

Employer On Long Island Hires The Handicapped

ALBERTSON, N.Y. (AP)—Henry Viscardi Jr. is unlike any other boss. He won't hire a healthy worker.

Within the walls of his factory on Long Island the legless, the armless and the blind produce more than two million dollars' worth of electronic equipment a year, Viscardi said in an interview.

Now persons who were mentally disturbed are coming to work.

An armless, legless man is a foreman in the packaging department. Another supervisor works flat on his back from a litter. His back and legs are fused as a result of spinal injuries.

Viscardi has known of afflictions since birth. He was born with two short stumps where legs should have been.

In 1947, aged 35, Viscardi quit his job as director of personnel for a large textile firm to devote his time to a new idea in rehabilitation.

Five years later, four crippled persons began Abilities, Inc., in a garage.

Today, 421 employees labor in a brand-new plant, soon to be accompanied by a new gymnasium, swimming pool and facilities for music societies, adult education, a camera club and arts and crafts.

Viscardi is married, and has four daughters, the oldest 11 and the youngest 3.

His cheerful outlook becomes even sunnier when he discusses the plant's safety record. There have been two reportable injuries in six years, a far safer situation than the national average, he says.

Recently Abilities, Inc., began hiring persons discharged from mental institutions. Already employed were paraplegics, epileptics, cardiacs, amputees, the blind, deaf mutes and victims of cerebral palsy, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, polio and cancer.

Seriously disabled, from floor-sweeper up to the boss, the men and women at Abilities, Inc., work for wages comparable to other firms of its size and get their jobs done on schedule—without rejects, Viscardi says.



HENRY LEE MAXWELL was sworn into the Navy June 9. He was graduated from Klamath Union High School this month. He will receive basic training at San Diego. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Maxwell, 5131 Bristol Street.

TRIAL SET

Fred Jean Tyree, 22, Bonanza, charged with furnishing beer and whisky to a 15-year-old boy, pleaded not guilty in district court Tuesday. Tyree requested a trial with jury. Judge D. E. Van Vactor set the trial for 10 a.m. August 4.

Hearings Heard By Judge Tops Total For Last Year

Circuit Judge Charles H. Foster the first six months of this year—has completed juvenile delinquency and dependency hearings for the first half of the year. The total cases, so far, is far above the 1958 total.

Juvenile Officer Frances Mathews said 99 cases were heard in

one boy was sentenced to MacLaren School for Boys, one girl was sent to St. Rose School for girls, and the third case was continued upon further order of the court.

The largest single series of cases grew from a comprehensive state and city police roundup of juvenile offenders early this year. In that extensive roundup, 29 juveniles were extensively questioned and 27 of them were arrested. Mathews said the 99 cases thus

far this year involved 117 juveniles. Of those, Mathews released these statistics:

One boy transferred from juvenile court to circuit court; four transferred to district court; 12 boys, sentenced to MacLaren; two girls sentenced to Hillcrest School for Girls; two girls sentenced to St. Rose; six juveniles made delinquent wards of the court; 32 made dependent wards of the court, and seven boys and girls, transferred to aid societies

as a step toward adoption. The remaining 51 cases were continued upon further order of the court, mostly on probation. Last year's 99 cases involved a total of 134 juveniles.

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Youth Held For Kidnap

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A former Chicago youth described by his attorney as a "confused and frightened 17-year-old boy" was held in jail in \$20,000 bond today on a charge of kidnaping a 7-year-old girl.

Raymond Alwyn McMahon surrendered to police Tuesday shortly after the Fulton County grand jury indicted him on the kidnaping charge. He had been the object of an extensive four-day police search.

McMahon's attorney, William Schley Howard Jr., said the youth had been hiding at the home of his grandmother in suburban East Point, or in woods nearby. He quoted the grandmother, Minnie Hardy, as saying that the youth was so frightened and excited he was incoherent.

Police said McMahon allegedly enticed Sally Carroll, 7, into his car Friday afternoon and drove off.

Mrs. Robert E. Carroll Jr., rescued her daughter a few minutes later by ramming the abductor's car with her station wagon after a two-mile chase.

Math Professor Misfigures Odds

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—William S. Wunch, Ph.D. in mathematics, miscalculated the odds in a jury trial.

Wunch, 34, an associate professor in math and physics at Arizona State University, recently was fined \$15 for driving 80 miles an hour in a 60-mile zone.

He appealed to Superior Court. Acting as his own counsel Wunch used a time-distance formula to show why he couldn't have been doing 80. The jury disagreed.

Judge Renz L. Jennings did some quick figuring. His answer: a \$50 fine.

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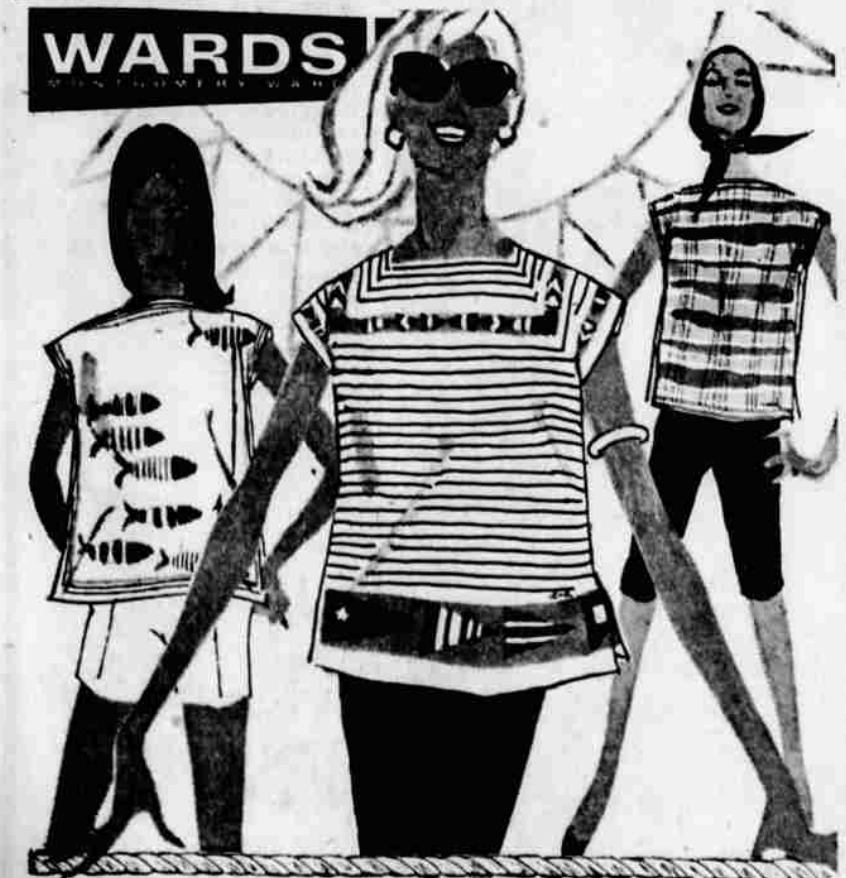


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