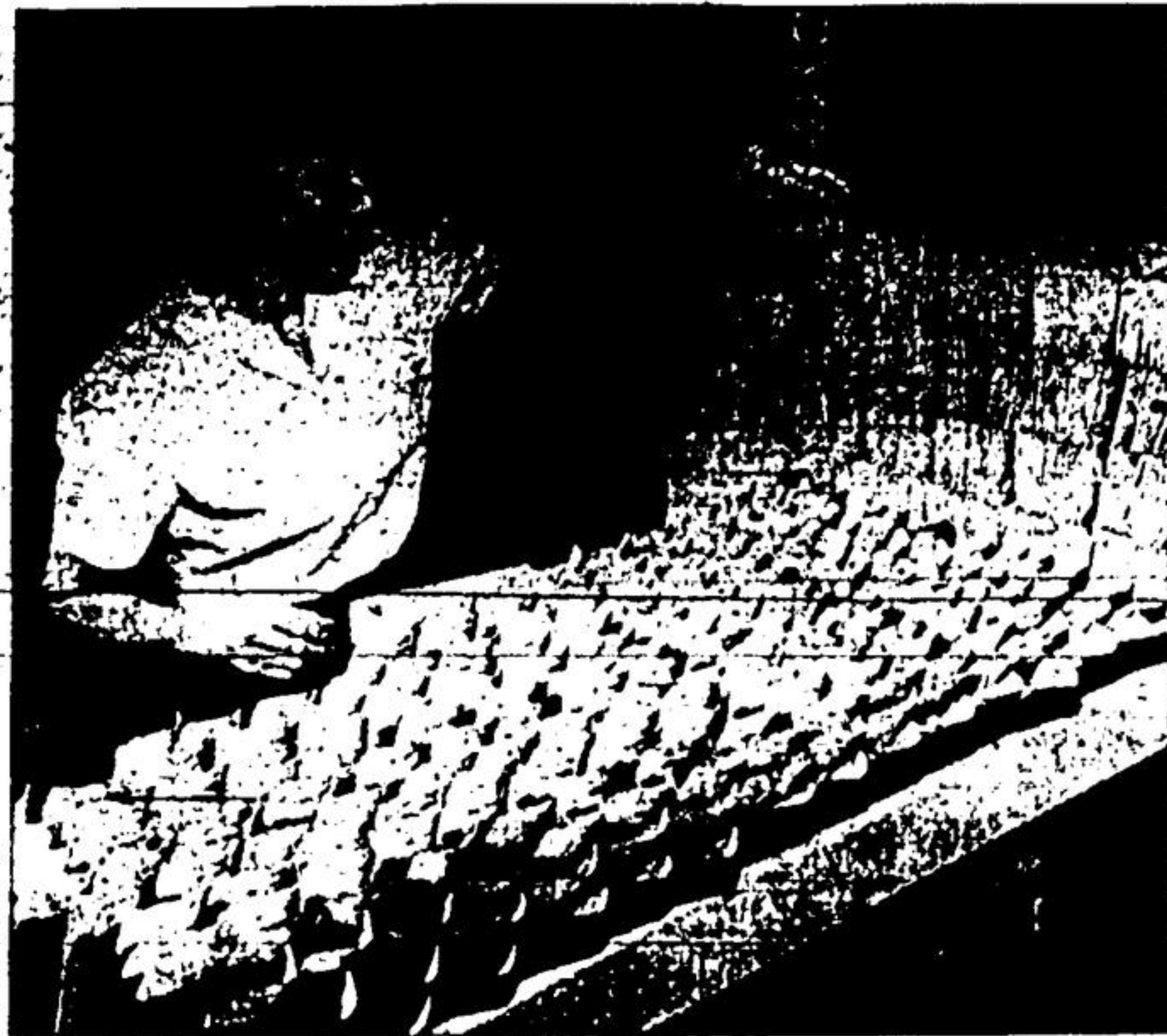
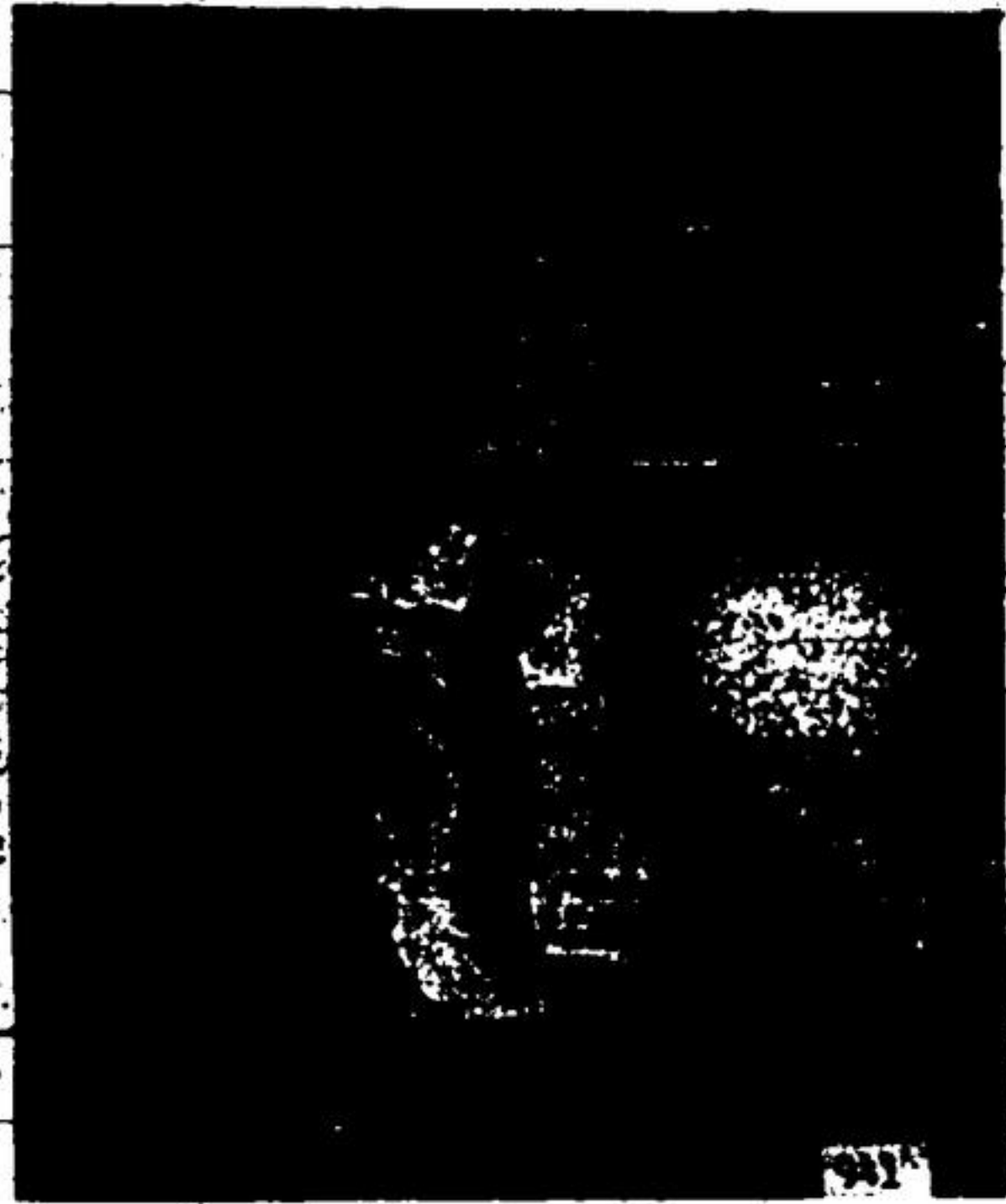


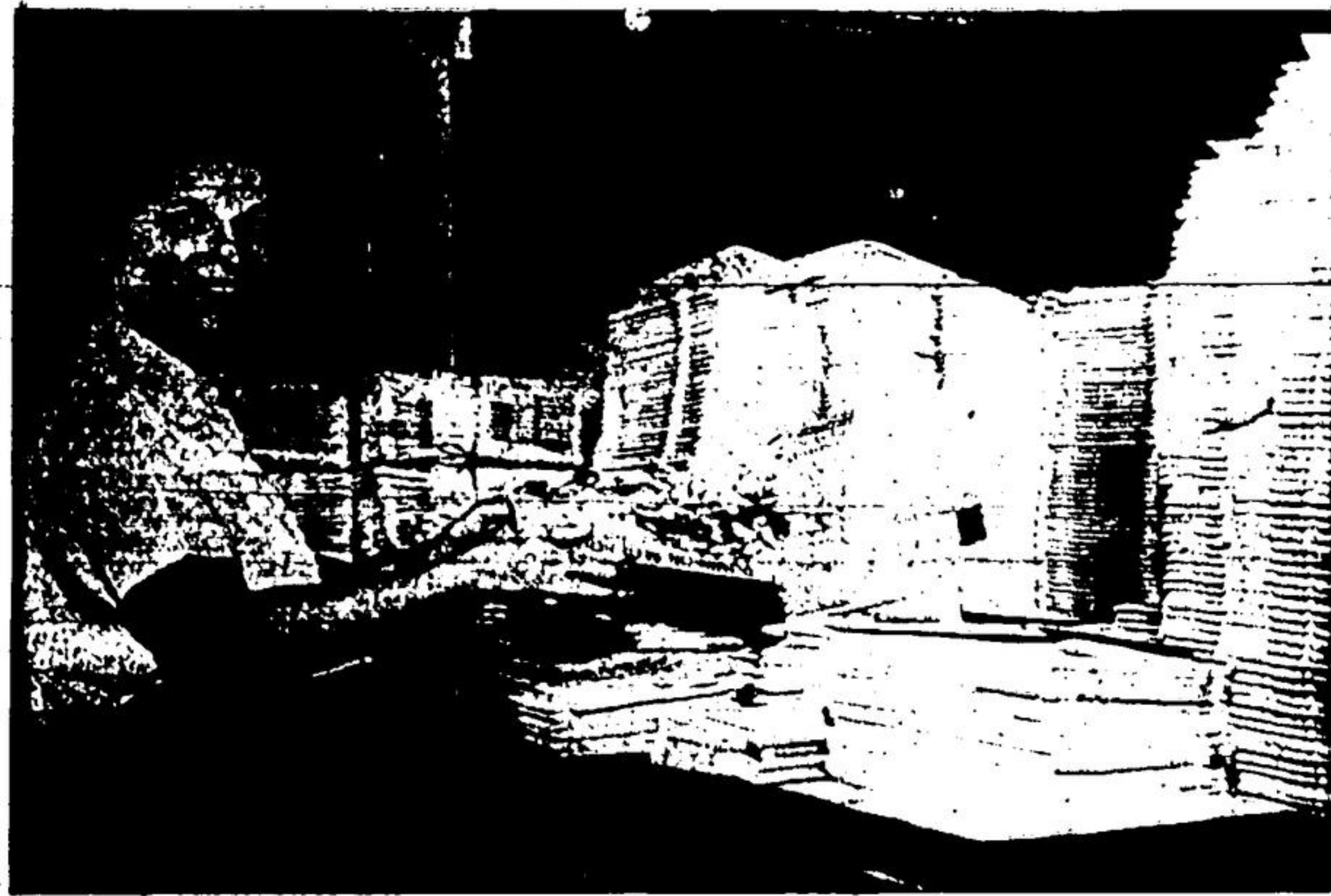
# At Dominion Seed There are Definite . . .

## SIGNS OF SPRING

THE DOMINION SEED House might well be called the home of Botanical magic, and left, manager Phares Vannatter shows why. That 'football' he's holding is actually a lemon and what's more amazing is the fact that the sapling he's holding in his other hand will be bearing fruit in just six months.



REASON FOR THE SUDDEN focusing of attention on the local seed house, it is because it's here that Spring first puts her foot in the door with the gargantuan operation which will send seed catalogues all over the continent. The huge mailing task is at its peak, and below, Mrs. Bob Reeve attacks a mountain of catalogues as she prepares them for the mails.



Filling the orders is just as demanding a job, and above, Mrs. E. Preston handles a sorting operation. The envelopes containing the seeds are shaken down, dampened, sealed and placed in their proper row. Below, Carl Moeschler operates an automatic weighing machine. The flow of seeds halts when the scales register the preset weight.



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## Giant Lemons Among Seed House Products

by Anne Currie  
-Yes, we have no bananas, but we have lemons as big as cantaloupes at the Dominion Seed House.

The "mother lemon tree" which produced the two and a half pound lemons in the picture has yielded sixty lemons - this season. From this tree the small plants are started. In six months the tiny little plant in the picture will produce fruit, not as big as this one, perhaps, but larger than the average lemon.

Any day now, usually on the coldest day of the year, the Dominion Seed House catalogue will be found in mail boxes all over the continent. The final proof to winter-weary northerners that winter will come to an end after all. How many do they send out? No one will say. After all, does Macy's tell Gimbel's?

So the rush is on, and the girls attack the monumental pile of catalogues, hurrying them to the gaping mail bags at the end of the room, where the Postal Dept. is actually set up.

Not only do the catalogues have to be put in envelopes, but the seeds do too. So another bustling area at this time of the year is the seed packing section. Here the hand is really quicker than the eye as they shake the seeds down, wet and seal the envelopes and stack them all in one smooth fluid motion. Let you think these girls have a permanent pucker from licking envelopes, you should know they rub them across a moistened roll. A horrendous thought occurred to me as I watched - what happens if the wrong seed gets in the envelopes. Can you imagine the consternation on the face of the amateur gardener, if carrots appear in the carnations.

The larger amounts of seeds are weighed automatically. The seed comes out of a hopper into the scale and tops pouring at the set weight. The operator in the picture, Karl Moeschler starts and stops it with something which looks very much like a foot switch on a sewing machine.

What else goes on at this time of year at the Seed House? Well, the bushes and evergreens are still in the cellars, sleeping under their covering of earth. They can't be shipped at this time. But seeds, gardening supplies, etc. can be. However, this early in the shipping is still light, and usually to the balmy regions of the west coast.

## Boy Scout Week Coming, Feb. 18-25

Boy Scout Week, 1962, is from Feb. 18-25, winding up with "B-P Sunday" on Feb. 25. Boy Scout week is a national observance in which over three hundred thousand boys and leaders in 6,000 Wolf Cub packs, 4,750 Boy Scout troops, and 475 Rover Scout crews will show the people what Scouting is and is doing for the boys of Canada.

Boy Scout week is a time for cooperation by all of us in the Scouting family - Council Auxiliaries, Group Committees, Scouters and boys. It takes planning, imagination and action to achieve results. Be prepared! Start planning now! Remember that boys are the sole reason for Scouting. The best Scout Week programmes put the spotlight on Cubs, Scouts and Rovers.

Yours in Scouting,  
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## Local Ladies Attend Retarded Seminar

Mrs. Margaret Treahy, delegate, Audrey Milward, delegate, Mrs. Geraldine Osborne, delegate, Georgetown; Mrs. M. Silars, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. R. P. E. Jeffares, Milton, representing the North Halton Association for Retarded Children were among the 150 delegates attending the Second Annual Seminar held at the Children's Psychiatric Research Institute in London on Saturday, January 27th.

The Seminar, which was sponsored by the Research and Development Committee of the Ontario Association for Retarded Children, featured Dr. Newell C. Kephart of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, as guest speaker.

Delegates attending the one day seminar represented the majority of the 77 local associations for retarded children throughout Ontario. In addition to lay people there were representatives from the professions of medicine, education and social service.

Dr. Kephart delivered two papers dealing with "Motor Bases of Behaviour" and "Perceptual Problems of the Brain Injured Child."

which all of the child's knowledge is built. He described the programme that is used at the Glen Haven Achievement Centre for Children in Indiana. Dr. Kephart in addition to being on the staff of the Psychology Department at Purdue University is also Executive Director of the Achievement Centre.

The Centre was the first of its kind in North America and is operated on the principle that parents can be instructed to develop teaching methods which will assist their brain injured child to progress. Both the parents and the child attend the camp where specially trained instructors and psychologists assist the parents in understanding the limitations of their child and at the same time teach the youngsters at home.

One of the important phases of the programme at the Centre is physical development. By interfering with specific performance as it is to make difficult the development of such generalized responses as form perception and concept formation.

Once the parents have been taught how to handle their child and assist him in his physical development they return home and put into practice what they have learned. At a later date the Centre reports on their child's progress and to receive further instruction on the care of their youngsters.

that outstanding progress has been made. Similar attempts to encourage physical development are carried out in the programmes for the mentally retarded in Ontario. Active participation in bowling, skating and swimming has resulted in improved muscular co-ordination for the child which in turn has enabled him to develop new learning skills.

When practical application is made of these new skills the child's entire learning process improves, and thus he is able to absorb and understand limited academic instruction.

Delegates to the Seminar heard several other noted speakers including Dr. Darin Haust of the Pathology Department at Queen's University. Dr. Haust discussed the advantages gained from performing autopsies on the mentally retarded and how the knowledge gained from these studies could assist researchers in uncovering new information into the overall problem and causes of mental retardation.

Another important participant at the Seminar was Dr. Irene Uchida of the Children's Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dr. Uchida is a recognized geneticist and is currently working under a United States Federal Research grant from the National Health Bureau to investigate causes of mental retardation as they apply to the field of genetics.

Extensive research into the causes of mental retardation has been limited until recently but today more and more professional people are accepting the challenge to investigate this serious social problem which affects three per cent of our national population. Government grants and the establishment of special clinics are also on the increase.

An important step in the field of preventative measures was taken recently when the Toronto Board of Health became the first in the Province to undertake the testing of all children for phenylketonuria within 20 days after birth. Phenylketonuria or P. K. U. is one of the more than 100 known causes of mental retardation. However, it is one of the few conditions in which if diagnosed early enough in the child's life, preventative steps can be taken to eliminate any possibility of severe mental retardation.

## Hornby Anglicans Vestry Meeting

The St. Stephen's Anglican church held their annual vestry meeting on Monday night, January 22nd at the church hall. Rev. J. E. Maxwell opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Clifford Hunter was elected as vestry clerk with Rev. Maxwell chairman of the meeting.

Those elected for office were: Rector's Warden, Klaus Steyer; People's Warden, Alan Harrop; Lay Delegate, Tom Drew-Brook; Substitute Lay Delegate, Geoffrey Drew-Brook; Treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Royce; Choir Leader, Mrs. Alan Bye; Sunday School Superintendent, Dick Weller; Chairman of Sidesmen, Pat Flippance; Chairman of Advisory Board, John Bradley. The new members, Frank Chisholm, Dick Weller, Arthur Plant and Peggy Schell were elected to serve with last year's members on the Advisory Board.

Auditors, Tom Drew-Brook and William Bradley; Building Fund Treasurers, Mr. and Mrs. William Brain. Each organization gave their annual report, showing a very successful year. The meeting closed with prayer.

Highday wishes this week to Bill Tallon and Jim Peterson on February 7.

lie school was home sick for four days last week and the children had supply teachers. Several children have also been home sick with colds.

Delbert Downs returned to his home last Thursday after being a patient in the Milton and District Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Sampson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Sampson in Kingston over the week-end.

A number of ladies of the Hornby United Church attended the Presbyterian meeting in Clarkson on Monday afternoon.

Alfred Bridgen, George and Bill Bailey took their fish hut up to Lake Simcoe over the week-end.

Several of the youngsters enjoyed skating on the outdoor rink over the week-end. The rink was made by Mrs. Garnet Howden on their back lawn. Saturday night was the Teen Club dance at the Orange Hall. The Millionaires band provided the music. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks.

## Farmers Club Has Bowling Evening

A bowling party at the Georgetown Bowl was the feature of the January meeting of Terra Cotta Farmers Club.

Members met at the bowling club for an evening of sport and Mrs. Lloyd Crichton and Doug McDonald tallied the best average scores of the night. High singles were registered by Mrs. Herb Dolson and Harvey Puckering.

Later the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser McDonald where the men had a short business meeting, then the ladies and men met together for lunch. Clarence Anderson moved a vote of thanks to the hosts and to Mrs. Art McKane and Mrs. Herb Dolson who convened the evening. The February meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKane.

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