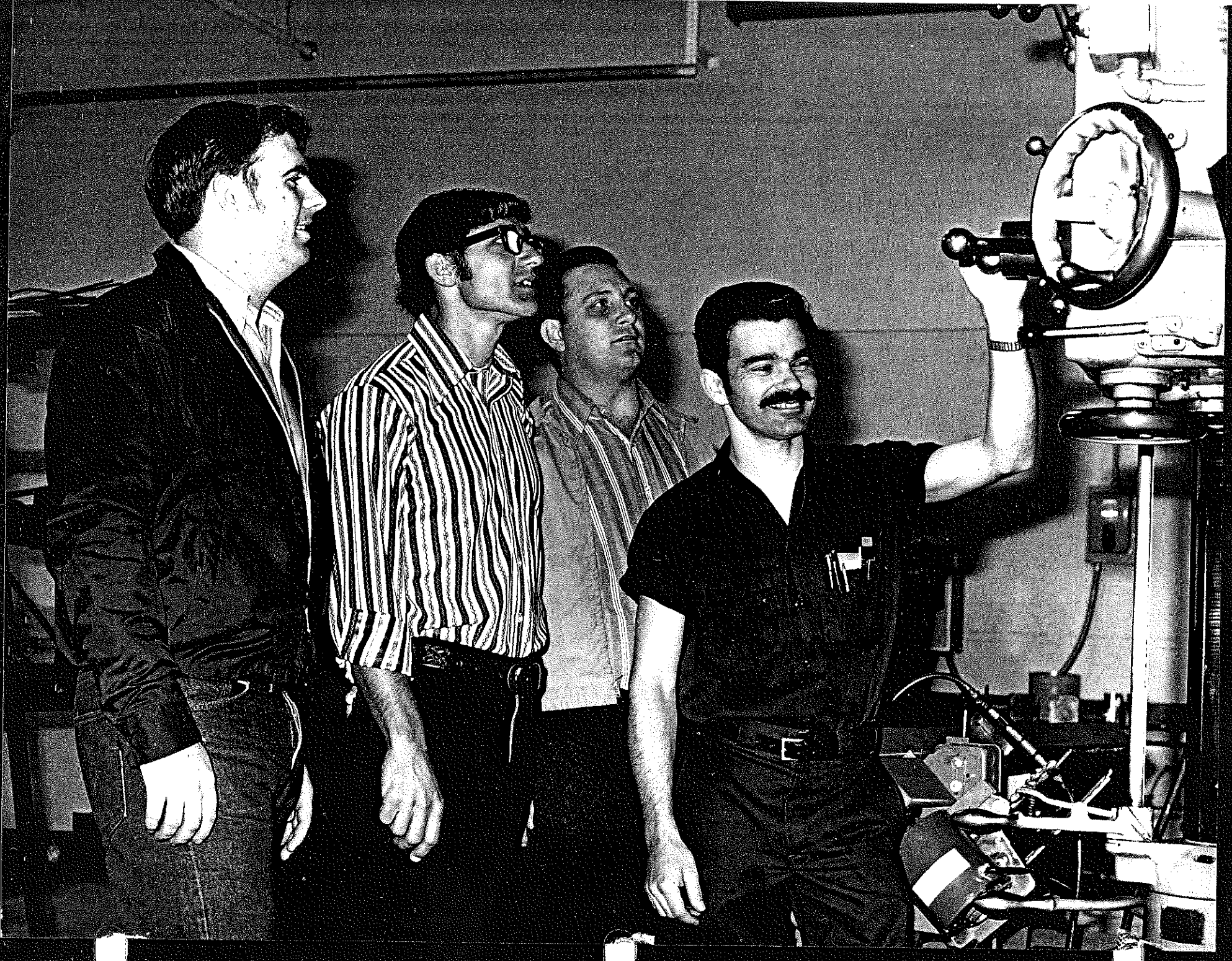
rating in jeopardy, even if they have obtained it, he said.

The NCA, however, could view the development as a backward step in the setting of standards aimed at improving the quality of public education. A variety of responses could develop.

Top officials of the NCA in Chicago were unavailable for comment this week on the new Arkansas situation. They had expressed concern about the legislative enactment of the lesser standard, but had been calmed by news of Pryor's veto.











**NEW OFFICERS** — New Lions Club officers were installed Tuesday night at a banquet at the Ouachita Vo Tech School. Left to right are: Lawson Glover, director; Bob Jones, tail twister; Ladd Jameson, treasurer; Bill Looney, second vice president;

Nelson Bailey, third vice president; Joe Keith, president; James Starks, director; Mike Wooldridge, secretary; Robert Dale, director; H.B. Hegglund, first vice president; Cecil Swearingen, installation officer.

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**MID-SOUTH BOYS' DAY** — Thousands of Gospel music lovers jammed and packed the grounds of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern Monday, Labor Day, for observance of the Mid-South Boys' Appreciation Day, in honor of the Malvern-based Gospel music group who have become known nationwide. The event was an all-day affair with the crowd (huge all day) growing to its largest at the night session, when approximately 5,000 people attended. The

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Mid-South Boys sang and played from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Then there was a period of rest. At 6:30 p.m. the concert began anew and continued until 11:15 p.m. Performing at the night session were the Mid-South Boys, the Florida Boys, Dixie Echoes and the Singing Guarneres. The Mid-South Boys Fan Club sponsored the event. Admission was free. Numerous police officers were necessary in order to direct the tremendous automotive traffic at the approaches to the concert grounds.

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# Henderson Offers Courses In Malvern

ARCADELPHIA — Dr. Curtis Garner, Vice-President for Development at Henderson State University announced today that HSU will offer a new course in Malvern. "America, State, and Local government" (PSCI 1023) will be taught for residence credit at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School.

Teaching the class will be Mr. Winston Bryant, a member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, who was appointed by Governor Pryor to the now-defunct Constitutional Revision Commission.

Mr. Bryant was formerly on the staff of Senator John McClellan. He teaches specialized law courses at HSU, "Law and Everyday Life" and "Law of the Food and Lodging Industry" in the HSU program training personnel for the hotel and restaurant business. In addition to his law degree, Mr. Bryant has a graduate degree in administrative law from

George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Two other courses are also available from Henderson at Malvern: "Earth Science" (PHSC 1053) will be offered on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and "Freshman English" (2nd semester, ENGL 1473), will be offered on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Dr. Garner emphasized that HSU is committed to bring whatever courses and services that are needed in the Malvern area to the people through the cooperation of Ouachita Vo-Tech.

According to Garner, courses can be offered at either the undergraduate or graduate level, and will carry full residence credit.

If any person wishes to suggest courses, contact Garner at HSU at 246-5511, extension 315, or contact Mr. Martin Cain, HSU coordinator at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School on Fridays.

## 11-19-75 Career Training For Teachers Is Urged By Council

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The state Advisory Council for Vocational-Technical Education recommended Tuesday that some in-service training in various career fields be required for the certification of public school counselors and classroom teachers.

The council also was critical of operating costs of the state-supported area vocational-technical schools and called for better management.

It also recommended that teachers be given training designed to "acquaint them with methods of infusing classroom instruction with practical applications in society."

The council also said it was concerned about a "dualistic attitude toward vocational and academic education which pervades education." It said too many students were forced into making a decision between the two, when they would benefit from exposure to both.

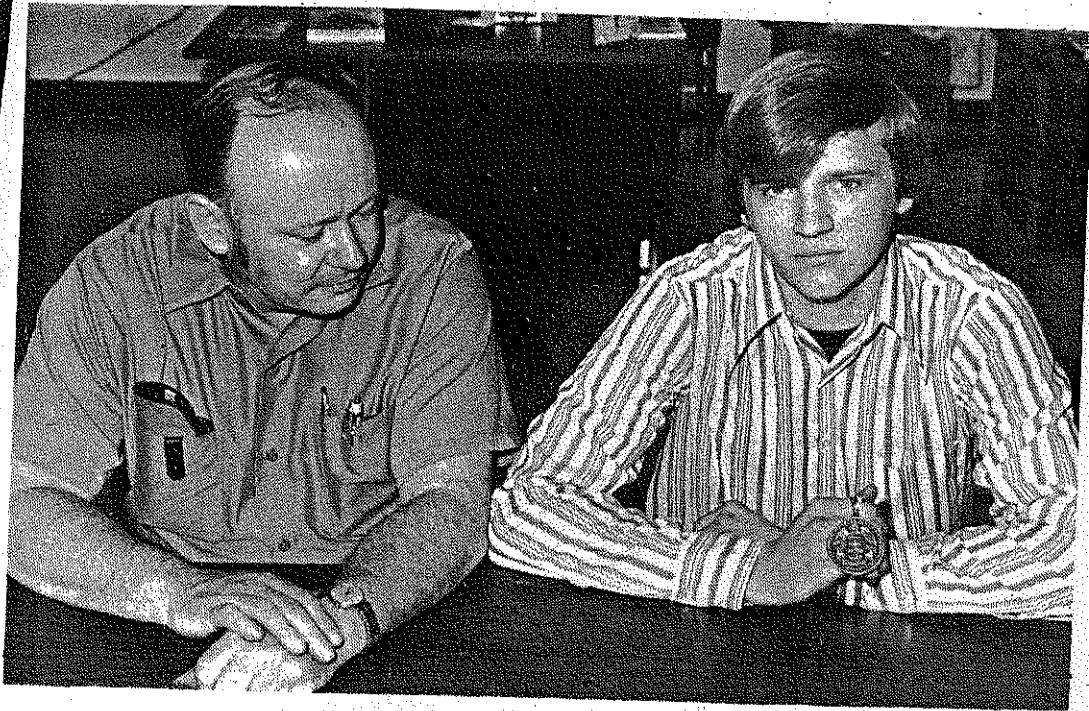
Malvern Daily Record, Thursday,  
February 5, 1976.



**FBLA PROMOTION** — Mayor Wayne Selph reviews plans with the presidents of the four Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapters from schools in Hot Spring County. FBLA week begins Feb. 9. They are from left

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to right: Diane Hulst, Magnet Cove; Mary Jane Neeper, Malvern; Danny Scarbrough, Ouachita Vo Tech and Debbie Hutchinson, Glen Rose.



## Local VICA Members Win

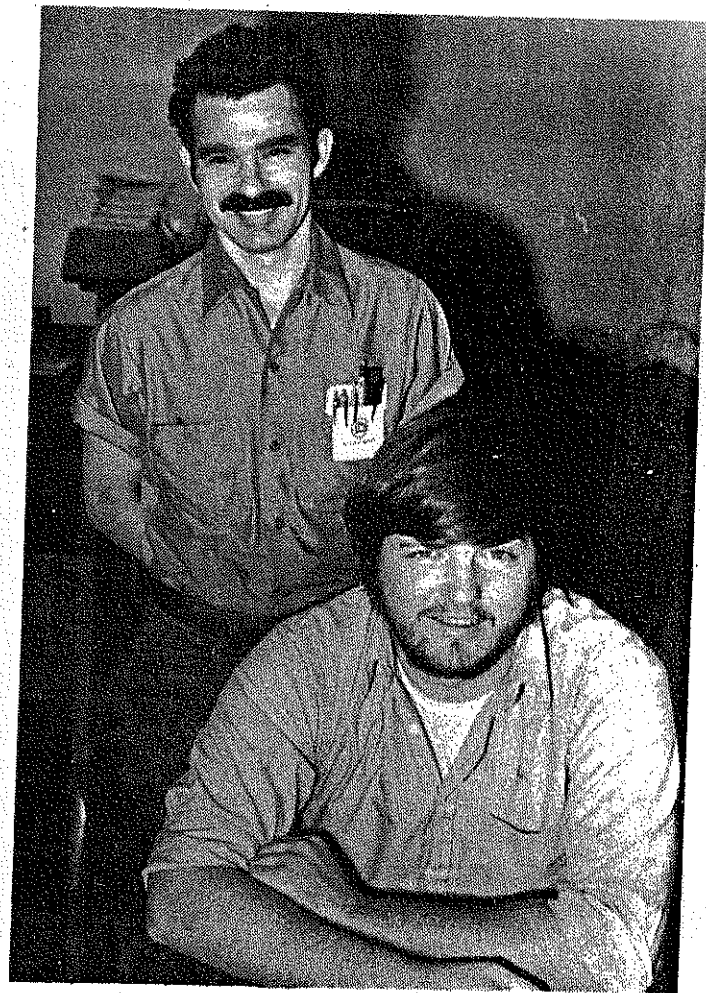
Students at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School recently competed in the state post-secondary Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) contests and brought back several medals. The school's students placed first and third in Food Service, second in Diesel Mechanics, third in Machine Shop and took two first place rankings in Welding.

A total of 24 Vo-Tech schools competed state-wide and the first place winners Jacky

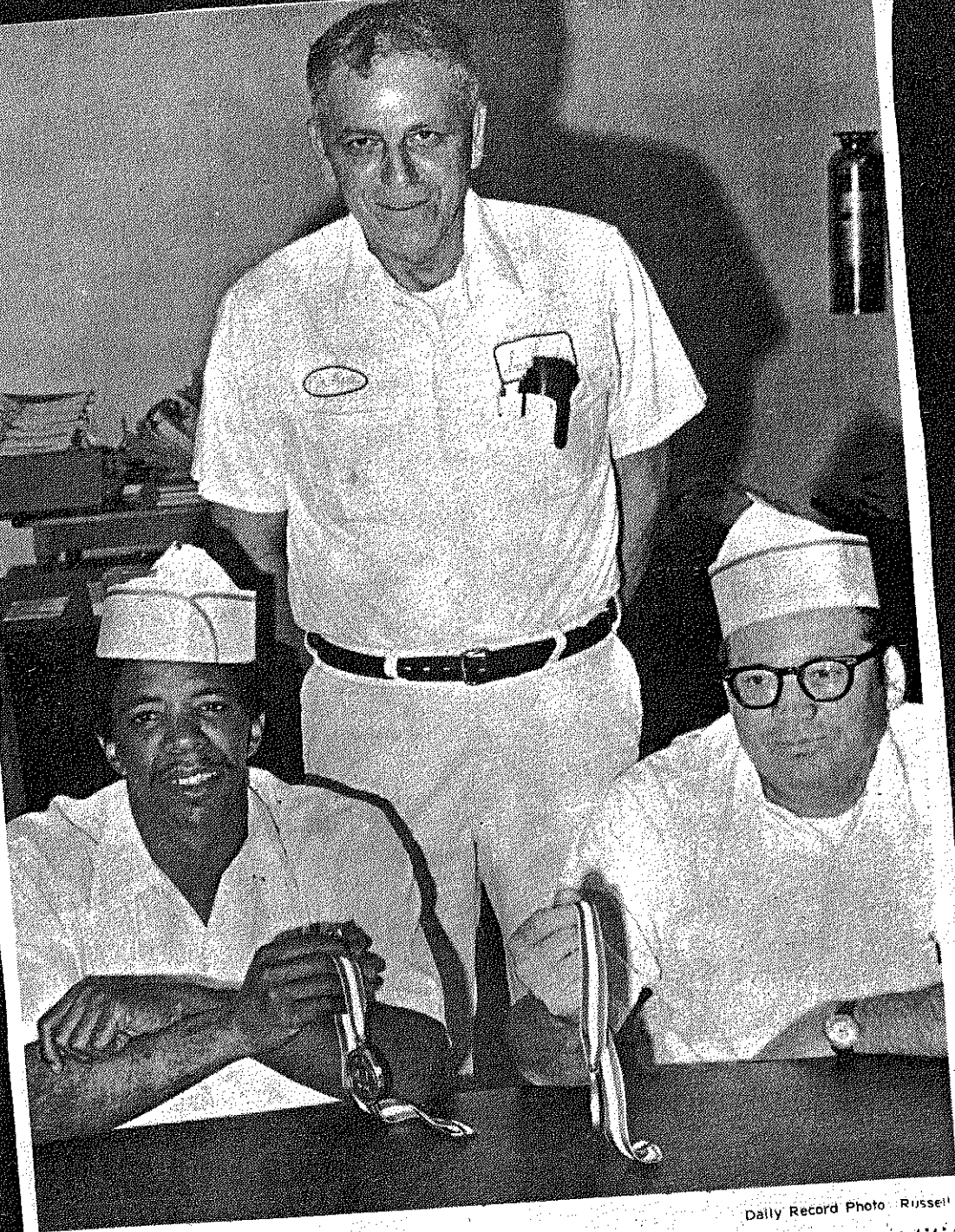
Cochran, Charles W. Smith and James Arnold are scheduled to attend the national competition June 13-19 in Miami, Fla.

The Diesel Mechanics trials were held at the Little Rock Fairgrounds and required competitors to work with the four types of diesel engines. For the Machine Shop competition, held at Searcy, students had to work on a project that made them show competence in use of the different types of machines and their function.

Food Service competition was held at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock and required students to prepare a complete meal and prepare a place setting. The Welding contest was held here in Malvern at Ouachita Vo-Tech school and in the three years Ouachita has been competing, they have sent someone to the national competition all three years. An arc welding machine went to the first place welding winner and the mig and tig winner got an ox-acetylene welding and cutting outfit.



**MORE WINNERS** — Other medal winners in the state VICA contest from Ouachita Vo-Tech were (top left) Tim Allison who placed second in Diesel Mechanics, his instructor Dean Carter looks on. In Machine Shop (above) Marvin E. Berryhill (seated) was a third place winner and his instructor Gary Garrison is also pictured.



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**VICA WINNERS** — Ouachita Vo-Tech winners in the state VICA competition recently in Food Service were (above, left to right) Able Hudson Jr., third place; Joseph C. Rice, instructor; and James D. Arnold, first place. Winners in Welding competition were (below, left to right) Jacky Cochran, first in arc welding; Joe Dunlap, instructor; and Wayne Smith, first in mig & tig.

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# Local Woman Does Well In Electronics Field

Malvern Daily Record, 4-1-75



Beverly Rhoads

Beverly Ann Rhoads is a woman in a traditionally male field — Industrial Electronics — at Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern. However, this field did not seem unusual to Beverly because she had received some electrical experience in the United States Navy.

Born in Corpus Christi, Texas, of military parentage, Beverly consequently moved around a lot and attended many public schools. After graduating Valley View High School in Germantown, Ohio, she decided to join the Navy. Her father, Samuel R. Rhoads, a retired Navy Aviation Electrician, says of her, "I always wanted a son, but Beverly came along in my footsteps. One day I ordered a Basic Electricity Correspondence Course; Beverly looked it over, like it, and started the course. Speaking of the military service, I encouraged her into the electronics field and the Navy because I enjoyed it so much myself." Rhoads has several daughters.

Beverly took college prep courses after high school, but decided that the desire to travel, and financial conditions prompted her to join Navy. She

attended 52 weeks of Electronics Class "A", and 4 weeks of Microwave "C" school in Great Lakes, Illinois.

"Later moving to Malvern, AR in 1973, I decided to enroll in Ouachita VoTech School to get a well-rounded electrical background," remarked Beverly. She wanted the Business Education Course first because of problems she experienced with forms and paperwork involved in the electrical field. "I enjoyed Business Education; you can never have too much education, but my mind was made up, and electronics was more challenging and exciting," she said. She thinks of the Vo-Tech School as a bridge that spans her military life and the civilian world of work.

Beverly admits that it took some time for her male classmates to adjust to her, but later they expected more out of her than the regular students simply because she was a woman, and had electrical background training. She had to learn the hard way, earning their respect, and now many of the students look up to her. Mr. Williams, electronics instructor, says "She is an "A" student with great potential."

Between being a mother to a 3-year old son, Chris, and attending Ouachita Vo-Tech School there is not much time for her various hobbies: camping, hiking, bowling, shooting pool, reading and

writing short stories and poetry. She tries to squeeze them in on weekends and holidays, along with her National Guard drills, she is a member of the Arkansas National Guard, 212 Signal Battalion, Company A.

While attending Ouachita Vo-Tech School, Beverly has actively participated in school activities. In Business Education she received two Victor Commendation Awards and held the office of Phi Beta Lambda Secretary. In electronics she has already received her Master Electrician License, and is Secretary/Treasurer of the Electronics Chapter.

After graduation in June Beverly plans to get a job as an electronics technician in a company, preferably in the electronics communication field. Then in the future she plans to go up to a position in a supervisory role or management.

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## Ouachita VoTech Offering Basic Air Conditioning

Ouachita Vocational Technical School is offering a night class in Basic Air Conditioning beginning April 1. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:00 to 10:00 for 10 weeks.

Nathan F. Marshall, who is the regular daytime instructor will teach this course. Fees are \$15.00 for this course. Instruction will cover, Introduction to Air Conditioning, Related Terminologies, Definition, and Basic Refrigeration.

Refrigeration Cycle will be taught covering, Compressors, Condensers, Receivers, Evaporators, Metering Devices, Basic Cycle Control, Refrigerant Characteristics, Refrigerant Oils, Accessories, Dehydration, Charging and Discharging, Multiple Systems and Pump Down and Trouble Shooting.

A third phase of the course will cover Electron Theory, Ohms Law, Symbols and Legends, Schematic Wiring and Circuitry, Three Phase and Single Phase Motors, Relays and Contractors, Motor Protectors, and Trouble Shooting.

Anyone desiring additional information may call Ouachita Vo-Tech School, 332-3658.

MDR 6-14-76

# Vo Tech School Gets State Accreditation

Ouachita Vo Tech School in Malvern is one of eight vocational-technical schools in Arkansas that received accreditation by the State Department of Education. The action was approved by the State Board of Education Sunday.

An education department evaluation team recently visited the school to evaluate all of the programs and curriculum of the school and recommended its accreditation.

Hugh Looney, director of

instruction at Ouachita Vo Tech, said today that the accreditation would mean that the school would become eligible for Basic Education Opportunity Grants (BEOG) from the federal government for persons who wish to attend the school and cannot afford to.

He said that all state colleges and universities had been eligible for the BEOG grants for several years. Looney said the grant program would begin with the next term Aug. 9. He said experts in different fields

made up the evaluation team that reviewed the school about a month ago and made the recommendation to the state department.

The school opened in Malvern in 1972 and currently has about 200 full-time students enrolled and 175 high school students. Numerous types of educational courses are offered.

The other schools who received accreditation were Crowley's Ridge at Forrest City, Oil Belt at El Dorado, Petit Jean at Morrilton, Pines at Pine Bluff, Quapaw at Hot Springs, Red River at Hope and Twin Lakes at Harrison.

The Huntsville School District received \$5,000 from the Contingency Fund to help replace equipment lost in a fire at the bus garage. Miller County will get \$3,500 to help with problems associated with rapid growth of enrollment in the district.

Two schools that overspent their incomes received contingency help. The Willisville School District Nevada County will get \$4,500 and the Mount Judea District Newton County will get \$1,500.

For the last two years, the rates for the self-insurance program have been set at 30 per cent below the suggested rates set by the Arkansas Insurance Service Office. The board voted Sunday to increase the discount to 35 per cent below the ISO rates.

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# Vo Tech Takes Applications For Fall Term

Ouachita Vocational Technical School is still taking applications for the fall enrollment.

Classes will start on Monday, Aug. 9, at 8:30 a.m. All day classes are preparatory. The student receives step-by-step instruction on an individual basis.

There are vacancies in the following departments: Air Conditioning, Automotive Mechanics, Business Education, Food Service, Industrial Equipment Mechanics, Machine Shop, and GED, (General Educational Development).

Tuition fees are \$24 per quarter, payable in advance.

Applicants must be 17 years eligible program. Prospective enrollment.

The General Aptitude Test Battery, (GATB Test), an entrance requirement, will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16, at 9:30 a.m. The test is given free.

Applications are available at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School Administration Office. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Students may attend under the G.I. Bill, Rehabilitation Services, Ceta, Social Security Scholarship, and any other eligible program. Prospective students should fill out an application as soon as possible and take the GATB Test.

Additional information may be obtained by telephoning the Ouachita Vo-Tech School at 332-3618.

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## Local Guard Members Get Camp Awards

Capt. Larry E. Norwood was named the Battalion Outstanding Company Commander at Ft. Benning, Ga. this week. Norwood is the commanding officer of the Headquarters Company in Malvern. The company is part of the 153 infantry battalion.

Sgt. Patrick Carver was chosen the outstanding enlisted man at the National Guard Camp and he is also a member of the Malvern unit. The unit will return to Malvern on June 19-20.

Award recipients were chosen by the Adjutant General's staff for outstanding work in their chosen field.



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**STATEWIDE WORKSHOP** — Luther Hardin, associate director for vocational education in Arkansas, looks over some of the material that high school teachers from around Arkansas are studying at a Multi-Media Workshop being held at the Ouachita Vo Tech School this week. The workshop is especially for agricultural teachers. (See story below.)

~~6-23-76~~ ~~GAZETTE~~  
**Hospital Board  
Ignores Request**

From Gazette Press Services

**MALVERN** — The Hot Spring County Hospital Board met Tuesday and took no action on a related request by hospital employees to recognize a labor union, an employe bargaining agent, hospital spokesman said. The Board had voted May 25 to recognize the union and employees set up an informational picket at the facility Monday.

Don Collins, international representative for the Federal, State County and Municipal Employees Union, AFL-CIO, said only off-duty personnel would be used for picketing. Other union officials have said the strike would not disrupt services.

Hospital administrator James Moses said the Board met with union representatives Tuesday and decided not to reconsider their previous decision.

Moses said one freight truck making a delivery to the hospital refused to cross the picket line, thus disrupting services.



# Fourth Annual Vo Tech Graduation Thursday

One hundred and sixty-four candidates for graduation will receive their diplomas Thursday night at 7 p.m. at the fourth annual graduation exercises at Ouachita Vo Tech School. Forty-eight general education graduates will also receive certificates during the ceremonies.

Secretary of State elect Winston Bryant will be the speaker at the exercises and a gospel singing group, the Wood Sisters, will perform. The food service department will host a reception following the graduation.

Graduates by departments are as follows:

**Air conditioning:** Dallas Bryant, Cletis Buie, William Conrad, Arnold Crumpler, Roy Curtis, Tony Cushing, Odis Efid, Daniel Harris, Gerrell

Heard, Lester Herring, Joe Hockersmith, Jasper Hutcherson, Doyle Wilson, David Derr, Douglas Langley, Rance Malone, L.D. Murders, Brian Nalley, Trent Nalley, Edgar Newton, David Rhoads, Bobby Rupe, Larry Spurlin, Richard Vaughn, Charles Williams.

**Automotive mechanics:** Brian Adams, Duffy Benning, Richard Bivens, Tony Caver, Jerry Clark, Mark Davis, Wayne Durham, Robbie Fuller, Rick Hall, Reece Young, Max Head, Andy Kew, Daryl Lunsford, Bruce McCrackin, John Rairdon, Samuel Rhoads, Richard Roseberry, Garry Stewart, Johnny Westbrook.

**Business education:** Mary Bergan, Janet Bivens, William J. Burks, Jr., Marshel A. Carr, Cheryl Crain, Mary L. Crawford, Susan Crow,

Charlotte Kay McGill, Cristianna McKinney, Audrey J. Millis, Sandra K. Morrison, Janice Newburn, Linda F. Young, Vera Davis, Bette K. Evans, Terry Ann Fowler, Ann Hamilton, Valerie Lea Helm, Godfrey L. Hill, Janice T. Johnson, Brenda J. Reeves, Helen M. Roark, Jannette Sanders, Daniel L. Scarbrough, LaDonna Whitley.

**Diesel mechanics:** Tim Allison, Charles W. Ball, Clarence H. Benbrook, Floyd E. DuChaine, Paul Ellis, Fred R. Ferguson, Lewis R. Johnson, Jack C. Maddox, Ronald Morgan, Donald Williams, Wilburn Leon Phillips, Kenneth Lamar Redic, Richard Reynolds, Jesse Rhodes, Bobby Rodgers, William Ed Smith, Robert D. Stanley, Glenn Walters, Larry Westfall.

**Electronics:** Glenn Alston, Lornell Carr, Harold L. Cates, Roy O. Frazier, Donald R. Johnson, Joe O. Johnson, Woodrow Johnson, Blake Wilson, Garry R. Mount, Oscar A. Murdock, Clint Price, Beverly Ann Rhoads, Sarafino Scozzari, Charlie Simpson, Jr., Perry O. Williams.

**Food service:** James Arnold, Lester Beck, Delbert Wayne Bosley, Willie E. Brooks, Jacquelyn Tuggle, Able Hudson, Jr., Juanita McGhee, Ruthie L. McJunkin, Grady Randall.

**Industrial equipment mechanics:** Odray Anderson, Jr., Charles Davidson, Steve Felty, Jim Frolik, Sammy Gill, Rufus Jones, Dale King, Coleman Lowry, Larry Marion, Bobby Clifton, Joe Moore, Joe H. Nolen, Loy Porterfield, Ray Porterfield, Ken Proctor, Lynn Ross, Benny Ray Taylor, Randy Ward.

**Machine shop:** William D. Ashcraft, Richard T. Beason, Marvin Elliot Berryhill, Edward Cox, Paul R. Davis, Kenneth Floyd, Dale Gray, Clouse Hamm, Thurman L. Harrell, Wendell Hawkins, Kenneth McDougal, David S. McFatridge, Dorne A. Millis, John Lee Nolen, Dora S.

**Welding:** Edward Bennett, Mark Bennett, Don Cambell, Jacky Cochran, Ronald Daughtery, David Heindl, Tommy Morrow, Jeff Nalley, Billy Roberson, Ralph Rodgers, Jimmy Scott, Wayne Smith, Ricky Kizer, Mike McCutcheon, Lloyd Sparks, Ike Trawick.

**GED graduates:**

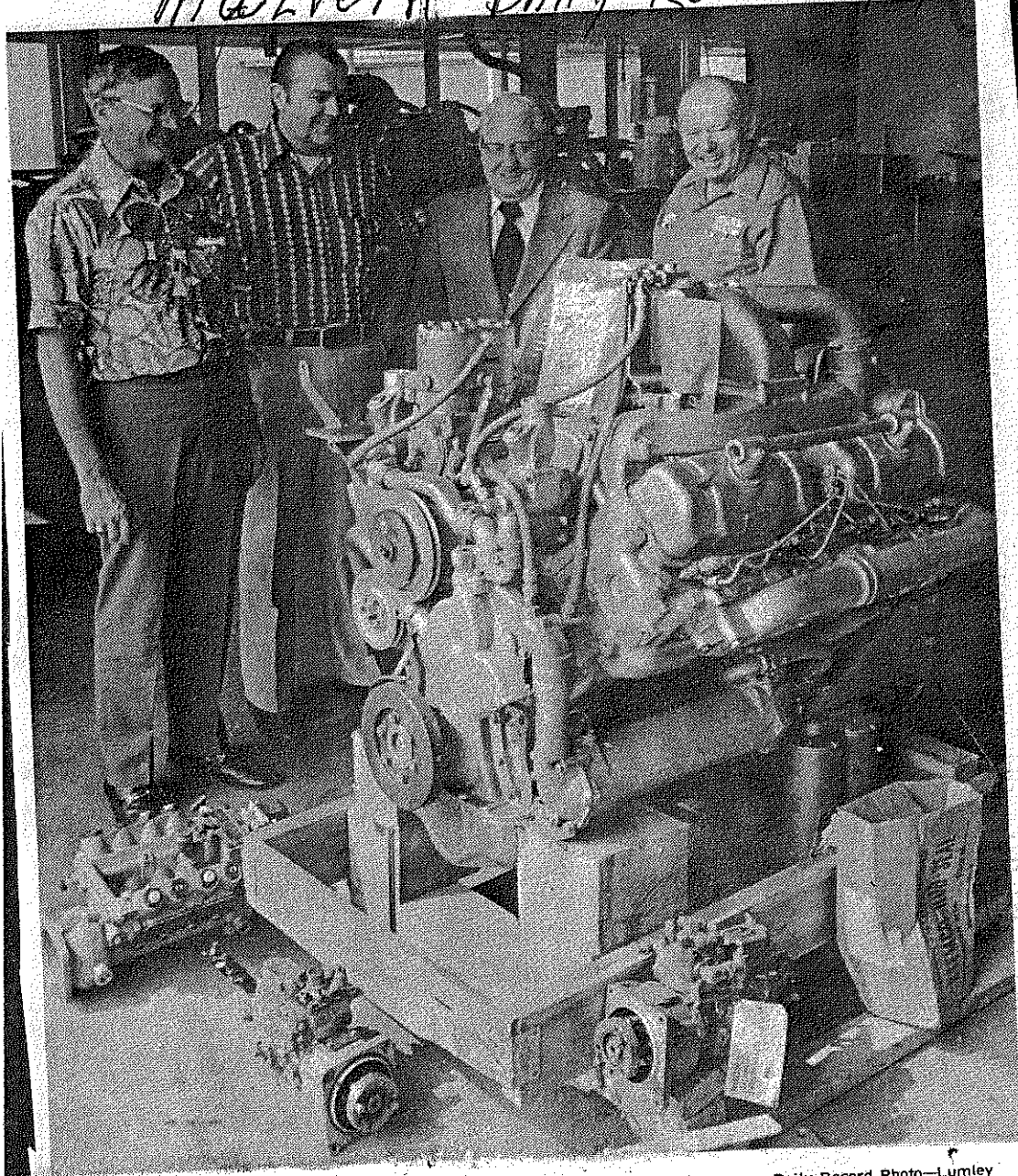
Lowell Avery, Dorothy Baker, Willie Balch, Clarence Benbrook, Edward Bennett, Darla Blackwell, Ruth Bruce, Gloria Conn, Wanda Gatlin, Bernice Giles, L.D. Giles, Milton Hazelwood, Judy Holyfield, Henie Hughes, Sarah Hughes, Faye Key, Coleman Lowry, Michael McCutcheon, Shana McGhee, Darlene Mink, Ronnie Newell, Jerry Nichols, Roberta Crockett, Catherine Davis, Terry Depew, Linda Dixon, Lillian Dust, Florrie Fite, Victor Flores, Geraldine Francis, Edna Raper, Billy Robinson, Sandra Robinson, Bobby Rogers, Jack Ross, Chryl Scott, Jim Scott, Betty Simmons, Michael Smith, Ruth Smith, Shirley Taylor, Wanda Thrasher, Jacqueline Tuggle, Rebecca Urquhart, Linda Nofsinger, Lucy Price

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**GIFT TO SCHOOL** — The Ouachita Vo Tech School recently received a \$11,000 diesel engine as a gift from Mack Trucks, Inc. for use in training students in diesel mechanics classes. Looking over the new piece of equipment, from left, is Billy Ray White, vo tech director, Hugh Looney, director of instruction, O.F. Nyland, service manager for Mack Trucks and Dean Carter, diesel mechanics instructor. White said the engine is a welcomed piece of equipment and will greatly aide in training students.

Malvern Daily Record, Friday, Sept. 17, 1976



**FIRST GRADUATES**—The first Licensed Practical Nursing class of Ouachita Vocational Technical School will hold its commencement exercises Friday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the student center of the school. The 16 graduates are pictured above from left to right: (first row) Gene Nell Morgan, Teresa Owens, Cora Hankins, Wanda Moore, Dodi Austin, Chyrrl Cate and Debbie

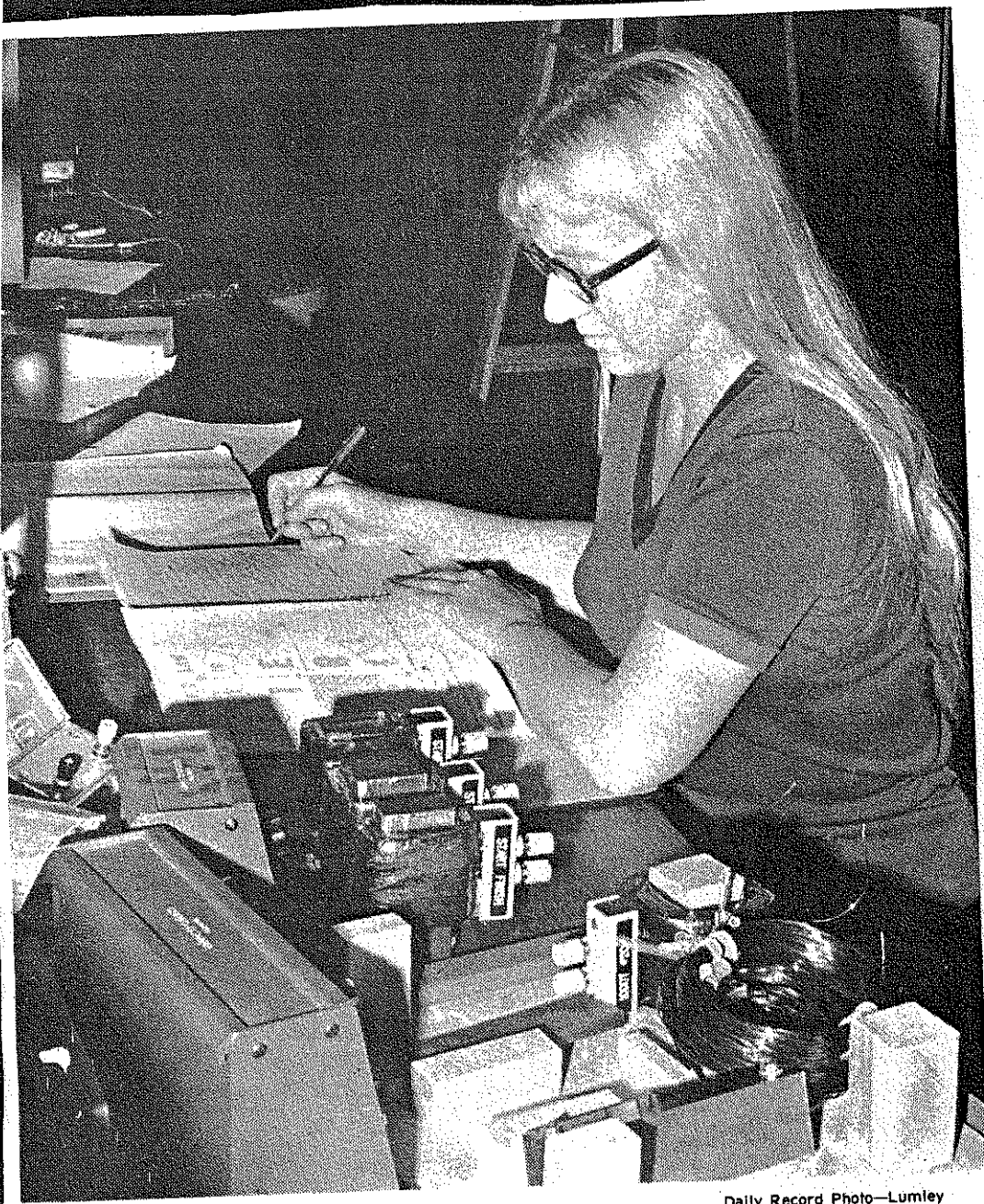
Overton. (Second row) Elizabeth Tolleson, instructor, Wanda Cody, Anita Gourley, Royce Wilburn Lock, Vickie Starkey, Cynthia Harp, Gloria Conn and Eloise Forte, instructor. (Third row) Carolyn Kent, Wanda Davis and Juanita Efird. Special recognition will go to Debbie Overton, the highest scholastic student.

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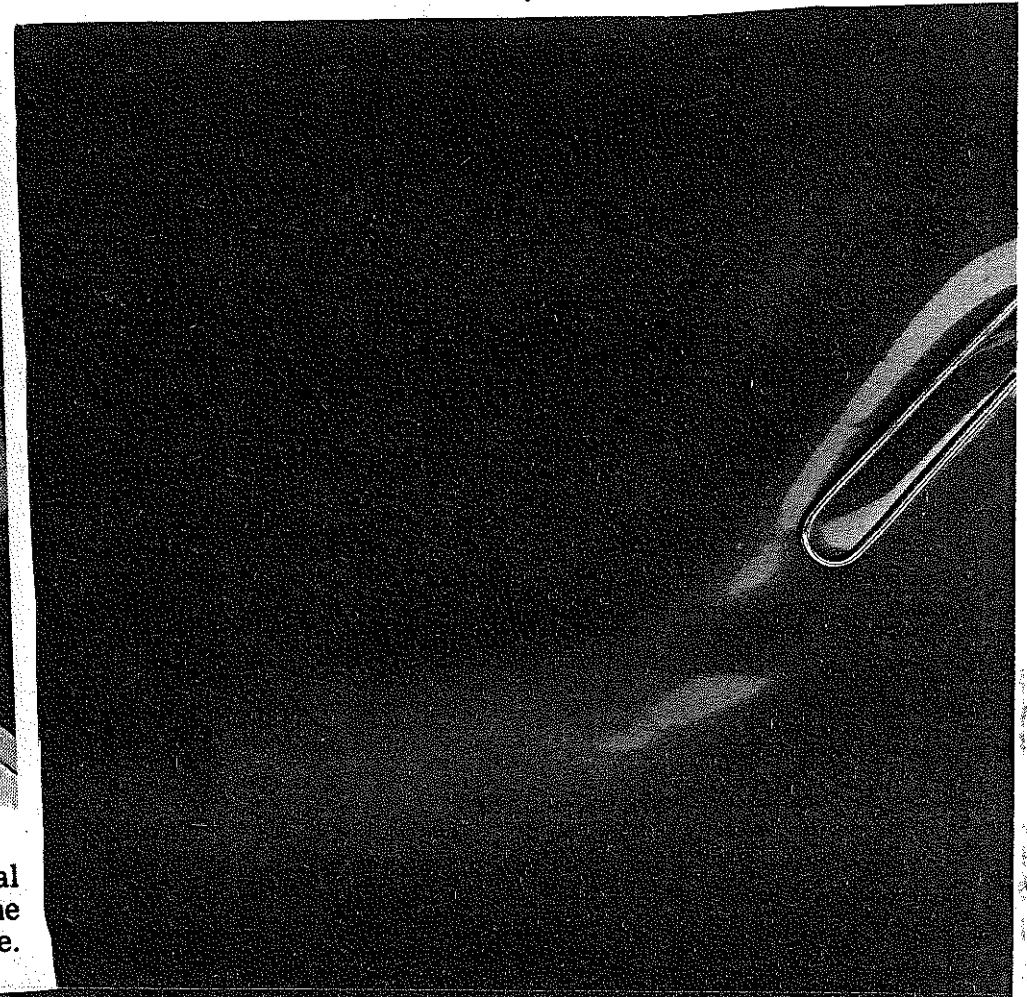
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**ELECTRIC STUDIES** — Mrs. Nancy Carter catches up on her Industrial Electronics studies at the Ouachita Vo-Tech School in North Malvern. She is the only woman in the class and plans to pursue a career in electrical maintenance.



# Woman Tries Hand At Career In Electronics

More women are choosing the Industrial Electronics field as a career. The latest addition to the Ouachita Vo-Tech School campus is Nancy Carter, a 29 year old columnist and homemaker. She is married to Norman Carter, a chemical engineer at Alcoa, and the Carter's have one son, Doyle, age 9.

The Carters live in Benton now, but Nancy's interest in Electronics grew during her pre-teen years living on a farm in Green Forest. Mrs. Carter enjoyed helping her father repair old clocks, radios, and other electrical equipment. She loved writing, which stemmed from her interest in poetry during high school. For awhile, Mrs. Carter attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, majoring in chemical engineering and English. "I became easily bored with the wide scope of subjects at college and wanted to try something more challenging," she stated; "I

wanted to work."

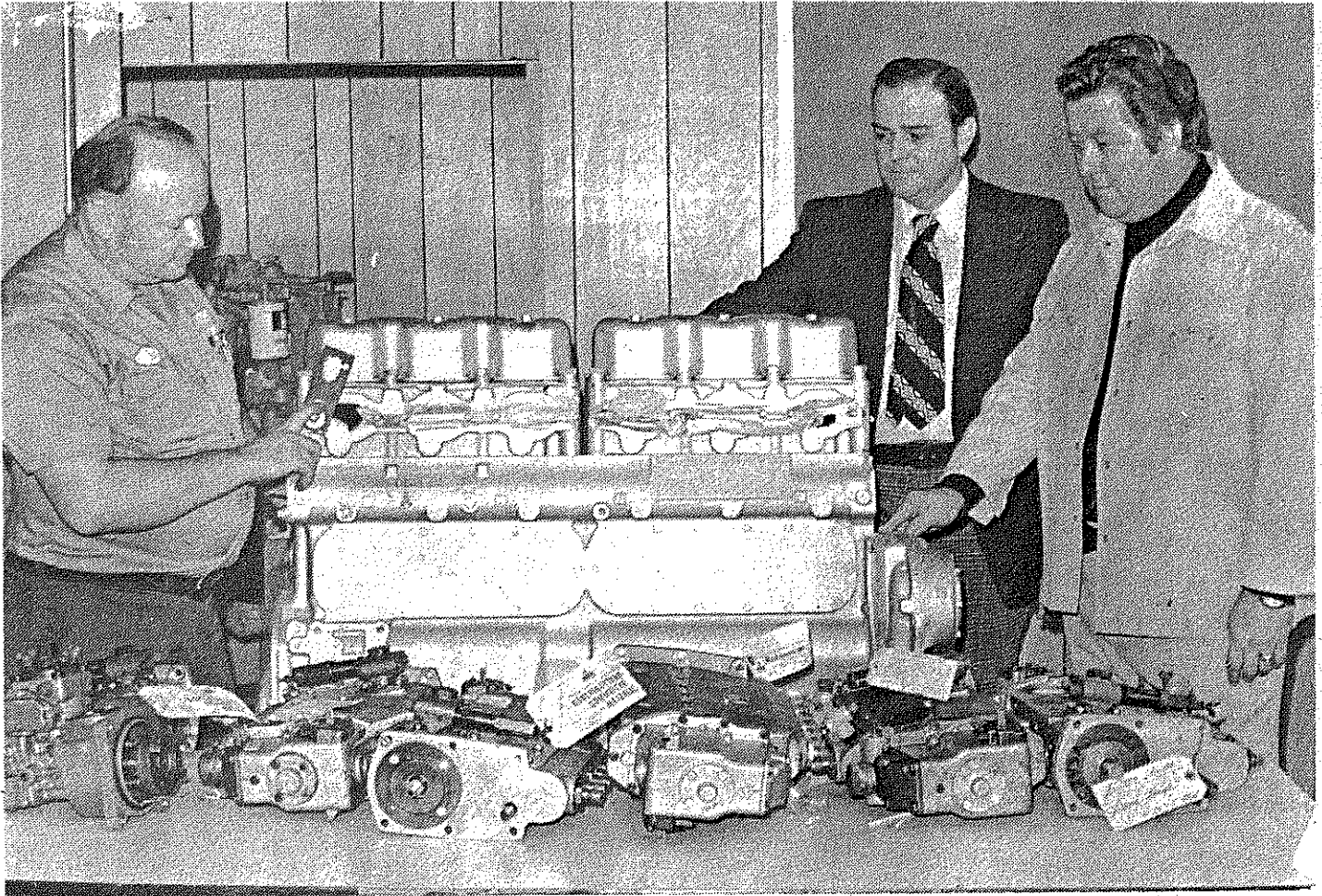
Her mechanical ability surfaced again, and during job hunting several employers spoke very highly of the electrical training taught in area vo-tech schools. Mrs. Carter thought that was worth checking into. Later, she enrolled at OVTS to get a basic electrical background and the pursue her goal to be an electrical maintenance person. Mrs. Carter likes all phases of electrical work, from motors to computers, and she stated, "I would love the challenge of working in industry."

Although being the only female in a class of 20 students can be difficult at times, Mrs. Carter related her experience as "smooth." She describes James I. Williams as a very efficient, knowledgeable instructor, and the class works well together—beginning and advanced students. In electronics, she is respected as a woman, but treated academically like any other

student. Mrs. Carter is an active member of the OVTS Vica Club, holding the office of Secretary, and also serves as recorder of the Electronics Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Carter recommends that women who have an interest in mechanical fields should pursue them to the fullest—the opportunities are there. She emphasized, "Many women are afraid to do new and different things. I believe they should try. Vo-tech education, for instance, is specialized, technical training at a low cost. It provides opportunities to people who otherwise might not consider going to school."

Mrs. Carter is a reserved person. She loves working with people and enjoys cooking, hunting, and needlepoint as hobbies. Presently she is writing a food column for several magazines. "To put it simply," Mrs. Carter says, "The pursuit of a career has fulfilled me and become a welcome addition to my homelife and hobbies."



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**BENEFITS SCHOOL** — At a brief presentation ceremony at the Ouachita Vocational Technical School last week, Mack Trucks, Inc., presented the school with equipment for use by the diesel mechanics department. Accepting the equipment above are Dean Carter, left, instructor and Hugh W. [unclear] director of instruction center

Making the presentation is Robert B. Heatherly, right, service representative of Mack Trucks. The gift consisted of a basic engine valued at \$3,700 and seven fuel injection pumps valued at \$11,900. This was the second donation this year with both totaling \$26,600.



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**PLANNING SESSION** — The Ouachita Vo-Tech School held a meeting yesterday with 38 educators and administrators from public and vocational schools throughout south Arkansas

to discuss a five year plan for vocational education in the state. The vocational schools seek to work closely with the public schools to meet the needs of the graduating students.

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# Vocational Education Costs \$1,998 a Person, Panel Told

The cost of educating a full-time student at a state vocational-technical school averages \$1,998.37, and a survey of the 23 schools indicates that the cost per student declines as enrollment increases, the legislative Joint Auditing Committee was told Wednesday.

The Committee staff did a performance audit of the 23-school system administered by the state Education Department.

The state spent \$14,561,859 on operations and capital improvements at the schools in the last fiscal year. The appropriations total \$17,937,000 this year, with \$16,480,000 of this for operations.

The cost per student ranged from \$3,679.17 at the Rice Belt School at DeWitt, which had 71.8 full-time equivalent students, to \$1,382.49 at Gateway School at Batesville, with 189.7 full-time equivalent students. Both schools were opened in 1975.

The total of full-time equivalent students at the 23 schools was 5,061.6. A full-time equivalent student is based on the number of credits required of full-time students. Two students taking half the required course load, for example, would be equivalent to one full-time student.

State Representative John M. Lipton of Warren said that the nine area vocational high schools had 3,374 students and he suspected the total cost was much less than the post-secondary schools.

\$2,233.59, ranging from \$3,850.25 a student, with four enrolled, at Twin Lakes School at Harrison to \$1,603.93 for 9.4 students at Pines at Pine Bluff.

The second most expensive training was the dental assistant programs offered at the Cotton Boll, Northwest and Pulaski Schools for an average cost of \$2,090 for 24.3 full-time equivalent students.

Welding, offered at 18 locations, was third, with an average cost of \$1,720 a student, with 334 full-time equivalents enrolled.

## Audits Reviewed

The Auditing Committee also reviewed 1975 municipal, county and school district audits prepared by its staff. It declined to accept the following audits until explanations or corrections had been received:

★ The City of Malvern, whose general fund owed its street fund \$38,398.39.

★ Clay County, where several practices were questioned, such as that the treasurer made posting errors and did not identify check numbers with warrants; failure of the county clerk to maintain proper fixed asset records; failure of the sheriff to report regularly fines and costs to Municipal Court.

★ Cleburne County, in which the collector did not maintain cash receipt and disbursement journals; the City of Quitman exceeded its constitutionally limited tax levy; and the delinquent tax collector did not maintain an official bank account, make monthly settlements or maintain a proper journal.

★ Crawford County, in which school district and library funds were invested in savings accounts not in the custody of the treasurer; many claims were pre-

pared and issued in the county judge's office before being docketed by the county clerk; the treasurer did not deposit funds intact or identify all receipts on deposit slips, and the collector was underbonded.

★ Lee County, in which the treasurer and sheriff were underbonded, claims were not processed according to state law and bids were not solicited on the purchase of a backhoe and front-end loader.

★ Lincoln County, in which claims dockets were not used; the treasurer did not deposit funds intact in 1975 and some 1975 funds were not deposited until August 16, 1976; the delinquent personal tax collector did not make monthly settlements or maintain an official bank account; the sheriff did not maintain an official bank account nor make monthly settlements during part of 1975, the sheriff's office paid \$6,385 for deputy hire that was not authorized by law, and the sheriff and collector and the assessor received travel expenses without submitting supporting documentation.

★ Lonoke County, in which the treasurer did not deposit funds intact nor reconcile bank accounts monthly; the sheriff did not maintain official bank accounts or a cash receipt and disbursement journal for the fines account, and the circuit clerk was underbonded.

★ Marion County, in which expenditures exceeded revenues by \$60,310.04; the county and circuit clerk did not issue prenumbered receipts, deposit funds intact, reconcile bank accounts, present a fiscal report to the quorum court or certify delinquent personal tax due, and fines were paid to the sheriff and collector's salary fund rather than the general fund.

The cost per student and number of full-time equivalent students at the other 21 vocational-technical schools in the last fiscal year was:

Arkansas Valley at Ozark, \$1,668.46 with 306.4 students; Black River at Pocahontas \$2,118.95, with 206.3 students; Cossatot at De Queen, \$2,451.42, with 112.8 students; Cotton Boll at Burdette, \$2,547.86 with 201.6 students; Crowley's Ridge at Forrest City, \$1,762.19, with 271.6 students; Delta at Marked Tree, \$1,683.89 with 314.7 students; Foothills at Searcy, \$2,359.65, with 194.7 students; Forest Echoes at Crossett, \$3,446.94, with 77.2 students; Great Rivers at McGehee, \$2,274.69, with 114.1 students; Northwest at Springdale, with 178 students; Oil Belt at El Dorado, \$2,149.08, with 323.6 students; Ouachita at Malvern, \$1,657.80, with 281.8 students; Ozarka at Melbourne, \$3,137.12, with 89.2 students; Petit Jean at Morrilton, \$1,942.11, with 371.5 students; Pines at Pine Bluff, \$2,090.23, with 364.4 students; Pulaski at North Little Rock, \$1,568 with 375.7 students; Quapaw at Hot Springs, \$1,647.06 with 264.4 students; Red River at Hope, \$1,493.53, with 373.7 students; Rich Mountain at Mena, \$2,696.79, with 112.8 students; Twin Lakes at Harrison, \$2,260.83, with 207.7 students, and White River at Newport, \$2,288.26 with 148.9 students.

The most expensive course, on a per student basis, was food management services, which was offered at four schools with an average cost per student of



## Blood Services Bloodmobile Here Monday

The Blood Services bloodmobile will be in Malvern on Monday April 25 at the Ouachita Vo Tech School from 8:30 until 2 p.m. for persons desiring to give blood.

Blood Services, a non-profit company, supplies blood to the Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital and to hospitals in Hot Springs.

When blood is required in hospitals in which are served by Blood Services, there is no charge for blood to patients only for processing of it.

Paul Dee, director in Hot Springs, said that they have been obtaining about 325 pints of blood each month from the two counties and that many months, more than that is needed. He said a goal had been set of 700 pints per month.

Anyone between ages 18 to 65 are eligible to give blood. Other requirements are that they must weigh at least 110 pounds and can not give more often than every eight weeks.



Daily Record Photo—Lumley

**SPOKE TO GRADUATES** — Governor David Pryor was the featured speaker last night in the Malvern High School Auditorium when he addressed the graduates of the Ouachita Vocational Technical School. One hundred sixty-four graduates received their diplomas and 23 GED graduates received certificates

## Vo Tech Student From Leola Is State Winner

Karen Huneycutt of Leola, a student at Ouachita Vo-Tech School won first place in the bookkeeping contest held at the recent Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference held at Marble Falls. The award was presented in a special assembly Friday night with 21 students competing.

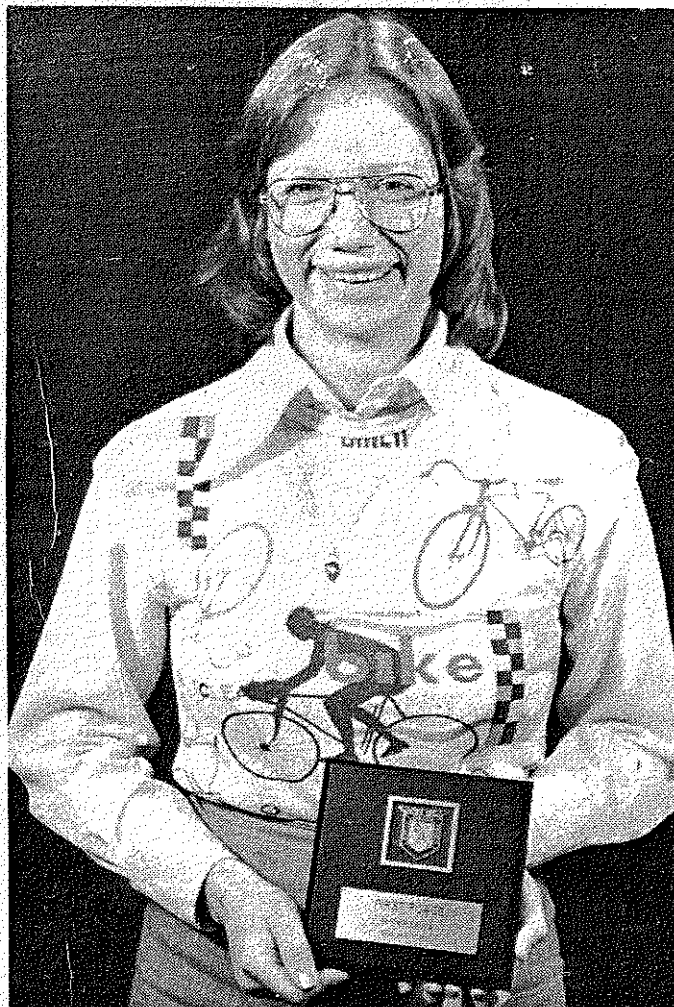
Five other members of the Ouachita Vo-Tech who attended the Thursday and Friday session were Tom Buie, Vicki Banks, Pam Perry, as contestants and Tricia Caldwell and Charlotte Chitwood were the voting delegates for Ouachita Phi Beta Lambda. Accompanying the group was their advisor, J. Louis Moles.

Thursday was spent in contests and that evening Mr. Moles treated his students to dinner at a local steak house, and later took them to meet his parents, who live in Harrison. At 8:00 that evening a dance was held for the state chapters. This gave the students an opportunity to meet PBL members from other chapters in the

state.

planned activities, so the students did a little site seeing and shopping in downtown Harrison. At 1:00 p.m. election for state officers were held. Later in the afternoon all the state members went ice skating at Marble Falls.

The students remained at Marble Falls Resort one more night returning to Malvern Saturday at noon.



**A STATE WINNER** — Miss Karen Huneycutt of Leola, a student at Ouachita Vo-Tech School is shown holding the plaque she was given for first place in the bookkeeping contest held at the state Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference at Marble Falls recently. She was one of 21 students competing in the event.

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# Vo Tech Begins 1977-78 Term

A record number of students have enrolled for classes at Ouachita Vo Tech School in Malvern, according to Director Billy Ray White. Classes began Aug. 8 with 248 students in attendance.

White said the school will probably be able to take 10 to 15 more students in day classes. He said some 150 high school students were also expected to enroll when school starts. High school students are allowed to attend and receive credit from both institutions.

Night classes will begin in mid-September with the dates and courses to be offered to be announced later. White said the school would offer any type course if 10 or more people were interested.

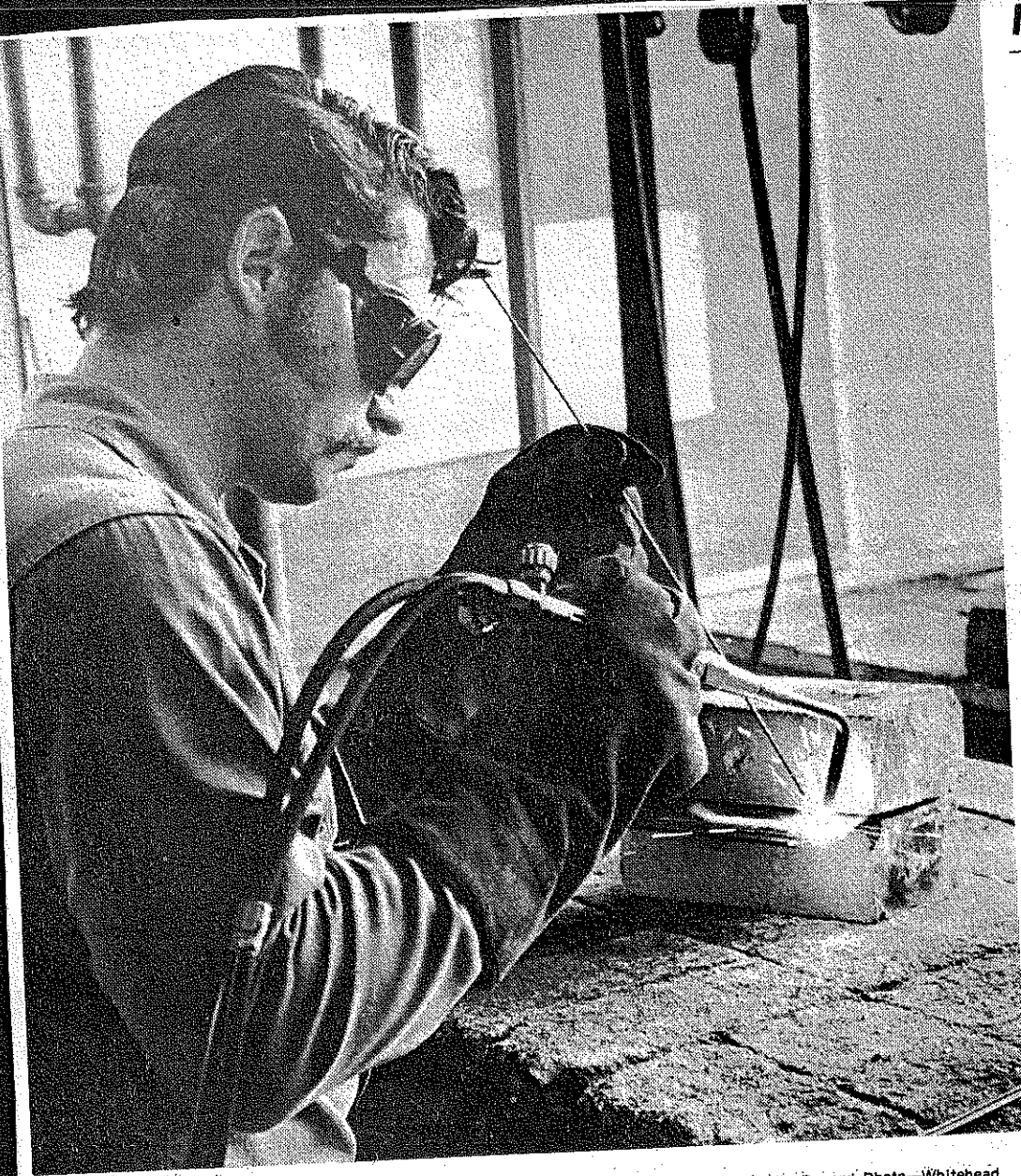
The Vo Tech school day classes run for an 11 month period, from August through June. Students may attend for one or two years with the second year designed for advanced training in a particular field. Upon completion, students receive a graduation certificate. White said approximately 40 per cent complete two years of training.

Tuition costs are \$96 per year plus the costs of textbooks. Operating funds are supplemented by the state. White said the average cost to the student is eight cents per day and that the cost per year per student runs \$1,200.

Built in 1970-71 and opened in January 1972, enrollment began with about 160 full-time students. White said most classes are at full capacity now.

A \$100,000 expansion project is slated to begin by July 1978 or before and will include five or six new classrooms and an expansion of the welding classroom. Funding has been made available by the State Department of Education. White said the expansion was necessary to house the overload of students attending from high schools and at night.

Day classes being offered this year and the student enrollment are: air conditioning, 23; automotive mechanics, 19; business education, 32; diesel mechanics, 17; industrial electronics, 20; food service, 7; industrial equipment mechanics, 18; machine shop, 22; welding, 16; licensed practical nursing, 21; heavy equipment, 12; small engines repair, 13; Reynolds Metals apprenticeship, 28.



Daily Record Photo—Whitehead

**NEW TERM BEGINS** — Some 248 students have enrolled in full-time day classes at the Ouachita Vo Tech School for the 1977-78 school year. Classes began on Aug. 8. About 150 part-time high school students will also attend when school starts and night classes will begin in September. Some of the students in the business education classes are shown in the top photo while a welding student is shown in



Daily Record Photo—Whitehead

**FOR THE NEEDY** — Members of the Ouachita Vo Tech School License Practical Nursing Class display food boxes that will be distributed to needy families for Christmas.

Over \$150 worth of food was donated by the students and area grocery stores along with clothing and toys.

Malvern Daily Record, Thursday, December 15, 1977.



Daily Record Photo—Lumley

**EMPLOYEES HONORED** — Employee of the Month certificates for July through December were awarded yesterday by the Retail Trades Committee of the Malvern Chamber of Commerce. Selection for the honor are made by a secret committee and an Employee of the Year award will be presented at the Chamber's annual banquet, Jan. 12. The winners above are (left to right) Mrs.

Harriette Phillips, First Federal Savings & Loan; Mrs. Millie Williams, Senior Adult Center; Mrs. Clara Brown, Lindvall's Dept. Store; Mrs. Zelma House, Ouachita Vo-Tech; Miss Stefania Booth, Huckaby's Thriftway and Mrs. Shirley Voss of Wal-Mart (not pictured) Ray Pearce of the Trades Committee is shown presenting the awards.

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**Phi Beta Lambda  
Visits Nursing  
Home Patients**

Wednesday, December 14 several members of Phi Beta Lambda from Ouachita Vo-Tech visited with the residents of Stillmeadow Nursing Home. To spread a little Christmas cheer the PBL members sang Christmas carols while the residents joined in. Also, the residents received fruit that was donated by Malvern and Arkadelphia food and produce stores.

# Night Classes In GED Set At Vo Tech

The Ouachita Vocational Technical School is now taking applications for night classes in General Educational Development (GED) to start on Jan. 5, 1978.

Basic requirements are: (1) Applicant must be 17 years of age or older; (2) applicant must have been out of public school at least one year.

The fees are \$24, payable in advance, and GED books may be purchased at the school. Students attend a minimum of 120 classroom hours. GED classes are taught on Thursday nights from 6:00 to 9:00.

Instructor of the GED Course is Mrs. Linda White, who has many years in the teaching field. She is currently employed at Malvern Junior High School.

GED Course objectives are: (1) To upgrade the general educational knowledge of adults at the secondary level; and (2) To provide a means whereby out-of-school youths may secure training leading to a Certificate of Equivalency.

Students study in six subject areas: Social Studies, Natural Science, Mathematics, Literary Material, English and Spelling.

Upon completion of 120 or more hours of instruction, the student may be eligible to take the GED Tests. A certificate of Equivalency of High School Graduation will be granted to the student by the State Board of Education after successfully completing the test requirements.

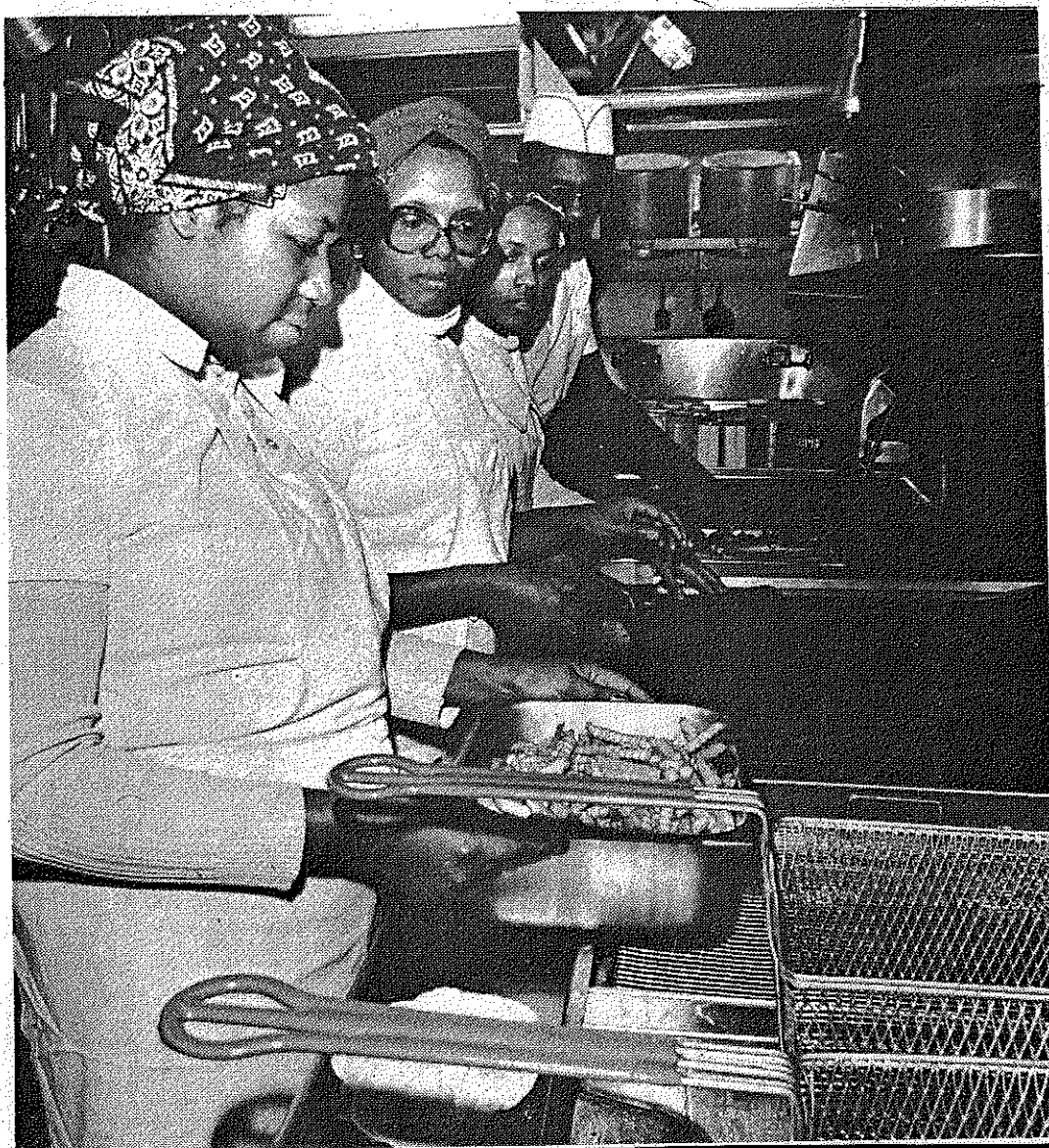
Ouachita Vocational Technical School also provides day classes in GED whereby students can obtain their 120 hours faster than by taking the night class. For additional information on both day and night GED classes, telephone

*Malvern Daily Record, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1978*



-Malvern Daily Record, Friday, Feb. 17, 1978

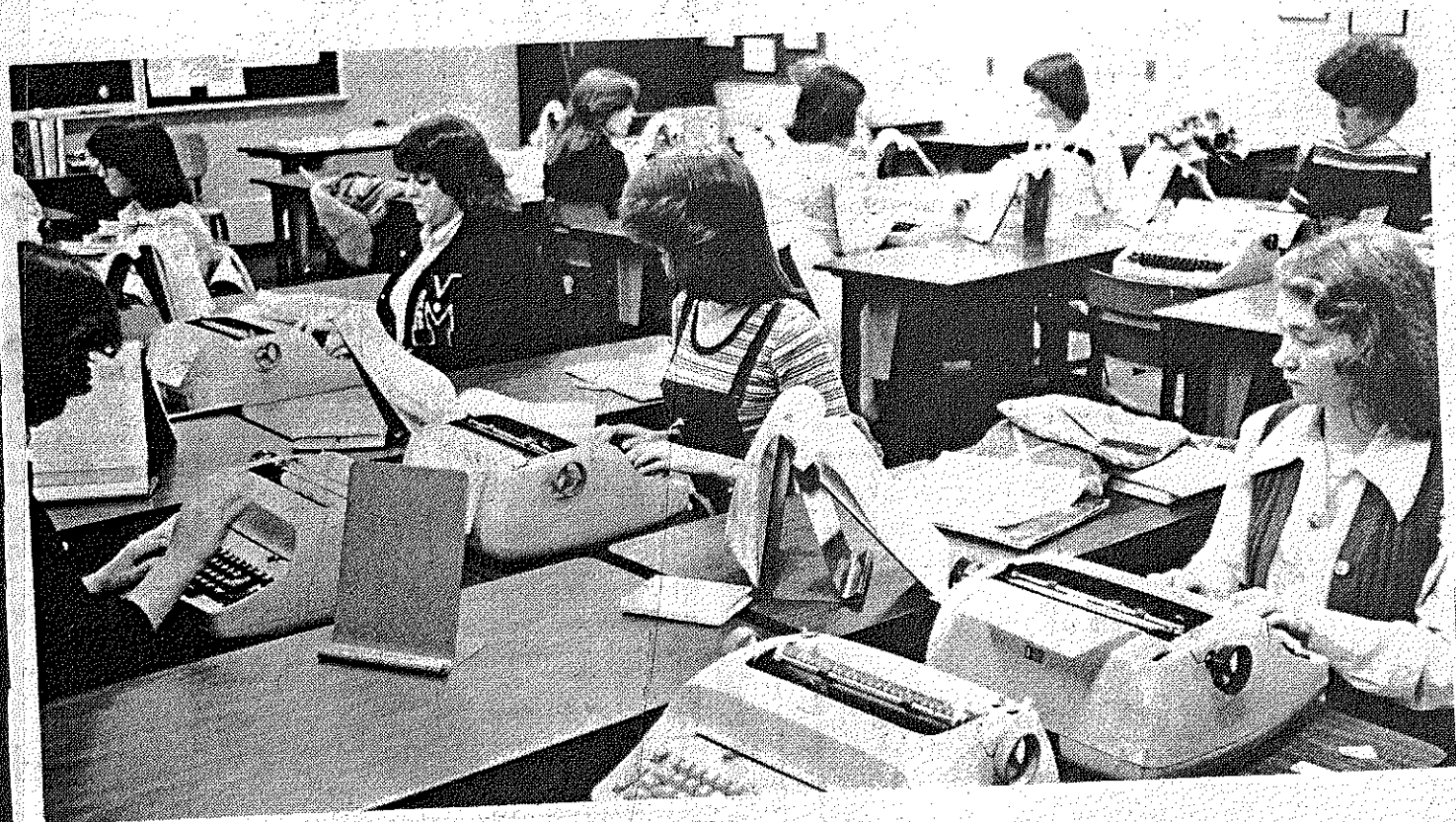
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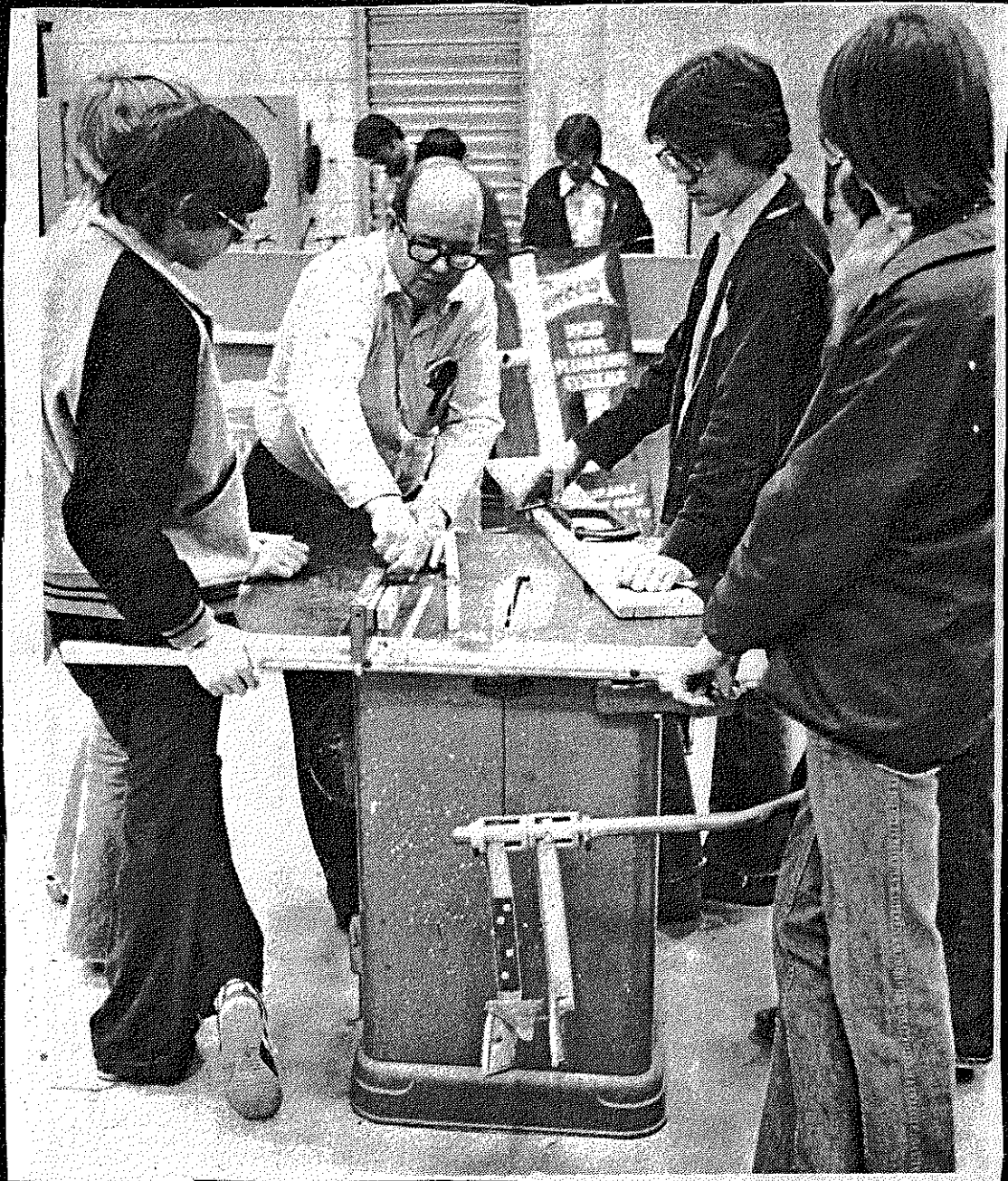


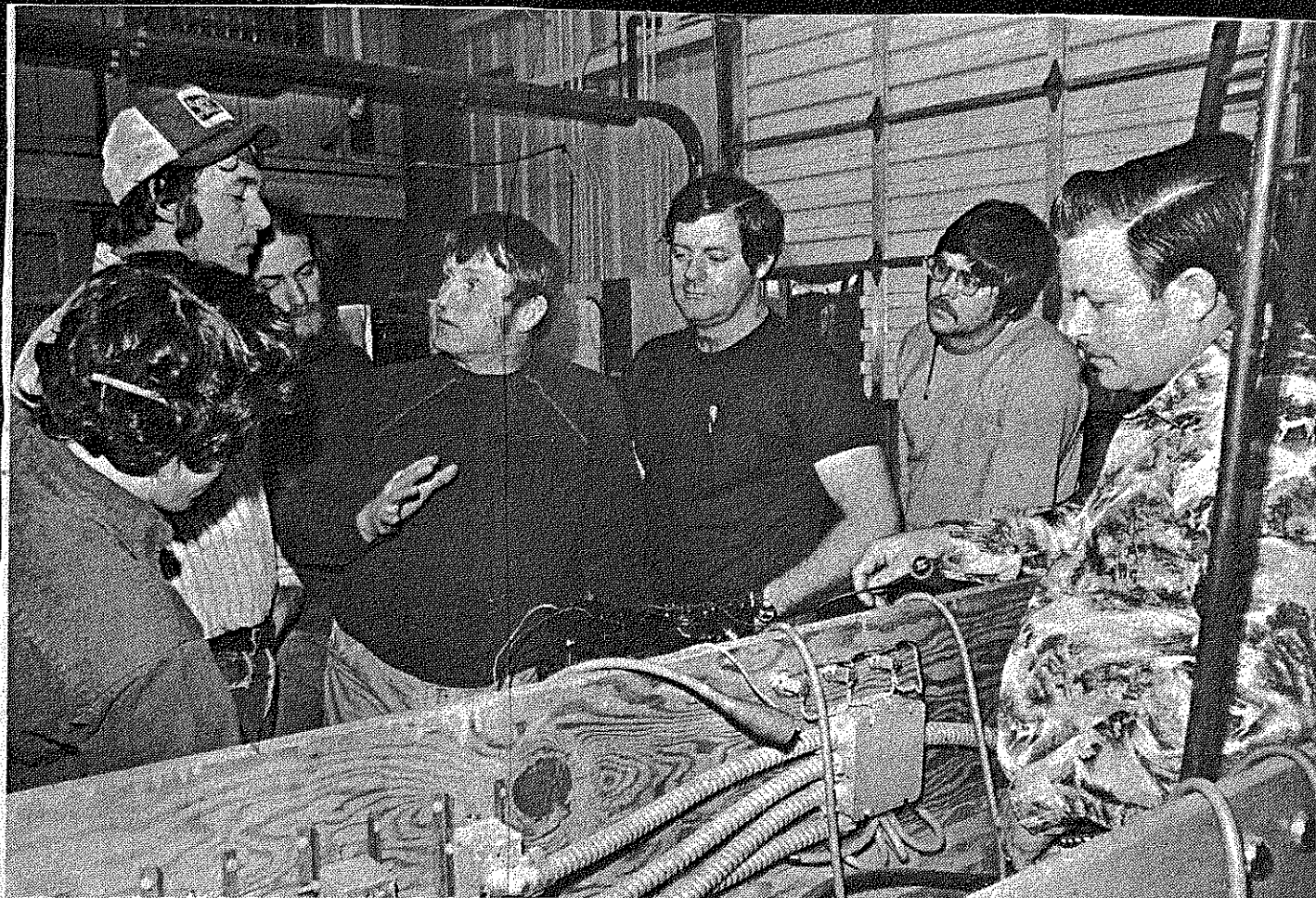
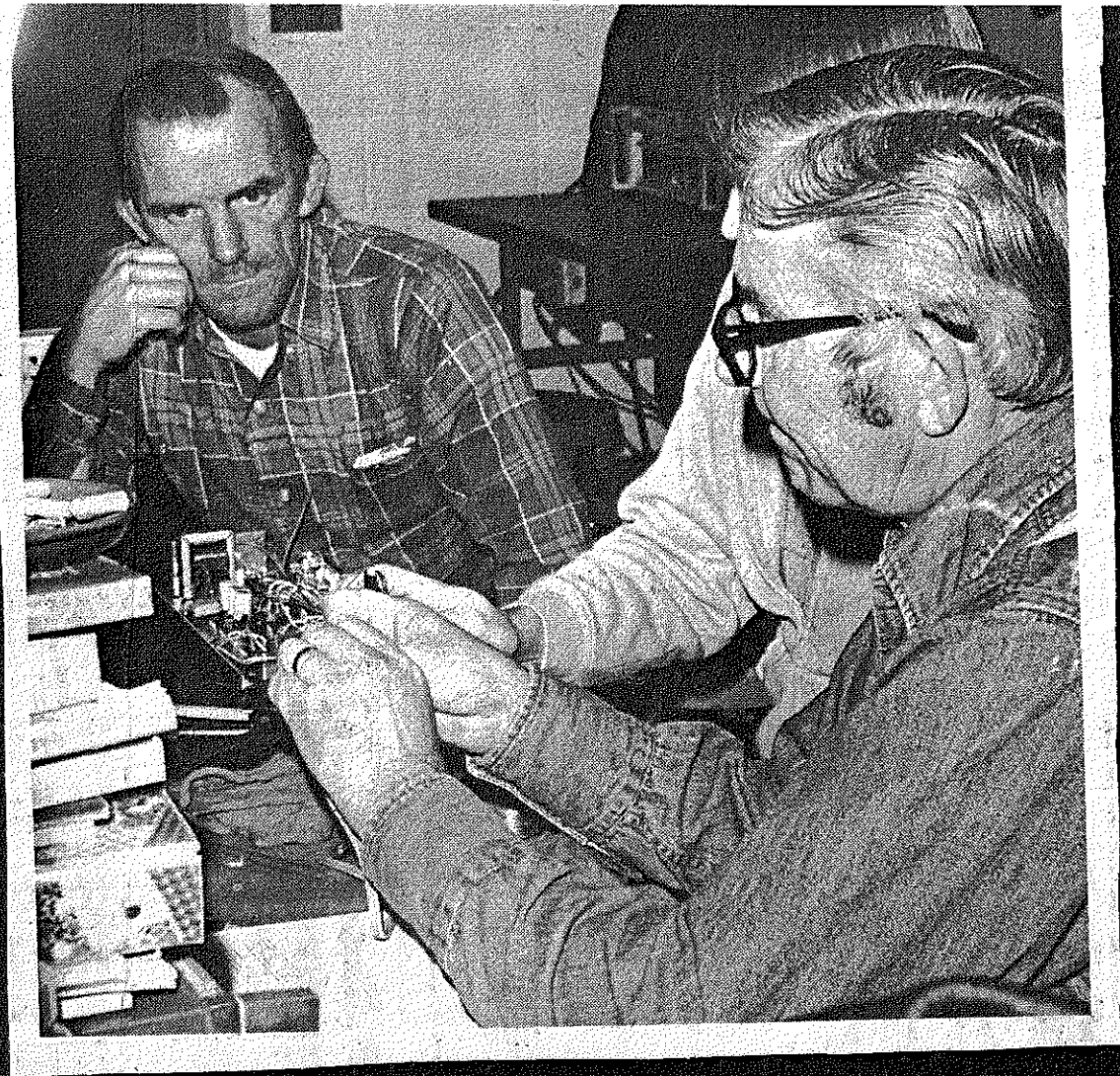
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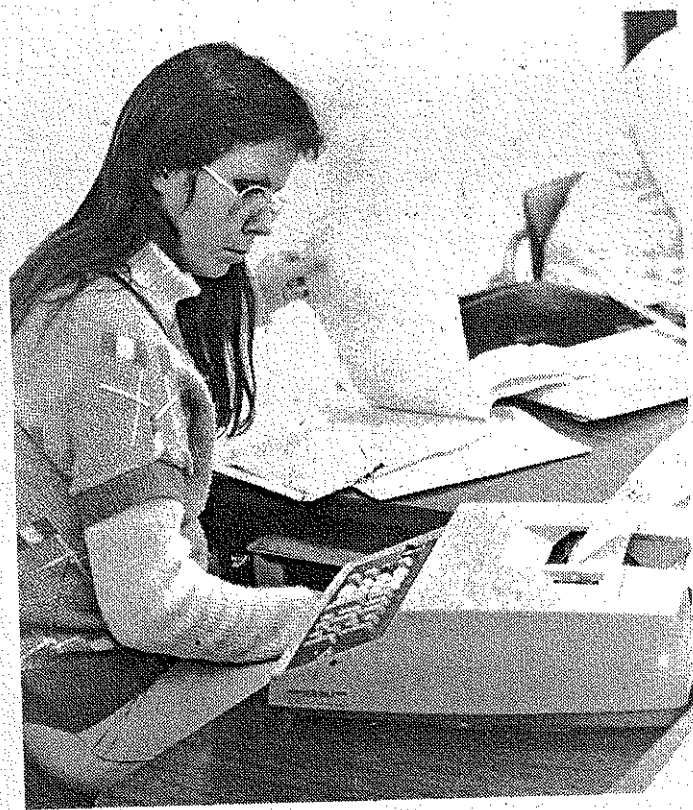


*National Vocational Education Week is being observed this week in Hot Spring County as well as across the state and nation. Included are various types of education from high school programs to classes at Ouachita Vo Tech School. Scenes from a few of the various types of training available to teenagers and adults are featured below.*

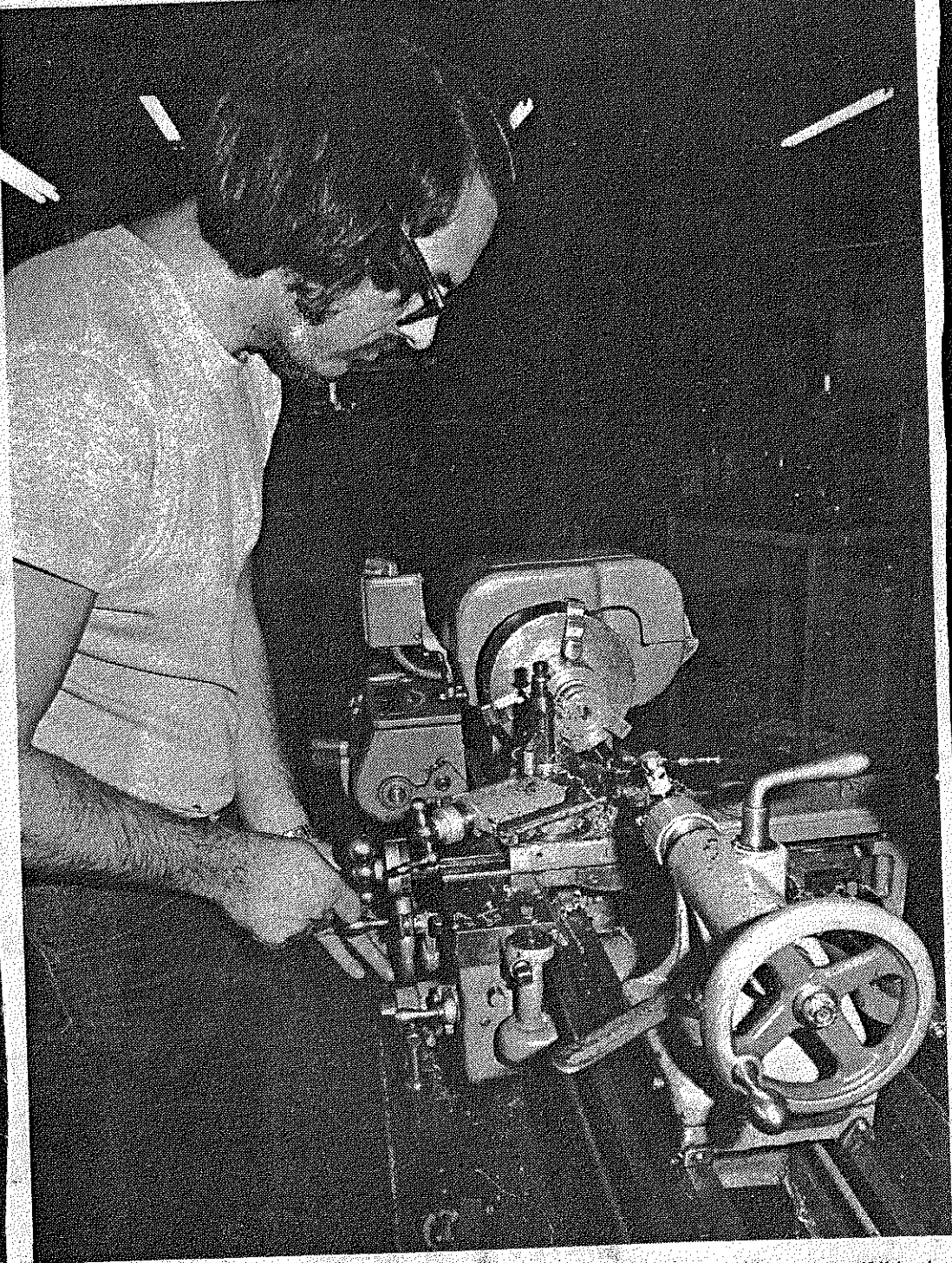








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**VOCATIONAL TRAINING** — One of the many fields of vocational education available to residents in this area is shown above as a student at Ouachita Vo Tech School trains on operation of a lathe. (See additional photos in connection with National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 12-18, of the various areas of education available in the vocational field on page six.)



Malvern Daily Record, Monday, March 13, 1978 Daily Record Photo—Greenoe.

**A WINNER** — Walter Corley accepts a \$100 gift certificate to the Leader Store from some of the student nurses at Ouachita Vo-Tech school who recently used the prize to help raise money for their class projects. Pictured with Corley are Marietta Blasingame (left) and Sue Collins.

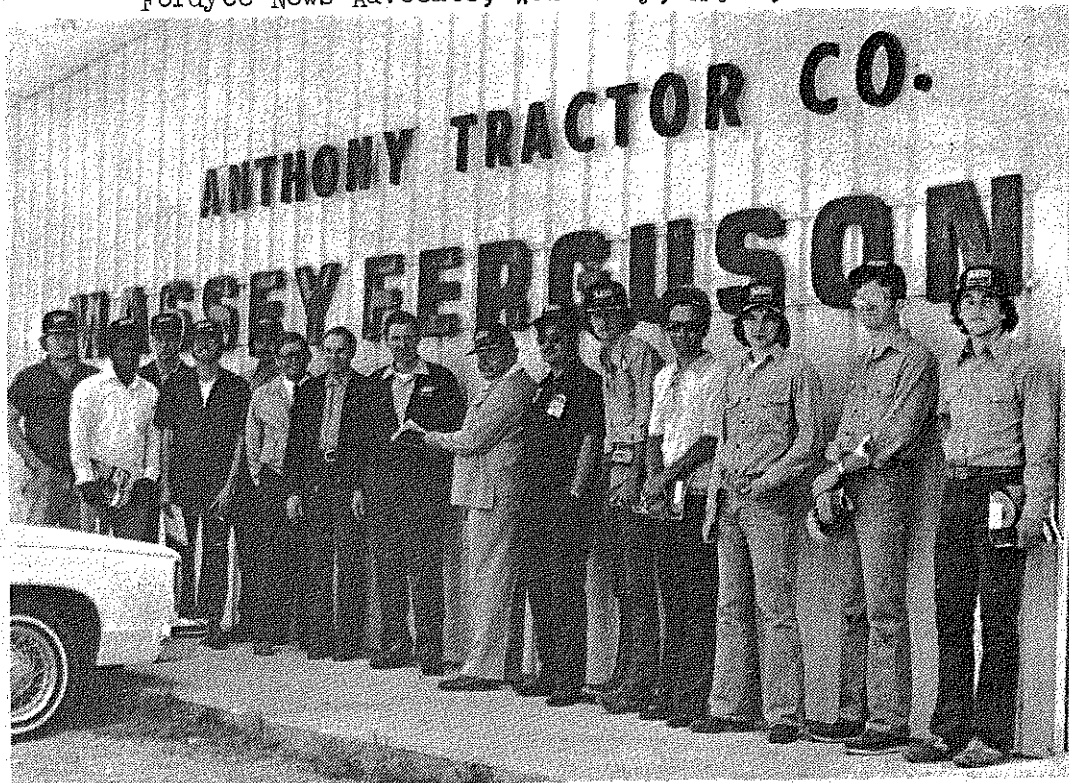
Malvern Daily Record, Tuesday, April 11, 1978



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**VICA WINNERS** — Ouachita Vo-Tech School had seven VICA winners in the state competition this year held in Little Rock. Pictured above with their medals are (first row, left to right) Larry R. Schaeffer, second place, diesel mechanics; Charles W. Dove, first place, diesel mechanics; Ronnie Buttrum, first place, welding; Paul R. Hankins, first place, in-

dustrial electronics; Richard Caldwell, first place, air conditioning and refrigeration; and Miss Terry Norton, second place, food service. Alvin Brown had a third place in small engine repair but is not pictured. Instructors for the various departments are shown on the second row and are Dean Carter, Tommy Long, Jerry Clark, Charlie Nix and Joe Rice.



*Malvern Daily Record, Monday, April 10, 1978*

**Walk-a-thon  
Nets \$1,568  
For M O F D**

A March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon sponsored by the Phi Beta Lambda Organization of the Ouachita Vo-Tech, was held in Malvern, March 18 with participants walking from the Ouachita Vo-Tech School to the Donaldson bridge for a total of 13 miles. Ms. Donna Kirkpatrick, a Phi Beta Lambda vice-president, was chairman of the event.

Ms. Kirkpatrick reported that the schools who participated were Glen Rose High School, who collected \$427.52; Magnet Cove High School, \$268.81; Malvern High School, \$417.86; and Ouachita Vo-Tech, \$454.66 for a total of \$1,658.85.

Trophies will be presented to the students who brought in the most money. They are Stacie Rash of Glen Rose High, Sarah Keenom of Magnet Cove High, Darrell Manis of Malvern High, and Janet Ragusa of Ouachita Vo-Tech.

Phi Beta Lambda members thank the students, citizens and the Malvern communities for their support in making the Walk-A-Thon a successful event.

**TOUR COMPANY**—Diesel mechanics students from the Ouachita Vo-Tech School visited Anthony Tractor Company Wednesday, April 16. Jackie Bevill, center left, is shown presenting literature to instructor Dean Carter, while Louis McGuire, district manager for Massey-Ferguson, Inc., and company owner Lloyd Anthony look on. Students pictured above are: Mickey Bevill, Wayne Dove, Gregory Dubbar, Bill Shnackel, Sammy Stiles, Anthony Ashcraft, Russell Marihugh, Henry Ankton, Gary Harris, James King and Charlie Breckenridge.

**Ouachita Vo-Tech  
Students Tour  
Anthony Tractor Co.**

Students from the Ouachita Vo-Tech diesel mechanics class at Malvern toured Anthony Tractor Company Wednesday, April 26. Owner Lloyd Anthony, Jackie Bevill, who is associated with the company, and Louis McGuire,

district manager for Massey Ferguson, Inc., talked to the group and presented them with Massey Ferguson caps and literature, and demonstrated the new machines and equipment.

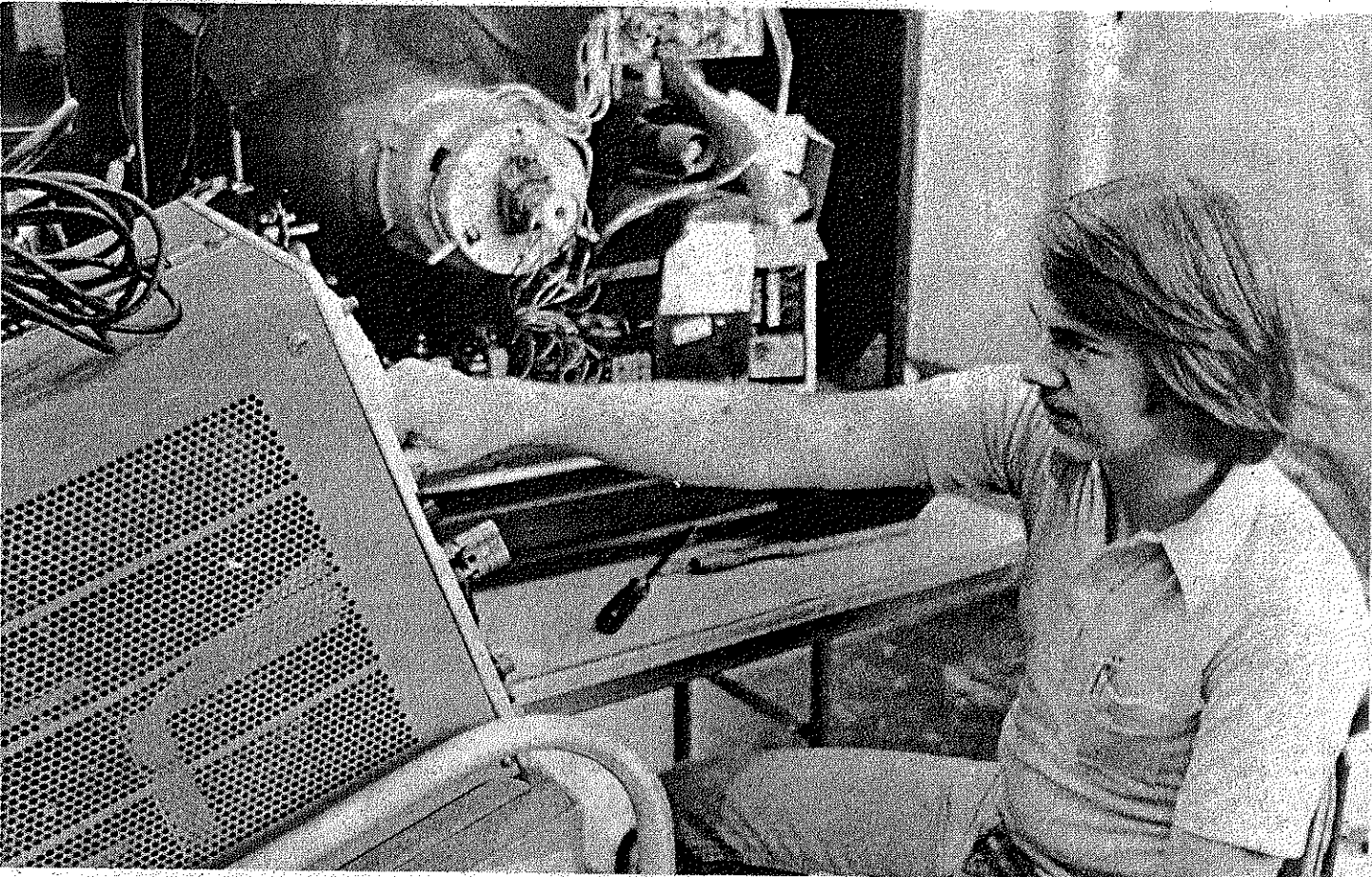
According to Dean Carter, instructor at Ouachita Vo-Tech for the past seven years, the tour is part of the regular curriculum and "gives the diesel mechanic students a chance to visit with and observe the personnel at work in some of the area firms."

Participating in the tour were the following students: Mickey Bevill, Wayne Dove, Gregory Dubbar, Bill Shnackel, Sammy Stiles, Anthony Ashcraft, Russell Marihugh, Henry Ankton, Gary Harris, James King and Charlie Breckenridge.

**Flea Market**  
**Saturday, May 6**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**To 5:00 p.m.**  
**West Fourth at Oak St.**  
 (Optimist Christmas Tree Lot)  
 Sponsored by Optimist  
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A compliment a day  
keeps the quarrel away.





Malvern Daily Record, Monday, July 24, 1978

**NATIONAL AWARD WINNER** — Paul R. Hankins displays the skill with which he won the 14th National Vica Leadership Conference U. S. Skill Olympics recently. Hankins, a June graduate of Ouachita Vocational Technical

Daily Record Photo—Lurnley

School where he studied industrial electronics, is using electronic equipment to locate the problem with the television set behind him. (See related story, this page.)

## Local Man Wins National Award

A Malvern man is the winner of the 14th National Vica Leadership Conference U.S. Skill Olympics held recently in Birmingham, Ala.

Paul R. Hankins, son of Rev. and Mrs. Sanford V. Hankins and a June graduate of Ouachita Vocational Technical School, won first place in the state Vica Contest held in Little Rock March 31 through April 1, entitling him to enter national competition.

He and his instructor, Charles J. Nix, traveled to Birmingham

June 28-30 for the national competition held in Jefferson Civic Center. Hankins competed with winners from 47 states. Two other Arkansas winners and their instructors also attended the conference.

Hankins has completed a two-year course in industrial electronics at Ouachita Vo-Tech and was one of seven students from the school entered in state competition.

The national skill contest which Hankins won consisted of a seven hour performance test

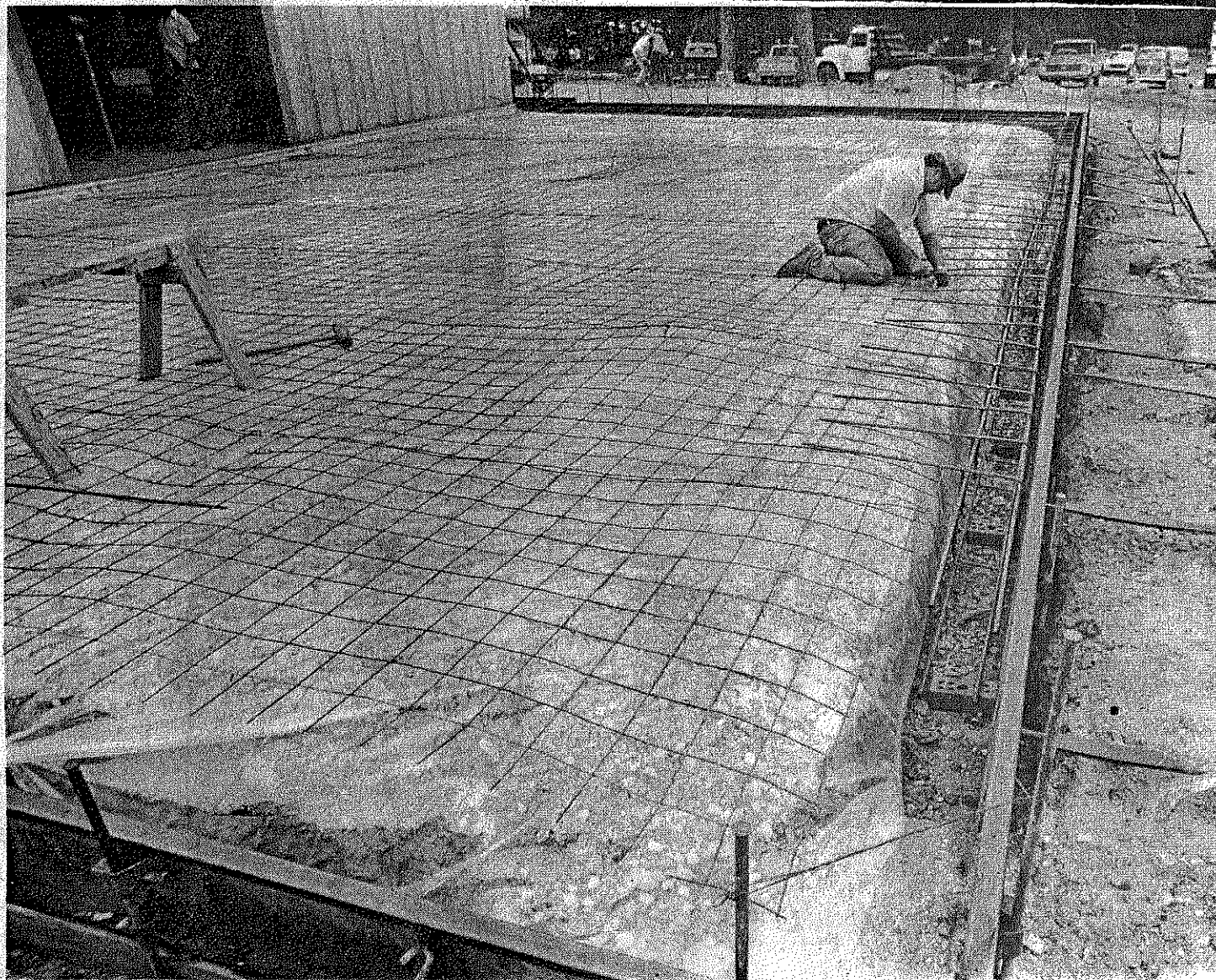
on the assembly of a digital clock, troubleshooting of four TV sets, troubleshooting of an AM-FM table radio and a written test. Each phase of the contest had a 25-minute time limit.

"I felt like I did the best I could and maybe I had a chance to win," Hankins said of the competition.

During an awards presentation, Hankins received a first place gold medallion and a transistor analyzer as his prize.

Hankins will be eligible to attend the Vica International Skill Olympics in Cork, Ireland next year.

Vica U. S. Skill Olympics focuses attention on both job and leadership skills. Contestants are evaluated on skill performance by technical experts from industry. Many management and labor organizations support the program by offering awards to winners, providing equipment for contests and working in contest development.

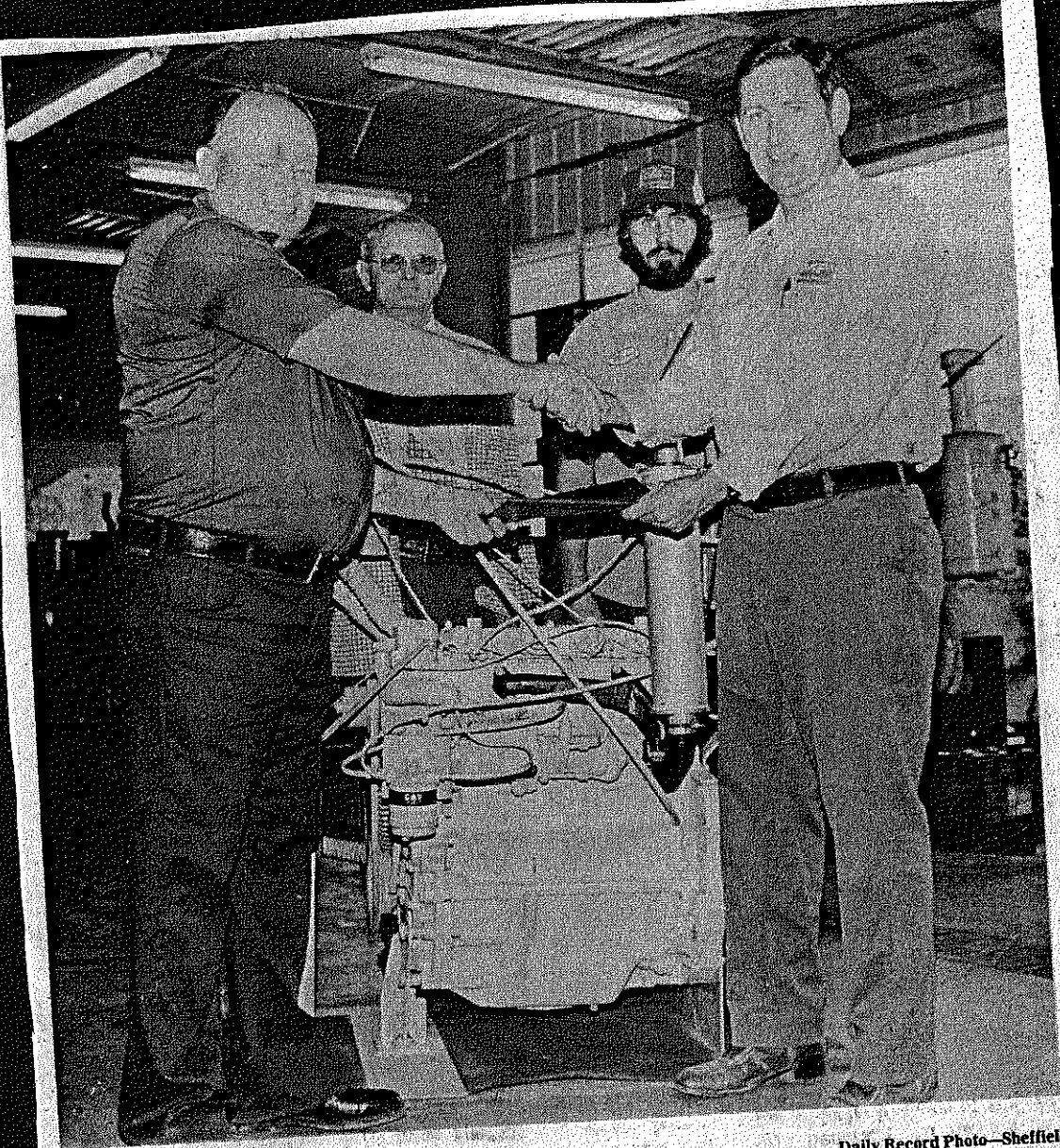


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**EXPANDING FACILITIES** — Workmen are busy laying the foundation for two new classrooms at Ouachita Vocational Technical School. Expansion work at the school includes the building of two regular classrooms, adding

about 500 square feet of floorspace, and building a 30 by 50 foot addition to the welding department. According to a school spokesman, the additions are needed to accommodate the school's increasing enrollment.

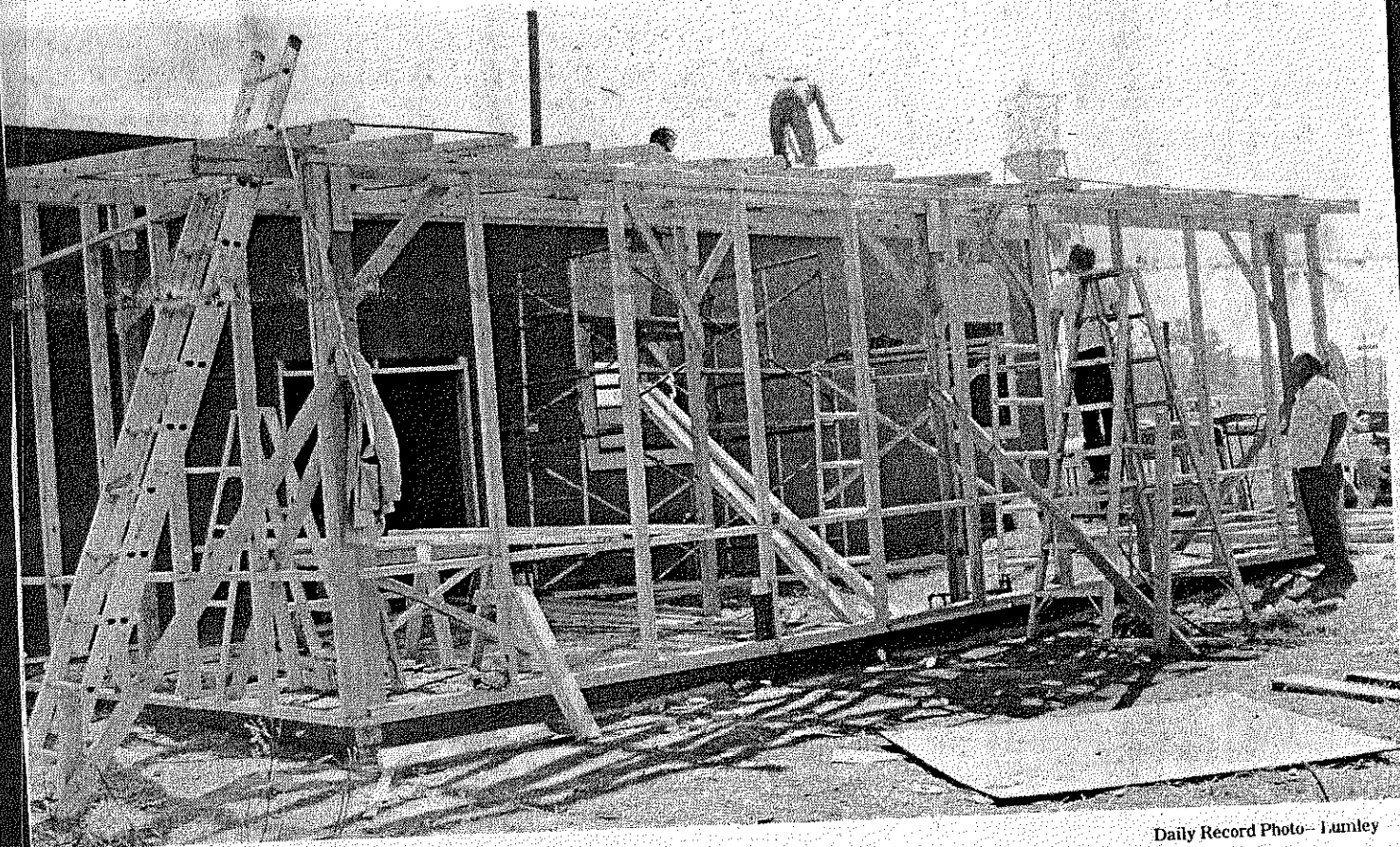
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Malvern Daily Record, Monday, Oct. 30, 1978

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**ENGINE PRESENTED** — Jackie Bevill (right) with Anthony Tractor Company of Fordyce presents a Perkins diesel engine to Dean Carter, diesel mechanics instructor at Ouachita Vo-Tech. Looking on are Billy Ray White, public information officer for the school and Bevill's son who is a second year diesel mechanics student at the school. The engine will be used in the school's training program to help familiarize students with the Perkins engine. Vo-Tech students have rebuilt the engine, which was formally presented to Vo-Tech last week.



Daily Record Photo—Lumley

**GREENHOUSE CONSTRUCTION** — Completion date for this greenhouse and classroom at Ouachita Vocational Technical School is still indefinite, but when it's finished Ellen Brack and her five horticulture students will be greatly relieved. The horticulture department, which opened with the fall semester at OVTS, has been crowded into a small classroom and a greenhouse facility on Baker St. The new structure, located behind the Vo-Tech site, will provide additional

space for storing stock plants and for hands-on experience for the students. Ouachita is the second vo-tech in the state to establish a horticulture program. Graduates of the two-year program will be qualified to work in greenhouse operations and do landscaping work, Ms. Brack said. With more department stores selling plants and an increasing number of house plants being used in decorating, job prospects for horticulturists are bright, she stated.

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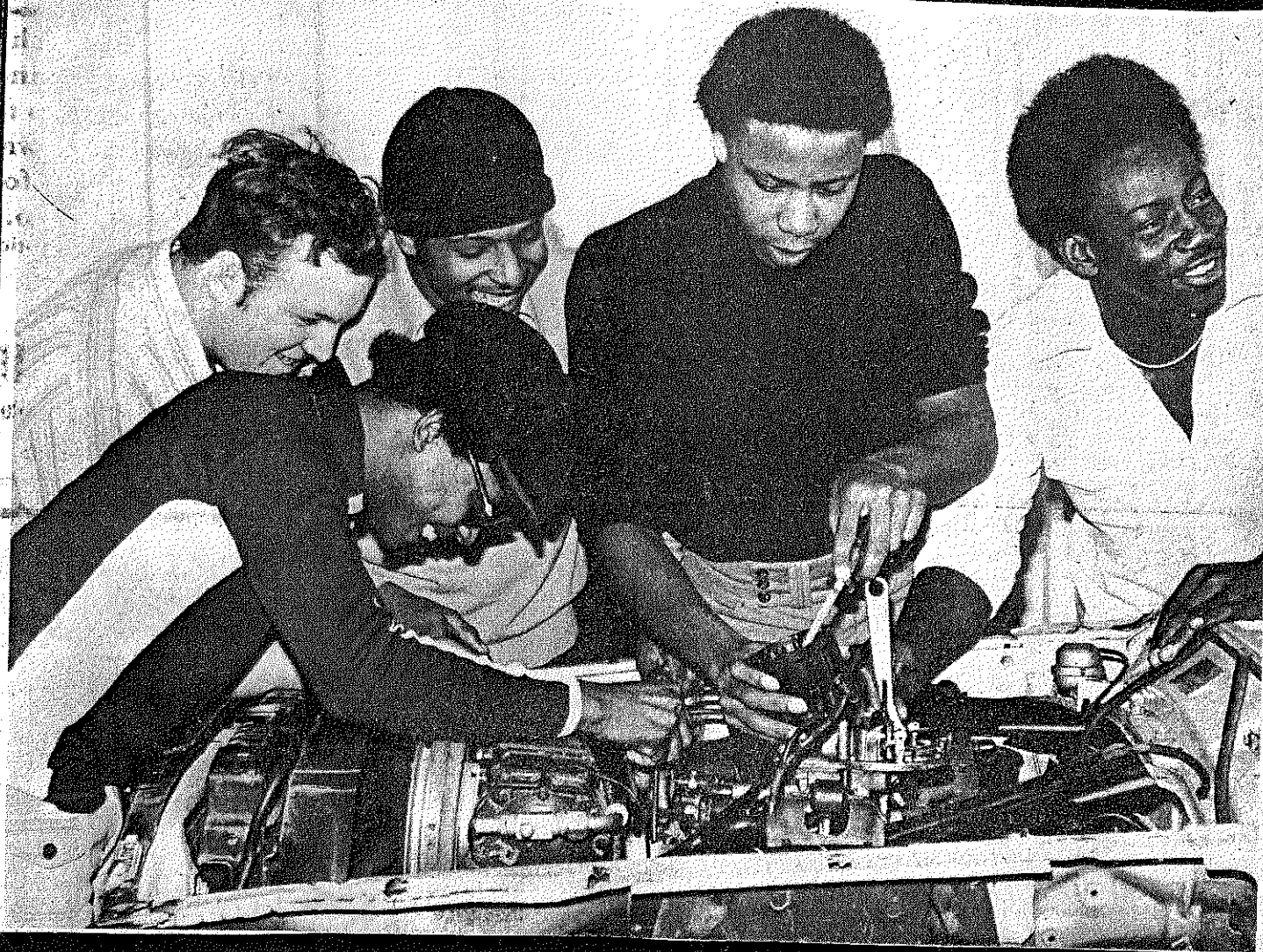


TUESDAY FEB. 13, 1979



Vocational education students can find a wide variety of vocations from courses offered at the Ouachita Vo Tech School in Malvern. In connection with National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 11-17, some of the courses found at the school are shown with students.

Clockwise from the top are students taking the small engine course, one of the few females to study electronics, a food preparation and cooking course, machine shop and high school students learning the auto mechanics trade. (See related story on page one).

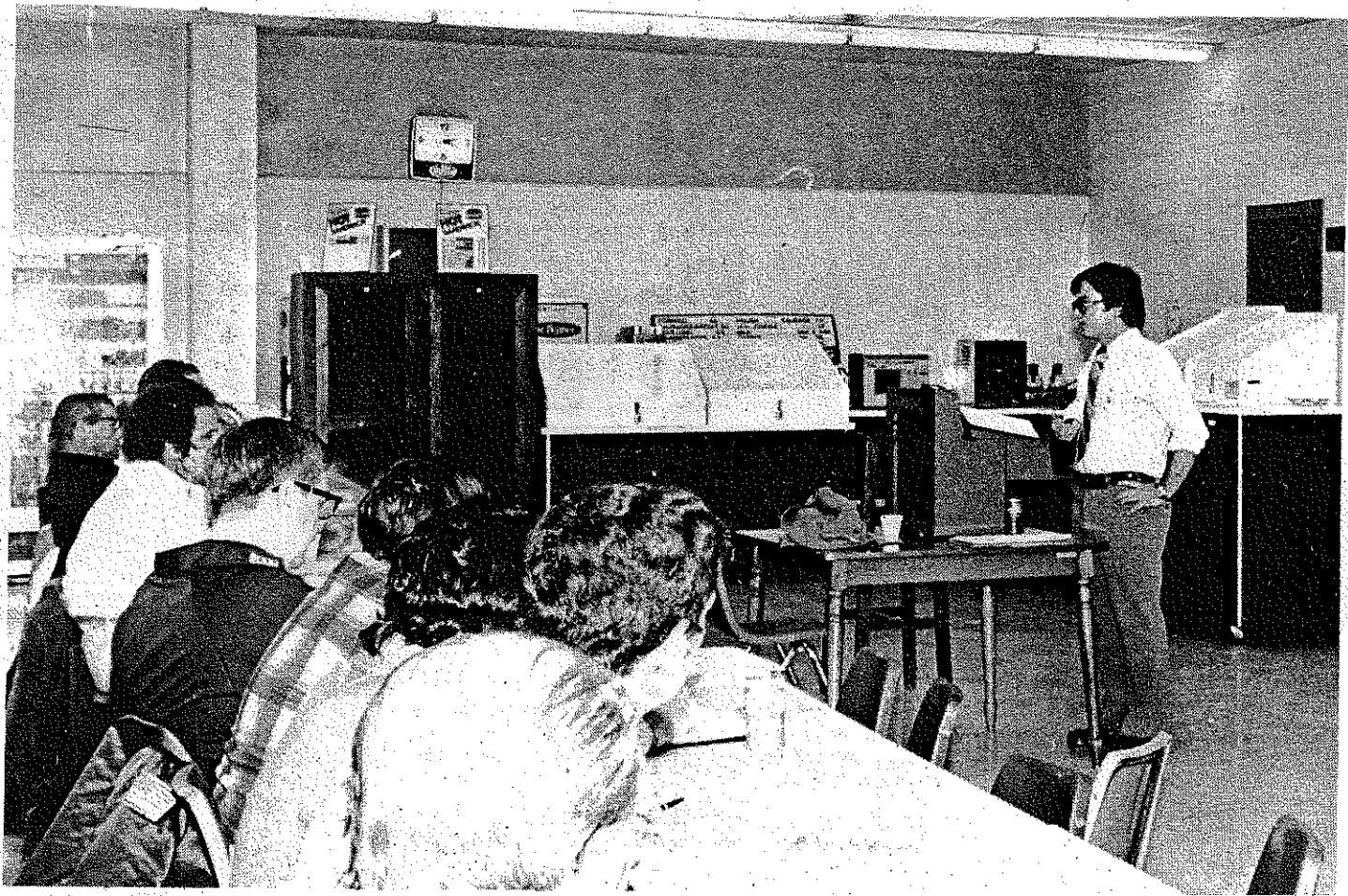




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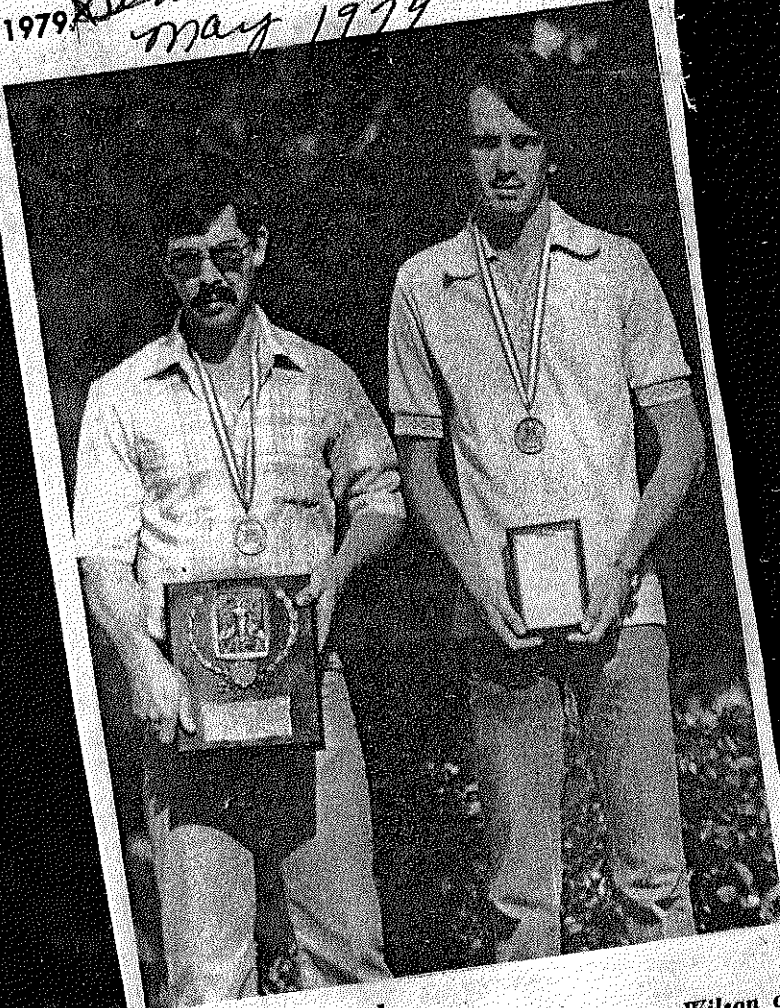
Malvern Daily Record, Tuesday, March 13, 1979



**CONTINUED EDUCATION**—Members of the Hot Spring County Sheriff's Patrol and other law enforcement officers from surrounding counties took part this past weekend in a law

enforcement school held at the Ouachita Vo Tech School. Pros. Atty. Dan Harmon, above, state troopers and others were instructors.

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**Received Awards**

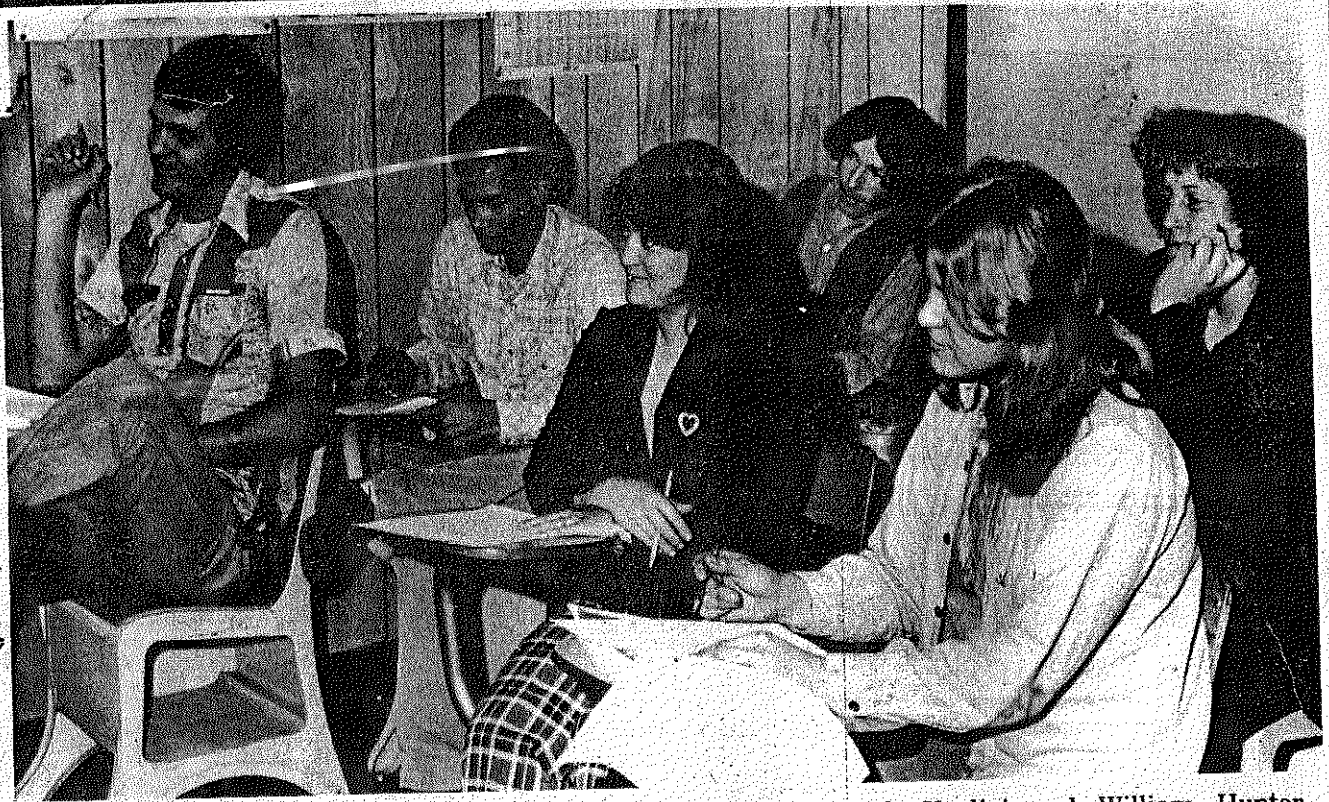
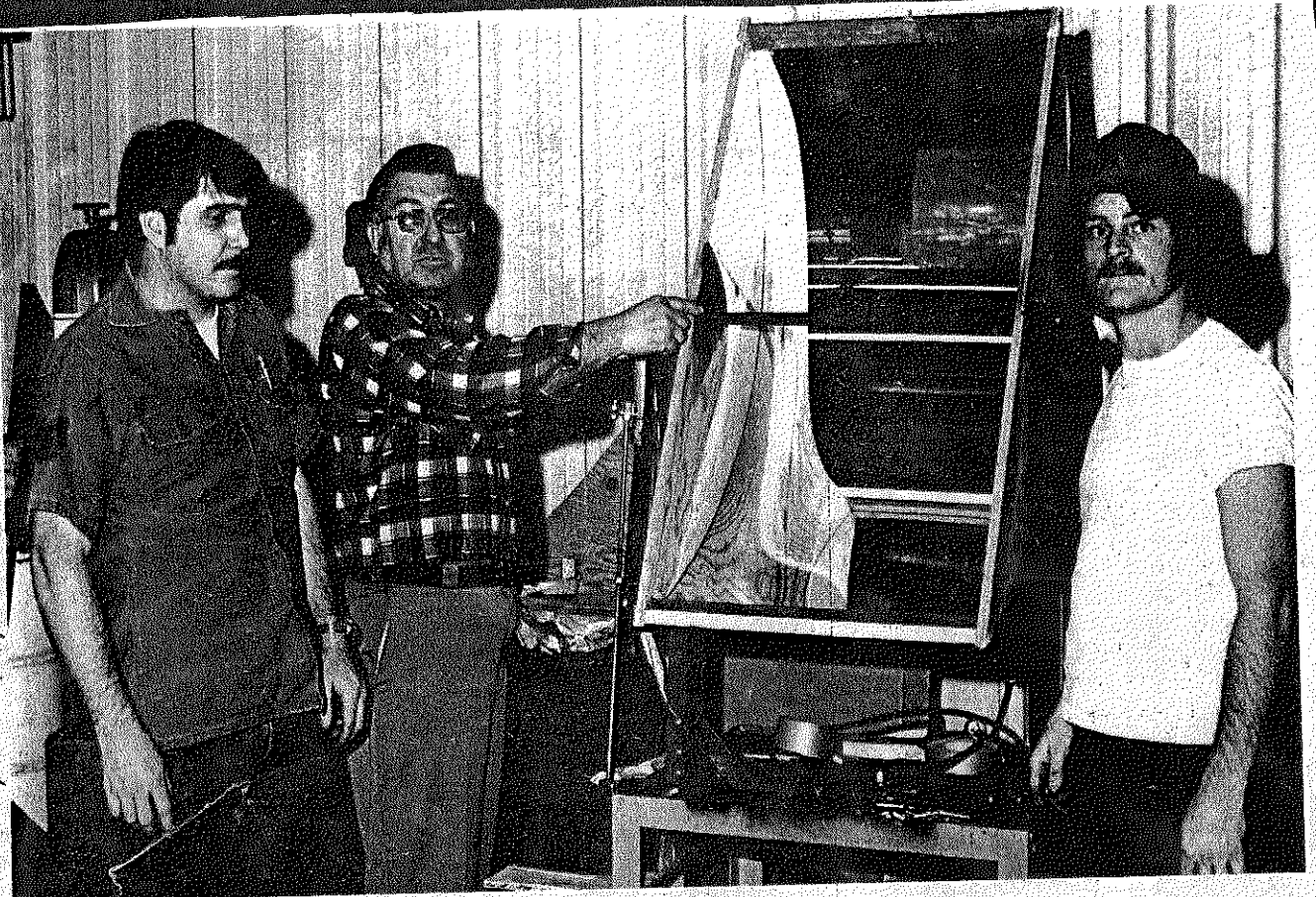
Ronnie Buttrum of Royal and Clay Wilson of Pearcy, both 19, recently received awards from VICA, the Vocational Industrial Club of America, in state competition. Buttrum, right, won third place in the mig-tig-and-arc welding contest while Wilson won first place in the diesel mechanics contest, which qualifies him for the national competition to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in July. Both are students at Ouachita Vo-Tech School in Malvern.



**VO-TECH HONORED**—Sgt. Donald E. Reeves, right, of the Malvern unit of the Arkansas National Guard, presents a certificate of appreciation to Ouachita Vo-Tech School director

Billy Ray White, left, as Maj. Larry E. Norwood looks on. The certificate was presented in honor of the school's support of Guard activities.

*Malvern Daily Record, Friday, Feb. 15, 1980, Malvern, AR*



**VO-TECH CLASSES**—A Daily Record photographer recorded these scenes at the Ouachita Vocational-Technical School this week during Vocational Educational Week. In top photo, pictured from left to right, Louis Wiggins, Greg Conant and Bill Leslie work in the electronics lab. In center photo, Jim Montgomery,

instructor Nick Ugolini and William Hunter display Montgomery and Hunter's solar water heater, capable of heating water up to 500 degrees. A larger model is planned. Above, a class in small engine repair answers questions in preparation for a test. See story, more photos, pages 1 and 14.