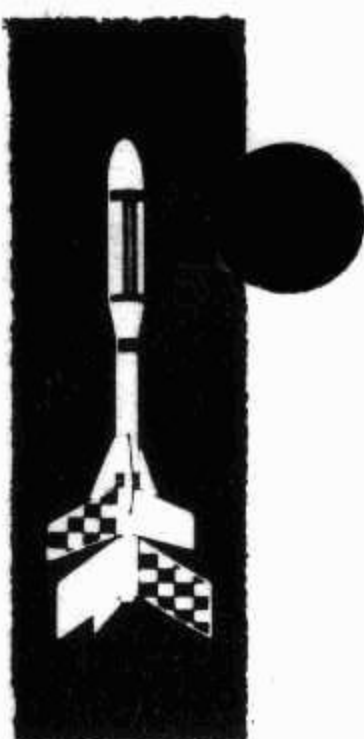




HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Howard McCumber	January 25
Sally Boyd	January 26
Mike Jones	January 30
Barbara West	February 4
Alice Hammock	February 6
Louella Kirkendall	February 7
Dorothy Phelps	February 7



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LAUNCH PAD
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NEW ENGINE MANUFACTURING BUILDING



Plans for the new office building for the Engine Manufacturing area have been drawn up by architect George Boyd, of Pueblo, and have approved. Construction bids will be let for the project in early February. Actual construction should follow within a reasonable period of time.

Featured within this new structure will be a lunch room, rest rooms and shower rooms for the Engine Manufacturing crew. It will also

house an office for *Delbert Buchanan*, supervisor of the department.

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Welcome



Estes Industries has now gone electronic with the addition of an electronic research and development laboratory. The new laboratory will be managed (and for the present, staffed and janitored) by the new Estes employee, Earl Estes (Vern's brother). Earl will be tackling the

many electronic problems related to model rocketry. One of his big jobs will be to design electronic test equipment to keep the quality of our products the best in the industry. The new laboratory will be set up in the old print shop, which is presently being renovated.

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Earl's work with electronics dates back to the days of World War II when he and Vern (in junior high) set up their own shop in a converted chicken house and started building and repairing radios. Following his discharge from the Air Force at the end of the Korean War, he worked his way through the University of Colorado engineering school by operating a television repair business in Boulder. Earl graduated in June of 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Since that time he has been employed by Hughes Aircraft Company, designing missile guidance innards for a number of full scale missiles..

During this past year Earl has also worked part time for Estes Industries in his garage in Thousand Oaks, California.

Moving to Penrose with Earl are his wife, Beverly, and their two children, Ray, who is 12, and Ruby, age 10. They have moved into the original Estes Industries office, which has been remodeled into a comfortable three-bedroom home.

Earl lives and breathes electronics, but also enjoys hunting, camping, and playing the guitar. Beverly, a medical secretary, enjoys playing the piano. Ray and Ruby are enrolled in the Penrose elementary school.

Earl says "hello" to the crew, and we say "welcome" to Earl and his family.



"LAUNCHSTAKES"

Winners of the Estes "Launchstakes," advertised in the November 1968 issue of the *Model Rocket News* have been declared. First place winner, *Sven R. Englund* of New Canaan, Connecticut, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Sven W. Englund, will receive a trip to Cape Kennedy, Florida, to witness a major moon launch and tour the Kennedy Space Center. All expenses, including air transportation, hotel accommodations and meals, will be paid by Estes Industries.

Sven, a fifteen-year old high school sophomore interested in aerospace engineering, indicated that he would like to attend the moon launch now scheduled in July. In August, 1968, he participated in the 10th National Association of Rocketry Aeromodeling Meet held at Wallops Island, Virginia (NASA Station). He takes pride in the fact that his home

town rocket club, the YMCA Space Pioneers, was named "1968 National Champion NAR Section" at the Meet. An active model rocketeer himself, Sven placed second in the "spot landing" event at the NAR Meet.

\$500 college scholarships were awarded to the three second place winners. These were *Robert Rodgers*, a sixth grader from Norman, Oklahoma; *L. William Tabilio, Jr.*, also a sixth grader from Timonium, Maryland; and *Jim Flasck*, an eighth grade student from St. Claire Shores, Michigan. There were also fifty \$10 gift certificates given as third place prizes.

The company launched the "Launchstakes" to promote its products at Christmas time and to allow rocketeers everywhere an opportunity to help us celebrate our tenth anniversary.

WHO'S WHO

Mackie Young, who calls herself a "cotton picker from Fort Worth, Texas," spent her earlier years as her farmer father's best hand. While attending North Texas Agriculture College at Arlington, she met her husband, Cecil. In 1963, with a farewell to Texas, they headed for their new home in Canon City.

Cecil, an artist, has sold many of his paintings locally and has others on display throughout the country. All of the paintings in the lobby and the conference rooms of the main building at Estes Industries were done by Cecil.

The Young's have three children. The oldest boy, Mike, is recovering from wounds suffered while serving with the Army in Viet Nam. He hopes to soon be able to embark upon a college career. Bob, 19, is a senior at Canon City High School. He enjoys working with his mother on their stamp and coin collections. Their daughter Cecilia, is 18, and also a senior at CCHS. While both boys have inherited some of their

father's artistic ability, Cecilia seems particularly talented as a portrait artist.

Mackie's number one spare time interest is cooking. She is also enthusiastic about gardening and has been quite active in helping with preparations for company picnics and parties.

Mackie came to Estes Industries on December 5, 1965. Beginning as a packer she soon became a shipper and is now head stocker. Along with many of the early company veterans, she remembers when space and facilities were more limited than now, and nearly everyone had to be a "jack-of-all-trades."

CLASSIFIEDS

A Free Service
For Employees

Deadline: Tuesday
Before Publication

WANTED

Women to bowl on Wednesday evenings in Florence at 7:30. Avona O'Leary.

My mother stays with my boy in my home during the day. She would like to keep another child, preferably a girl, under 5. Avona O'Leary.

FOR SALE

1958 PLYMOUTH -- \$100, 784-3310.

OPEN HOUSE



Because of a conflict in dates it was necessary that the Estes "Open House" be postponed. A new date - - March 2 -- has been set for this festive occasion.



Good news has been received from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. They will be sending a seven-foot model of the Saturn V and other display items just for the Open House.

A note of appreciation to all the fine people at Estes for the cards, visits, gifts and good wishes for our daughter, Doreen, during her stay at St. Joseph's Hospital.

-- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Street