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HAMI
vs
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Queen Crowning; Game To Highlight Alumni Day

The senior A's and B's cast their votes for the 1970 Homecoming semi-finalists on Monday, October 27 during a lunchtime voting session. The six semi-finalists include Vicki Wong, A-12; Paulette Pruitt, A-12; Shelly Savitch, A-12; Shelly Colker, B-12; Candi Robinson, B-12 and Debbie Taylor, B-12.

If tradition follows at Hamilton, the previous Homecoming Queen will crown the new queen and the new two princesses. The Homecoming Queen finalists are selected by a panel of students and faculty members for their personal appearance and poise. The crowning will take place today during halftime of the football game.

Today the Hamilton High School campus will be open to all Hami alumni. Graduates of as many as 80 classes will be returning to their alma mater to see and speak to past teachers and old friends.

To welcome them, an Alumni Day

program has been planned. The day will be highlighted by the crowning of a Homecoming Queen and the Hamilton vs. Westchester football game.

Commissioner of Service Terri Levyn has organized this year's Alumni Day. It will include a luncheon for the queen finalists. Registration for alums will take place at 12:30 A.M. Following registration, former graduates are invited to share lunch with Hamilton students and then visit classes from 2:00 to 3:00.

The tradition of choosing a class name and color has been going on for many years at Hamilton High. Presently the winter class of 1970 bears the name of the "Kharkovians" and the theme the "Russians are coming."

The Senior B class, after voting, have picked the name "Ashokanies" with yellow and white as their colors.

Past Stories Reveal Hami's Old Interests

Stories from past Hamilton Federalists describe the interests and activities of many Hamilton alums and teachers.

In October of 1934, Hamilton students broadcasted on station AHHS on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:00. Via these air waves the latest news on school affairs was given. At that time we were the only school west of Rochester, New York that had a service. All scripts were written in the Journalism department and over half the student body heard every broadcast.

In 1940 a new Hamilton High program was instituted to curb students' excessive tardiness. Students tardy without a sufficient excuse were given one hour detention.

A new and needed addition to Hamilton was reported in March of 1941. "Hamilton has come into its own. No longer on the hungry end with 'store bought sandwiches'

the Hamilton student body prospers from the purchase of a 200 chromium stainless steel meat slicer. The advent of this mechanical housewife makes it possible for the cafeteria staff, headed by Mrs. Ruth McCarthy, to produce home-made sandwiches."

Two unknown writers in 1953 combined their efforts and created this poem:

The hash lines are crowded at Hami High,
Remember the three c's we should abide by,
To save cuts and bruises and precious time too.
This hash line problem must be solved by YOU,
Pushing and shoving means danger to all,
So come on, gang, let's get on the ball,
We foresee in the future a sight that is fine,
A wonderful, super and straight hash line.



QUEEN CANDIDATES await crowning in December, 1957.

OLD, OLD

News in Brief

Discarding the outworn condition of secreting the class name, the Senior Bees proudly proclaim themselves as the MODERNEERS. Standing for modern ideals, preparation for the future, service and victory, the class of W'43 promises a new standard for Color Day and a novel presentation of their sweaters.

Because of their advantage in having a small class, the MODERNEERS, numbering approximately 150, are working in harmony with their color day committee to give the student body the best color day ever presented to Hamilton students. On May 19, the sweaters and color of the W'43 class will be presented.

Hami Grads

Seven former Hamilton students were honored this past year at the University of California at Los

Angeles (UCLA) by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa in May, 1969. They were Brigitte Heinrich, Lynn Leviton, Norman Rosen, Ilana Sinow and Frederick Stern. Adrian Fried and Anna Stockton were elected in March, 1969.

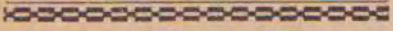
Seventy-two other former Hamilton students were honored by being placed on the Dean's List of a particular college or by being elected to an honor organization, most of these requiring a grade-point average of over 3.5 at UCLA.

Barry Cohan, Jonathan Glesberg, David Green, Laura Green, Toni Kline, Rebecca Kuzins, Nancy Moss, Neil Risch, Dennis Black, Gail Caplan, Ian Grenzback and Linda Nakell all participated in UCLA's high school accelerated program. They made the Dean's Honor List, College of Letters and Science.

Hamilton Laughs Through The Years

Most sociologists will agree that the humor of a certain time reflects the era. In today's more-or-less sophisticated atmosphere most humor is satirical and bitterly sarcastic. In more innocent times (before World War II), the humor was also innocent.

It is possible to get an insight of how the Hamilton student of over thirty years ago acted and felt. Following are reprinted jokes from back issues of the Federalist. The column that originally printed the jokes was called "Fed-Crax" and ran for several years.



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Charles: This soup tastes funny.
Waiter: Well, why don't you laugh?

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Daughter: But Dad, don't you think that two can live as cheap as one?
Father: Sure, your mother and I are living as cheaply as you!

★ ★
"Hello, may I order a box over the phone?"

"Hello, yes, er-I guess you can."
"Well, I want a box for four."
"I'm sorry but we have boxes only for one."

"Isn't this the Orphen Theatre?"
"I'm sorry, but this is the Skyview Funeral Home."

★ ★
Junior, stop reaching across the table. Haven't you a tongue?
Yes, Mom, but my arm is longer!

★ ★
She: Don't you think the way to happiness is to forget yourself, burying yourself in your work?
He: No, sorry I don't. I'm a concrete mixer!

★ ★
He: Sheep are stupid creatures, aren't they my dear?
She: Yes, my lamb.

★ ★
Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow?
With silver bells, and c o c k e r shells and one darn petunia.

★ ★
Who is that man over there snapping his fingers?
That's a deaf-mute with the hic-cups!

★ ★
Teacher: How would you punctuate this sentence: "A pretty girl is crossing the street?"
Pupil: I'd make a dash after the girl!

★ ★
He: That man is the ugliest person I ever saw.
She: Not so loud! You forgot yourself!

Have you heard about the smallest book in the world? "Who's Who in Germany" has only one name in it!

★ ★
Teacher: (to freshman) When were you born?

Freshman: April 2nd.
Teacher: Being late must be one of your habits.

★ ★
Fed-Crax ran for ten years between 1935 and 1945. The Federalist has printed over 4,000 of these jokes. And some people still say that teenagers of today are just like those of yesterday.

Eve of All Saints Day

Today, the eve of All Saints' day, was also the eve of the new year in both Celtic and Anglo-Saxon times and one of the ancient fire festivals. The day was connected with the return of herds from pasture. Since November ushers in the darkest and most barren half of the year, the autumnal festival acquired sinister significance, with ghosts, witches and goblins.

Halloween was thought to be the most favorable opportunity for divinations concerning marriage, luck, health and death. Young women sowed hemp seed on plowed land at midnight on Halloween, repeating the formula, "Hemp seed I sow, who will my husband be, let him come and mow." Looking over her left shoulder she might see the figure of her future spouse.

Apples and a sixpence were put into a tub of water. Anyone who could retrieve either with his mouth without using his teeth was destined to have a lucky year.

Most of numerous Halloween divinations in connection with apples, originally of scared and symbolic significance, have become games played by children. Today we have costumes, mischief and "trick or treat."

Yankeeville Changing With Time

Jack Barron Jr.

Many experiences have happened. Students have grown into adults. New ideas have been created and many minds have been educated since Hamilton High School first opened its doors in 1932.

Times have changed since that historic day when Hami opened to less than 500 pupils. Since then, thousands of kids have graduated and hundreds have not. Many of the same problems that existed then exist today, now on a greater scale.

Education was not the main pressure it is today because anyone could still get a fairly good job after high school graduation without going to college. Drugs and pot were not big problems then, although they were present. Also, avoiding the draft by staying in school was not an issue.

In 1940, the summer hangout, as quoted by a Federalist dated September 16, 1940, was where "Pico met the Sea." Everyone would meet there and soak up the sun using olive oil just as the teenagers today use baby oil. The main activities on the sand were volleyball and acrobatics. The beach was where the "in" crowd went during every summer vacation and school holiday.

Today, students have changed. Sure, they still go to the beach, frolic on the sand and play volleyball. But in 1969, teenagers seem to pay more attention to the pressures surrounding them. They also pay more attention to their studies, to the future, and to the world situations that could affect everyone, at any single moment. They realize that the pressures are great and that they must accept them.

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The Wicks Years



SIDNEY WICKS, star forward for the UCLA Bruins, is shown here doing a reverse dunk shot when he starred for Hami during the "Wicks years."

By Andy Harrison

Just as Lew Alcindor had outstanding team support at UCLA, Sidney Wicks had that same kind of support during his great years at Hamilton. In those three years, from 1965 to 1967, Wicks and company led Hamilton basketballers to three city playoff berth including two Western League titles.

In 1965, the Yankees went all the way to the city championship game, losing to Jefferson 80-59. It was in this game that Wicks show his outstanding promise and was to become a prominent figure in the idles of Yankee basketball fans for the following two seasons.

Wicks averaged a little over 12 points a game that year and was actually not considered the team's leader. This position went to Elliot Levin, the Yank captain and stand-out guard, who averaged almost 30 points per game. Levin was

hampered by an injury in the semi-final game against Fremont and was not 100% for the Jeff game. Coach Yutaka Shimizu lauded him as, "one of the finest shooting guards I've ever coached." Levin is now attending Valley State College. Other members of that team included Dwight Lee Ray, Mark Swartz and Bob Neunam.

The following year, 1966, the Yanks failed to capture the Western League crown. By the time the city playoffs came around, Hamilton was considered one of the strongest teams around. The Yanks lost the crown to long time rival University. Wicks was in foul trouble in the first half, came back in the fourth period to get the Yanks even. However a last second foul shot by Unih's Andy Hill, beat the Yanks 56-55 and the crown went to the Warriors.

In the city playoffs, the Yanks lost in double overtime 73-72.

Wicks' senior year, although a disappointment to him because he failed to lead the Yanks to a city championship, was highly successful. Wicks averaged 32.7 points per game, a school, league and nearly a city record. He was for the third straight year voted on the first team, All-City and led the Yanks to another Western League Championship. To anyone who followed Wicks' career at Hamilton, Sidney was a legend of drama and excitement on the largest scale. There will probably never be any three seasons at Hamilton that will come close to "The Wicks Years."

Track Times Compared : Past and Present

Who is faster, the alumnus or the present Yankee speedsters? There is much speculation concerning the physical endurance of man today as compared to yesterday. Ten years ago running a sub five minute mile was considered a physical feat. To-

day it is part of everyday workout. It would appear that most, if not all, of the distance records will be broken.

Only last year in track did the first record in distance division fall. Steve Brightwell, an ex-Ham-

iltonian now attending University High ran the fastest 2-mile in 10 years. Russel Braille also attained this effort the previous season. 9:59.9 was Braille's time and 9:56.0 was Brightwell's.

Mike Jablon was the next title holder as he ran a 4:37.0 mile, the fastest since World War II. He is now attending SMCC along with Braille.

Meredith Seals ran the three quarter mile in 3:17.5 to break a 9 year record. Other records are in jeopardy also.

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Hannum: Ex-Star at Hami

By Ian Hoffman

Alex Hannum, former coach of the championship ABA Oakland Oaks, was once a big man on cam-

pus (BMOC) at Hamilton. Hannum's big year at Hami was in the fall semester of 1941.

As a senior "A" in '41, Hannum

was elected to the office of student body president and was also the captain of the Varsity basketball team. Although only a little over six feet, he played center and was one of the tallest players in the Western League. The remaining members on the team were: Johnny Mohr, guard (and also a former sports editor of the FEDERALIST), Roger Woods, guard, Lawrence "Lamby" Cooper, forward, and Cleve Carlson, forward.

Hannum was all-city material for Hamilton and averaged 11 points per game. His highest scor-

ing game was against Venice in which he scored 19 points. Hannum was also the top scorer in the league with a total of 75 points.

Hamilton's basketball team came in a three-way-tie for first place between Hollywood and Fairfax. Hamilton occupied second place before their last game that was played with Fairfax, and won. This then gave Hami the tie for first. All three teams finished with a 5-2 record.

Hannum's graduating class was named the Caballeros and included only 151 members.



THIS FOOTBALL engraving was used in one of the first FEDERALISTS ever printed. Notice the helmet and the other outdated equipment.

Some People Come And Go But Peanuts Lowery Is Here To Stay

People come and go but legends live on. This is the case of Harry Lee Lowery, better known as Peanuts. He graduated from Hamilton in summer of 1938. Sport legend has it that it was commonplace for Peanuts to compete in the 100-yard dash while his baseball team was at bat, and then get back into uniform to take his position at short stop.

One day while competing at Hami, Peanuts anchored the relay team in his baseball cleats, because he didn't have time to get his track spikes! As a Hami track-

ster Peanuts defeated the great Corny Johnson of Uni in both the 100 and 200-yard dashes

Peanuts' frame was only 5'7" and 160 pounds, not big physically, but his presence was always felt on the field.

After Hami he had the good fortune of playing in the World Series of 1946, where he led in hitting for both clubs. He was also recognized during his career as one of the top pinch hitters of the National League.

Peanuts is now a coach for the St. Louis Cardinals. The legend of Peanuts lives on.

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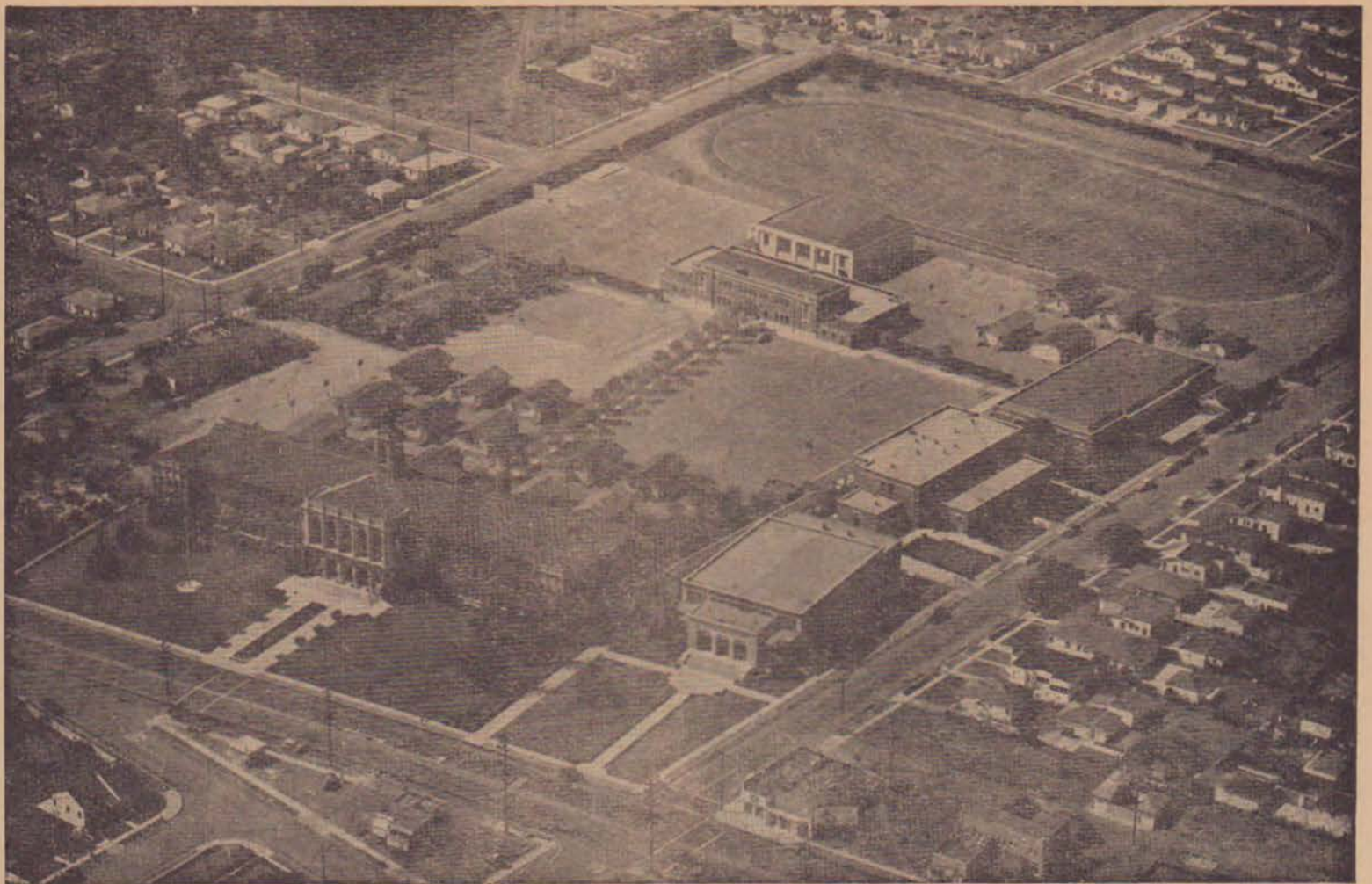
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Hami Campus Changes



AERIAL VIEW of Hamilton High School taken in December, 1957.

Students now attending Hami may find this picture hard to believe; however in December of 1957, this was the aerial view of Hamilton High School.

Notice the many changes.

No longer are there any bungalows behind the Administration Building. There now stands the Lab Building with three stories and a basement.

The building behind the cafeteria no longer remains. The old Industrial Arts Building was knocked down and rebuilt between the Lab Building and the Gym.

If you're looking for the 600-700 building, give up. It wasn't built until several years later.

In the picture, the two buildings in the center of the school are the gyms. Today, the Girls' Gym is still standing on the exact spot. The Boys' Gym was torn down and built where the basketball courts once stood.

One of the big changes in the picture is hard to notice. Look at the giant lawn in front of the school. Since 1957 the lawn has been paved and has become the faculty parking lot.

Of all the bungalows at Hami, only three remain. These bungalows are next to the Girls' Gym

and behind the old Industrial Arts Building. Today they are used by the band for practice and by the custodians. The rest of the area was asphalted, and is used by the girls' P.E. department, and band and R.O.T.C. drilling.

Now in 1969 the Hamilton campus is again in the midst of change. Construction progresses daily. Dirt flies freely.

This year's tenth graders will see the difference before they graduate.



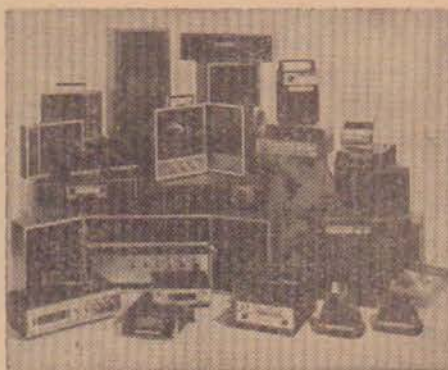
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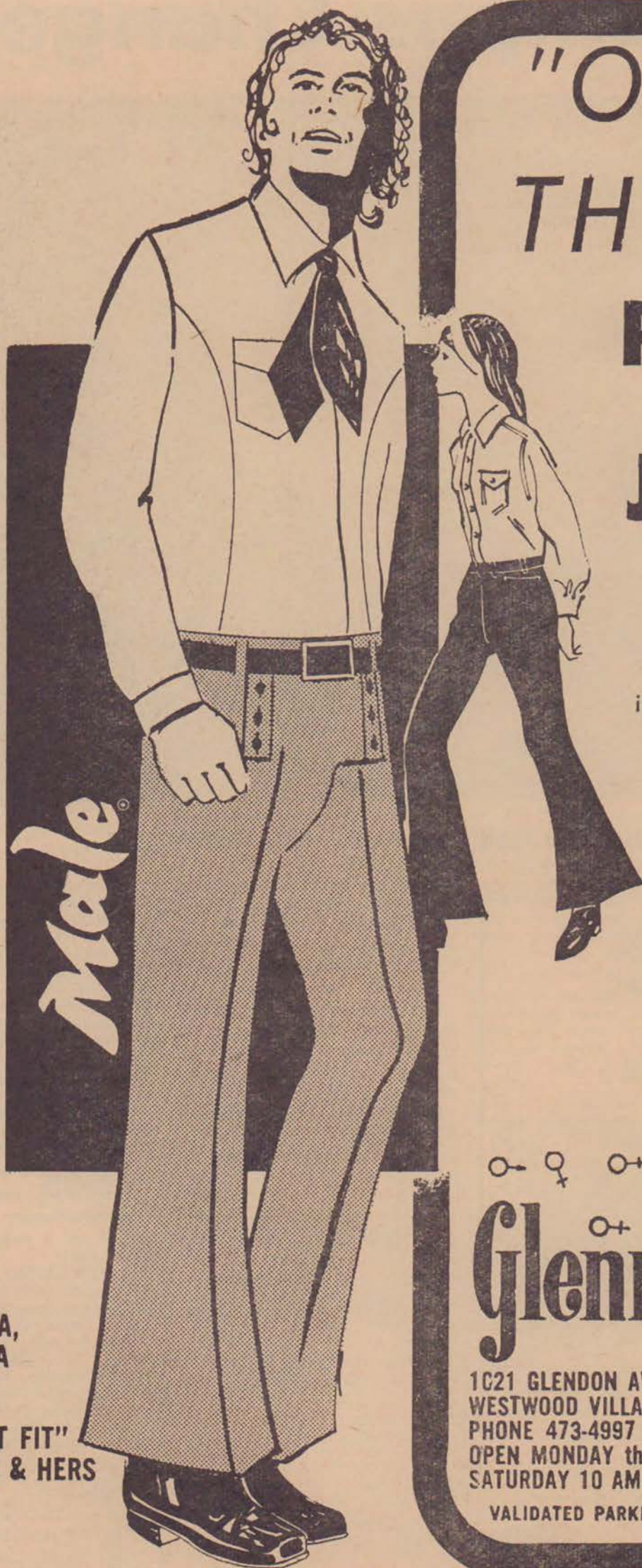
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