

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CAREER DAY

Melpar presented Certificates of award and United States Savings Bonds to two outstanding high school graduates in Vocational Electronics on May 14th at the Fairfax County Vocational Education Career Day Ceremony. These awards were made to Michael Asbury of Mount Vernon High School and David Doub of George C. Marshall High School. The awards were presented by C. C. Haley, Employment Manager.

The purpose of Career Day was to recognize and award outstanding graduates and to conduct job interviews. Forty-one organizations were represented and fifteen hundred students attended. United States Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. of Virginia was the principal speaker.

The program was sponsored by the Vocational Education Department of Fairfax County Schools.

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## DIEHL'S DAUGHTER WINS HONORS

Sophomore Carolyn Diehl, daughter of E. J. Diehl, Lab Manager, represented George Mason High School in the All-Virginia Band at the State Music Conference at Norfolk, April 2 to 4. She also participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival at Thoreau High School on April 25th where she earned a rating of Superior with a flute solo and as a member of the Flute and Clarinet Quartet Ensemble.

At the Regional Science Fair at Washington-Lee High School on April 10th to 12th, she entered "Experiments with Photo-Chemical Reactions" and was awarded a third place from Regional in Chemistry, a first place certificate and a year's subscription to Scientific American from the Smith College Club of Washington.

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## SEARCH IS ON FOR MRS. U. S. SAVINGS BONDS, 1970-71

The U. S. Savings Bonds Division of the Department of the Treasury has an exciting and fulfilling year in mind for the lucky lady whose poise, graciousness, intelligence and Bond background earn her the title of "Mrs. U. S. Savings Bonds, 1970-71" from among 51 participants in the "All American Family Search" at Lehigh Acres, Florida, August 15th to 23rd.

"Mrs. Savings Bonds" will be a wife and mother from one of the families representing every State of the Union and the District of Columbia in the competition.

The aim of the search is to honor the important role of the family for the individual and for society. This year's theme is "For a Better America --Family Unity for a Better Community".

Virginia residents can obtain free entry blanks from the "All American Family Search" national headquarters, 927 Lincoln Road Mall, Miami Beach, Florida 33139.

Families qualifying for the "All American Family Search" national pageant at Lehigh Acres will have all transportation and expenses paid to and from the site and during the week's events. National winners will receive U. S. Savings Bonds among other prizes.

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A REMINDER: Melpar's Savings Bond Drive will be conducted June 24th to July 2nd. Sign up for the Payroll Savings Plan.

"TAKE STOCK IN AMERICA!"

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## WHY INFLATION PERSISTS

The following figures published June 4, 1970, by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show one of the reasons why inflation persists today in our economy.

In the non-farm private sector, out-put per man hour has increased each year since 1966 by 0.7, 1.9, and 2.6% per year, respectively. During this same period compensation per man hour increased 6.0, 7.4, and 6.8% per year, respectively. Unit labor costs during the same years 1967, 1968, and 1969 increased 4.9, 3.9, and 6.4%, respectively.

Does anyone really think we can hold the line on prices of goods and services in the face of figures like these?

Until we bring productivity increases in line with labor costs, the "fight" to control inflation in our economy is only wishful thinking.

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## THE PAST AND FUTURE TENTS OF CAMPING SAFETY - HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

"Roughing it" on a camping trip does not mean intentionally making yourself uncomfortable. An uncomfortable, irritable and disappointed camper is prone to careless disregard of safety habits, says the National Safety Council.

Always carry a reliable compass when you go camping, hunting, or fishing in some remote areas. Rely on the compass - not on your sense of direction.

Carelessness is a major cause of forest fires. Always be sure your matches and cigarettes are completely out before discarding them, and never leave an unattended campfire burning.

A good first aid kit should go with you on every camping trip. It may seldom be used, but it must be there on those rare occasions when it is needed.

Campers should keep in mind that all wild animals - however small or tame they look - can be dangerous, either because of their teeth or claws or the diseases they carry.

Before starting an open campfire, clear away all combustible material - grass, sticks, dead leaves, and the like. "Clear the ground an axe-length around" is an old lumberjack rule. Still better is to add the length of your arm to that of the axe, says the National Safety Council.

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## THREE SHORT, SHARP BLASTS THAT'S ALL IT TAKES

Believe it or not, but an ordinary dime store whistle might someday save your life.

According to the National Safety Council, many campers carry a small whistle when they're out in the field so they can signal for help in an emergency.

Three short, sharp blasts is all it takes. It's a widely recognized call for help.

The council says it's also a good idea to equip your small fry with whistles ... preferably attached to their clothing so that when they get lost, the whistles won't.

Just one small complication, however. You've got to teach junior not to use the whistle except in case of an emergency -- which does not include needing a drink of water at midnight. Remember: three short, sharp blasts are a clear call for help.

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