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To the Employees of Estes Industries,  
Your response to our recent tragedy was so overwhelming that it would be almost impossible for me to contact all of you individually; so I am taking this method of expressing our gratitude to all the employees of Estes Industries.

The floral arrangement, gifts of money, and expressions of concern and sympathy have meant more than you can realize. Our loss was great but the realization that we have so many kind friends has helped to make the rough spots a bit smoother.

I would especially want to thank the Engine Production department and Mr and Mrs. Marvin Peppers in particular, who have been so close to us during this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wayne S. Faust and Daughters

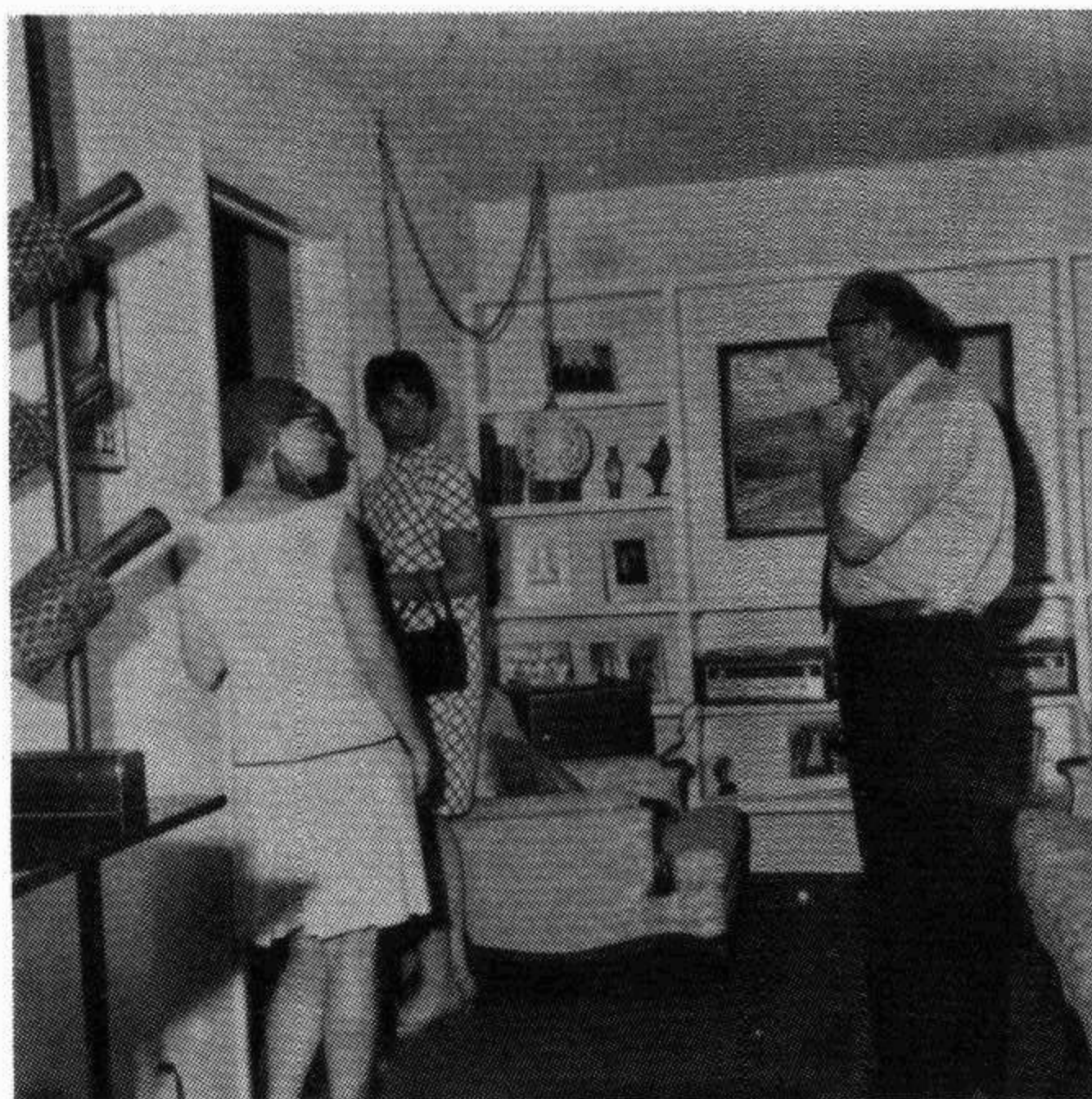


# OPEN HOUSE

Monday, June 23, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Estes held an Open House in their new home. This occasion was particularly significant because their residence (the brick and frame structure on the "north forty") was the original office building here at Estes Industries.

In 1961, the three-room (cabin) on this sight housed all functions of the company except the operations of the Wood Shop, the Machine Shop and Engine Manufacturing. At that time, even the plumbing consisted of "the little house behind the big house." A year later the building was remodeled and the bricked section added. Soon other buildings were constructed behind it.

The reception area, the mail handling departments and the shipping and packing operations were moved in November 1966 to the newly completed "blue building" (structure now housing Packing).



Only a few offices, the Print Shop and the Photo Lab were left "up above."

Finally, our present main edifice was readied for occupancy the week following Christmas, 1967. The old building was abandoned, temporarily, until Art Hunter and Floyd Phillips could transform it into a three-bedroom dwelling. It became the home of Earl and his family when he joined the staff six months ago.



Specially invited guests at the Open House were current Estes employees who were here prior to November 1966 and current employees who have at one time or another occupied this building. Refreshments were served to the 30 guests who toured the home, Electronics Lab and Astron Rocket Society Club House.



In a free country, a knock at the door early in the morning means the milkman is there; in a totalitarian country, the same knock might mean the secret police are there, come to snatch a man from his home and family and to jail, exile, or execute him without trial or due process of law.

## WHO'S WHO

Margie Prather, who has spent the major portion of her three years here at Estes as a back packer, shipper, dealer shipper and post office aide, joined the company team in April 1966. At that time the shipping and packing operations were performed in the building which is now used as the rocket club house.

As a youngster, Margie moved with her family from Oklahoma to California. She met her husband, Bill, while he was stationed with the Air Force in Long Beach. The couple traveled extensively during the early years of their marriage. Each of their three daughters was born in a different state: Nine-year old Jane, a fourth grader, came into this world as a Texan; seven-year old Veronica, a second grader, arrived on the scene in California; Billie Jo, four-years old, make her debut in the state of Colorado.

In 1963, the Prather family moved back to Bill's home state, Colorado. They enjoy the semi-country of Williamsburg, an old mining community southwest of Florence. Bill is employed by the Canon Black Diamond Coal Company. During this slack season he is drilling water wells in the Guffey area.

Motorcycling with her family and building rockets are Margie's favorite pastime activities. She designed one of our free plan rockets, the Challenger. The plan for this two-stage sport and demonstration model was published in the 1967 issue of the Model Rocket News. She has also placed in a couple of employee contests sponsored by the company.



Unable to finish high school earlier, Margie studied for and took the General Education tests at Southern Colorado State College two years ago. She received her high school diploma and since then has taken refresher courses in typing and business machines.

Last month, Margie transferred to the Purchasing department where she is now the secretary to the purchasing agent. Although she enjoyed her work in Shipping, Margie is finding her new duties even more challenging and rewarding.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathy Carochi	June 28
June Knight	June 28
Marian Law	July 2
Darleen Burgner	July 4
Bill Grimshaw	July 8
Rebecca Bueno	July 10
Janis DeCino	July 11

# MODEL ROCKETRY AT THE CAPITOL

Model rocketry and Estes Industries recently recorded some "firsts." On Saturday, June 7, 1969 about one hundred model rockets, most of them Estes models, were launched on "The Mall," half-way between the U.S. Capitol building and the Washington Monument. The launching was the kick-off for a summer long program of model building demonstrations and displays being sponsored by and held

at the Smithsonian Institution (America's National Museum). To see model rocketry demonstrated in front of our nation's Capitol for the first time was an impressive sight!

The booth at the Smithsonian where members of the National Association of Rocketry are conducting rocket building demonstrations is located in a most historic setting. Surrounding the

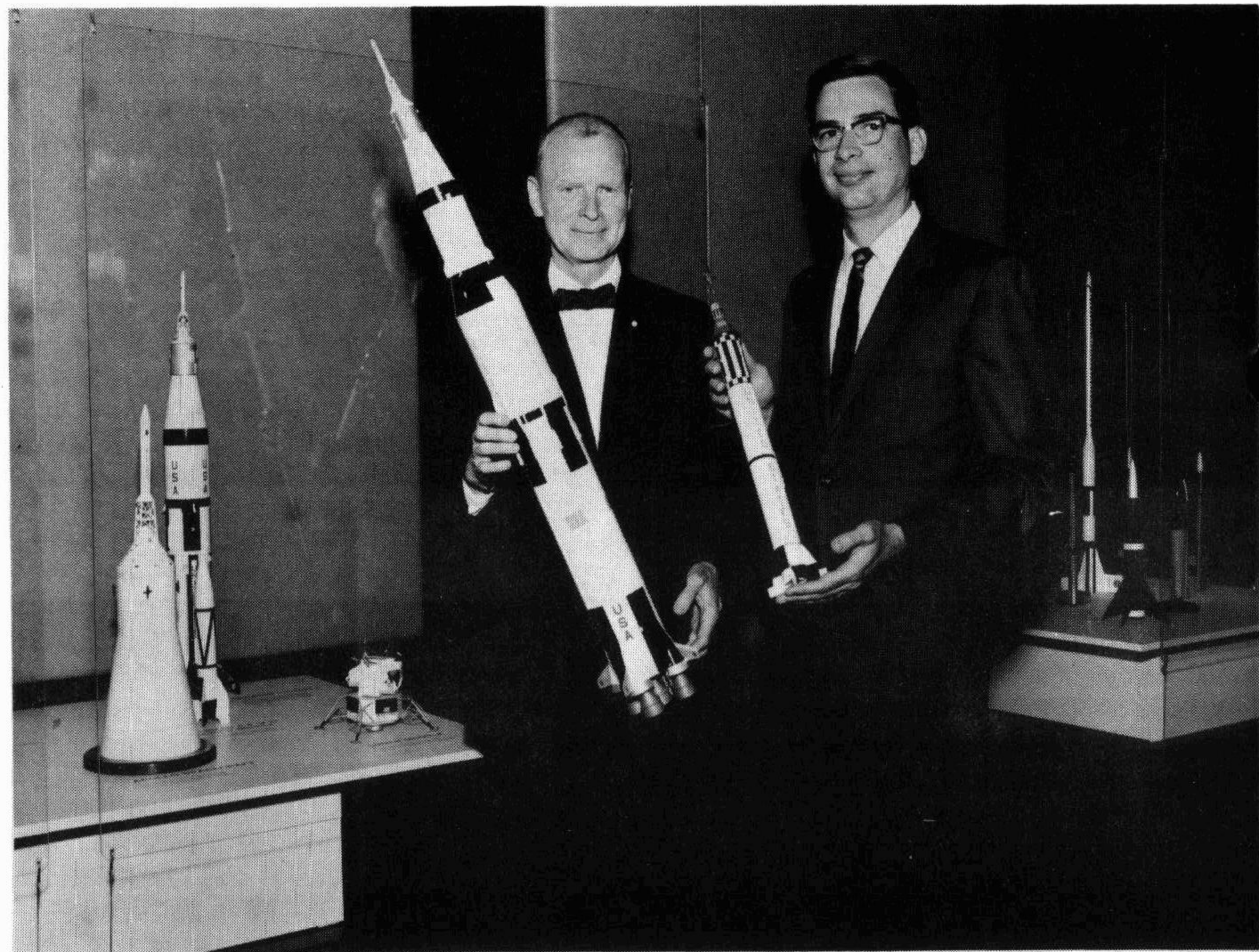


Photo: Courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution

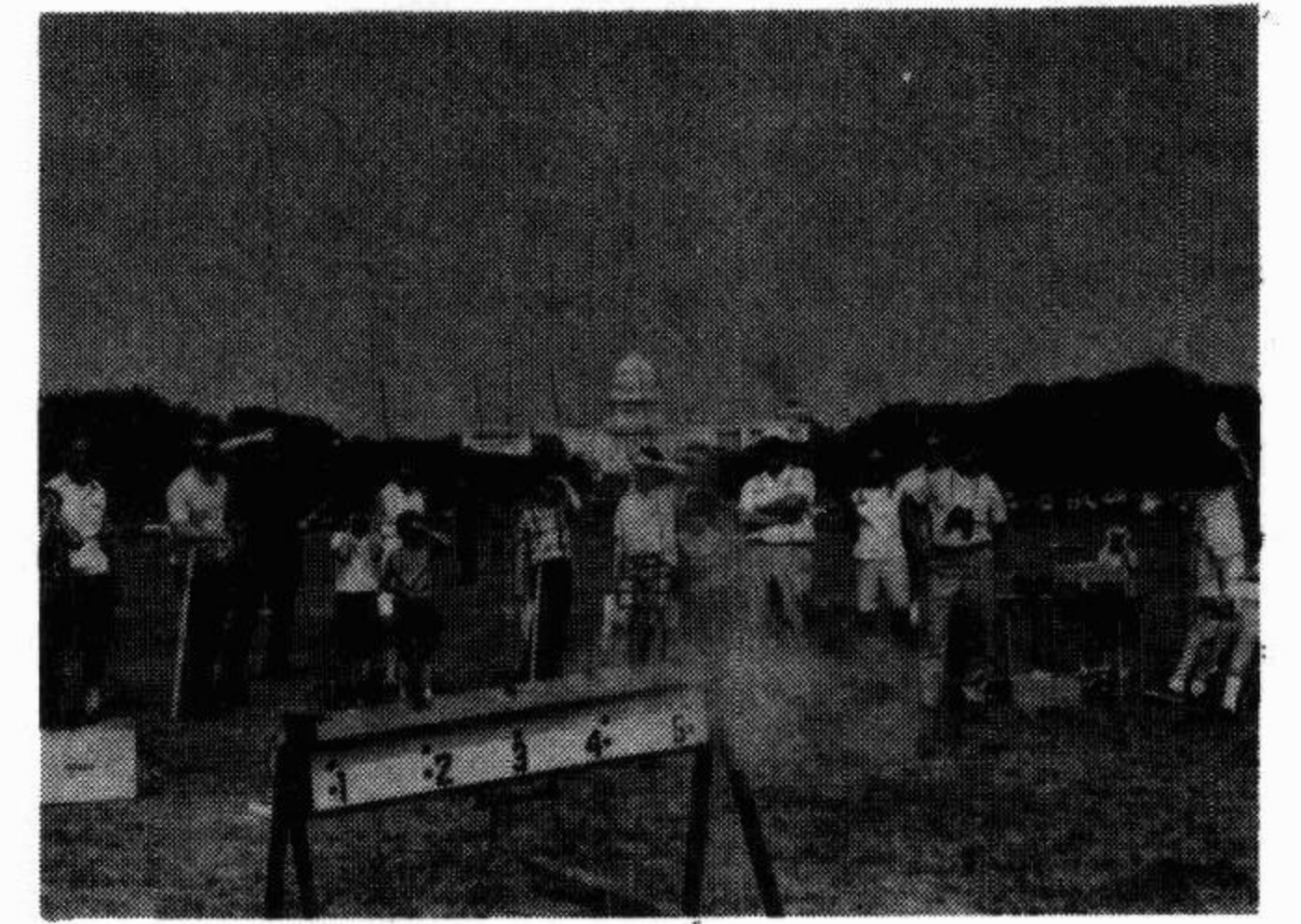
**F. C. DURANT III, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ASTRO-NAUTICS, NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.**

**WITH  
JIM STUART, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT, ESTES INDUSTRIES**

NAR booth are some of the most important vehicles in flight history . . . the Wright Brothers plane, The Spirit of St. Louis, the X-15 rocket plane and the Mercury-7 capsule. In the next room is the display that contains the Estes scale models we have donated to the Smithsonian, as well as some of our other models constructed by NAR members.

The following weekend, June 14 and 15, a new regional rocketry meet (WAMARVA-I) was held at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland . . . just south of Washington, D.C. Many of our models being used by contestants in the meet won "firsts." Particularly notable were our Scrambler, Falcon and Night-hawk models.

We, as manufacturers, had a booth at WAMARVA- I to display our products. The Estes booth was quite an attraction; the Saturn V and our Orbital Transport were real "crowd pleasers." Needless to say, Estes engines lofted 90 percent of the birds flown during the two-day competition.



A high level of both youth and adult participation in model rocketry exists in the Washington-Maryland-Virginia area. It was exciting to visit with these enthusiastic rocketeers and to be present at the Smithsonian kick-off launch and WAMARVA-I, both very significant events in model rocketry.

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

The Packing department welcomes six new employees to its operation. Kathy Garcia, Juanita Blankenship and Donna Parsell join the day crew, Margaret Jones and Leona Luther the swing shift and Helen Scutti the graveyard team.

A 1968 graduate of East High School, Kathy finds sewing a favorite hobby. She lives with her parents, three brothers and one sister in Pueblo.

Originally from Shawnee, Oklahoma, Jaunita and her four children now make their home in Florence. In her free time Juanita enjoys hunting, fishing and ceramics.

Having traveled extensively, Donna now lives in Penrose. She and her three children spend their spare time together horseback riding and swimming.

Margaret, a long time resident of Pueblo, enjoys knitting and crocheting. She and her husband, who is employed at C.F. & I., have one daughter.

Helen finds knitting and crocheting favorite spare time activities. She and her husband, a carpenter for Ideal Cement, and one son live in Williamsburg.

Leona, a native of Oregon, now makes her home in Canon City. She likes to sew and care for her year-old son.



Miss Pam Green was chosen to be the Penrose Apply Day queen at the queen contest held Saturday night, June 14. She is the daughter of Fran Green, a member of Packing's day crew. Her attendants are Miss Betty Estes, Vern and Gleda's oldest girl, and Miss Janis Peters, daughter of Venita Daniels, former

Wood Shop employee and Bob Daniels, Engine Mfg. The queen and her attendants were chosen from 11 candidates who were judged by four judges on poise, personality, beauty and personal appearance.

Congratulations, Pam, Betty and Janis!

## PROMOTIONS

Recent promotions in the Packing department have gone to Lou McWilliams and Eleanor DeLisle, both of the swing shift. Lou, employed since February of '68 has assumed the position of supervisor. Eleanor, who joined the Packing crew in April of the same year, has been given the responsibilities of assistant supervisor.

Two supervisory positions have also been filled in Dealer Sales. Darleen Burgner, a one-year veteran, has been promoted from assistant to full supervisor of the department's day shift. After six months of training and experience Jane Graves has accepted the assistant supervisory tasks of the swing crew.

# COLORADO PRESS VISITORS SEE ROCKET DEMONSTRATION

Estes Industries demonstrated a number of rockets in a series of flights for members of the Colorado Press Association last Friday evening, June 20th, at the Shadow Hills Country Club.

The green and beautifully groomed first tee at the Country Club was the launch site -- the evening was balmy, the flights were perfect and members of the press were both receptive and impressed.

Tour guide Jean Roland, with the help of Wayne Kellner from the R & D Department, conducted the launches. Also on hand to answer the many questions concerning Estes Industries and our program of model rocketry were Vern and Gleda, Gini Springmeyer, Bob Cannon and John Boley.

The Colorado Press dinner-dance later in the evening was co-hosted by Estes Industries and Portec (Fry and Company). The rocket display set up inside the club house also created a number of favorable comments as did Vern's after-dinner "welcome" speech during which he displayed our Camroc and invited the visitors to the plant.

Canon City was the site for the Colorado Press Association's annual Summer Outing and Webb

Offset Seminar. Nearly 250 registered for the convention, representing newspapers throughout the state. Several families attending the convention toured the Estes plant.

## CONGRATULATIONS

David McCallister, son of Verna McCallister (Public Relations secretary), was recently selected as head boy at Florence High School for the year 1969-70. He also will be editor of the Husky Voice, the student newspaper.

Congratulations, David!

Gini Springmeyer, executive secretary to Vern, has been elected Recording Secretary for the Colorado State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. She just completed a year of service to the state organization as editor of the sorority newspaper.

Congratulations, Gini!

## BABYSITTING SERVICE

Will care for 1 or 2 small children in my home during swing or graveyard hours. Call 275-7747 after 4:00 P.M.

## THANK YOU!

My family and I wish to express our thanks to those who sent cards and flowers at the death of our loved one. — Mary Lee Fontecchio

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