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THE LOGISTICS OF A RECIDIVIST OR

Why Johnny Comes Marching Home Again, And Again, And Again . . .

Johnny has returned for another hitch, a reenlistment so to speak, and the questions echoed by his comrades 'outofarms'--"Watcha doin back?" -- are answered in the same mechanical way: "dit-dot...dit-dit-dot!" Which, in reality, signifies 'Help', but is interpreted, in the peculiarity of this 'Foreign Lesion', as a 'Hail Fellow Well Met'.

Johnny could well be considered as a career in some circles; in his own (circle that is) he is a mere trader. Having followed the beaten path quite frequently his feet have grown weary of his mind; and the merry-go-round becomes a see-saw of sadness. Johnny's mood, from despair in relation to family, friends, and failure, quickly changes. Likewise, the reality of conditions are surrendered to the false-facade of a 'Hell is better than no place to be'.

Having been ejected from the 'Assembly line of success' so often, and having found in the face of his forlorn-companions or the jaundiced-eye of his spiritual-groping some thing akin to understanding, Johnny's resignation comes as small surprise.

Johnny's knowledge of warfare is limited, to say the least, and the absence of a 'drill sergeant' on the battlefield of mind is bowel or rahter foul trouble and consequently, cause for constipa---unh! consternation; either of which can bind the thought of most G.I.s (Good Intenders). Actually, Johnny's greatest battle is Underground; his fights Aboveground are merely incidental skirmishes with Captain America who, omnipotent foe that he is, sends him scurrying back to the 'stockade'.

Yet Johnny is a 'Never-say-die Soldier' and this unfortunately, is his only consistency; everytime he abandons the field he has lost or left a limb which, in effect, handicaps his growth.

Johnny's inability to reconcile 'What expires' the trance is regrettably, quite common. In his unbalanced attempts to adapt to the right, and the subconscious ghost of inclination, he confusedly, conforms to the left.

This conformation akin, perhaps, to the suicidal who, growing weary of the 'Grotesque Gian', acts out what the word has failed to communicate!

(As a G.I.--again of Good Intentions--one must make preparations to alter the 'lines' of his/story!) Yet, and in the light of his intentions, Johnny is a commendable soldier. He should be awarded or granted a Purple Toe, a Blue Frill, or sumpun'. After all, Johnny's up against tremendous odds considering the countless civil/villians whose apathy can bewilder the best of soldiers; infiltrating headquarters....bombarding thought....undermining thw will. The endless Invasions destroying his desire to 'become'.

Consequently Johnny returns--'marching home again'--to the limited world where the challenge to achieve is alleviated; where the soldiers of a dubious salvation share with him the misery of their being. Johnny finds, in this skeletal-closet of mankind, a quasi peace shrinking the mystery of existence.

Alas, Johnny's search for a 'Place in the Sun' is salvaged in the shadows of eerie-fingers holding him tenaciously to the Ghost of the Past.

In this atmosphere the 'Brer Rabbit' of the Under-World settles in his bed of thorn and thistle--a fox in the hole of another's making! Smiling perhaps as he listens to the regimental tune of 'Control Addicts'...the jangle of keys, and the repititous machine-gunning of doors giving birth to a fact: There's a war going on and a battle...yet to be won!

Let us bow our heads in reverence and moan.. "When Johnny comes marching home again Hoorah? Hoorah?"

From the Interpreter

By Lonnie Seymour

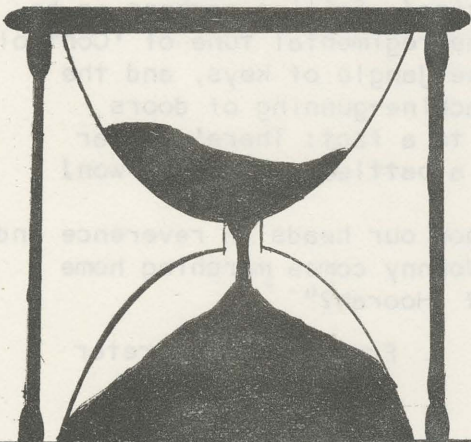
Life is composed of many different obstacles. I therefore look at life in general as being a challenge. The same obstacles I was confronted with, in some form or another, everyone else has been and are still being confronted with. Obstacles have caused failure but on the other hand by overcoming an obstacle it can strengthen a persons self-confidence and make it easier for him to reach a goal. There have been times when I have been confronted with obstacles that seemed too hard to overcome and because of a lack of confidence or other problems within myself I backed away and accepted defeat. Realizing I lost a battle without even putting up a fight, I created other obstacles which were in effect obstacle illusions to try to hide the truth.

As time passed I started to become aware of what was happening. This was accomplished through different conversations and by looking at my present surroundings, which has been the same for the past seven years (with the exception of 3 or 4, three month furloughs). To be sure, I am not satisfied with the way my life has been, but I do realize that a lot of my problems were coming from within. Therefore the solutions must also lie within myself. At this point in time, I am discovering me.

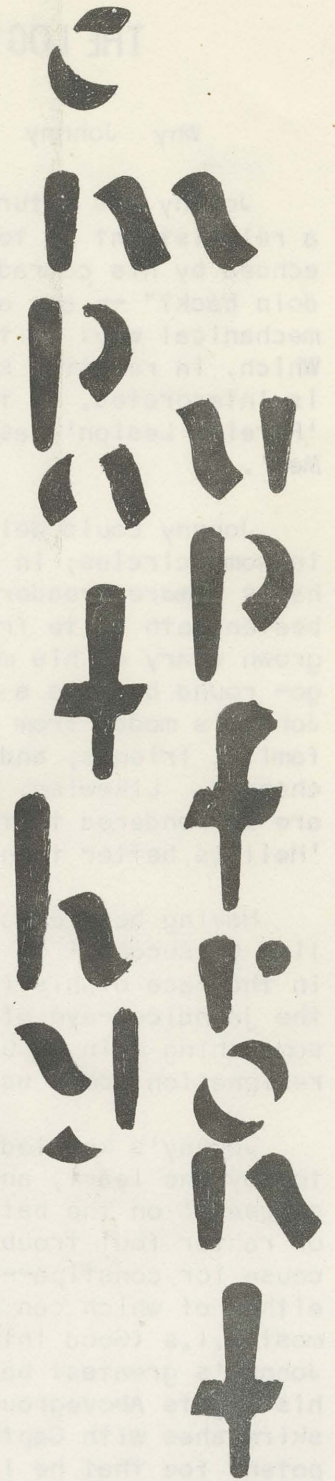
By: William Morris Jr.

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

WHY WASTE IT???



TIME IS RUNNING OUT



VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE, AT SOMERS
ASSISTS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BEING PAROLED
OR DISCHARGED IN SETTING UP HIS FUTURE WORK
OR EDUCATION PROGRAM. INFORMATION AND RE-
SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO INMATES FOR JOB
PLACEMENT, TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, APPRENTICESHIPS,
AND ALL ASPECTS OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION. IN-
QUIRIES AND APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE BY
SUBMITTING AN INMATE REQUEST TO:

MR. ADOLPH BOONE
VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR

If a man does not think himself worth saving from
Poverty and Ignorance, he will hardly be thought
worth the efforts of anyone else.

- W. E. B. Dubois

This Week's C.C.I.S.
Sweepstakes Winners:

Edward Welch	24548
Teddy Ruth	25318
James Ables	25923
James Mondo	26111

\$5.00 (half a dime) Lump! Lump!
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your name. Account?

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Openings in Dental Laboratory
Technician Apprenticeship !!!

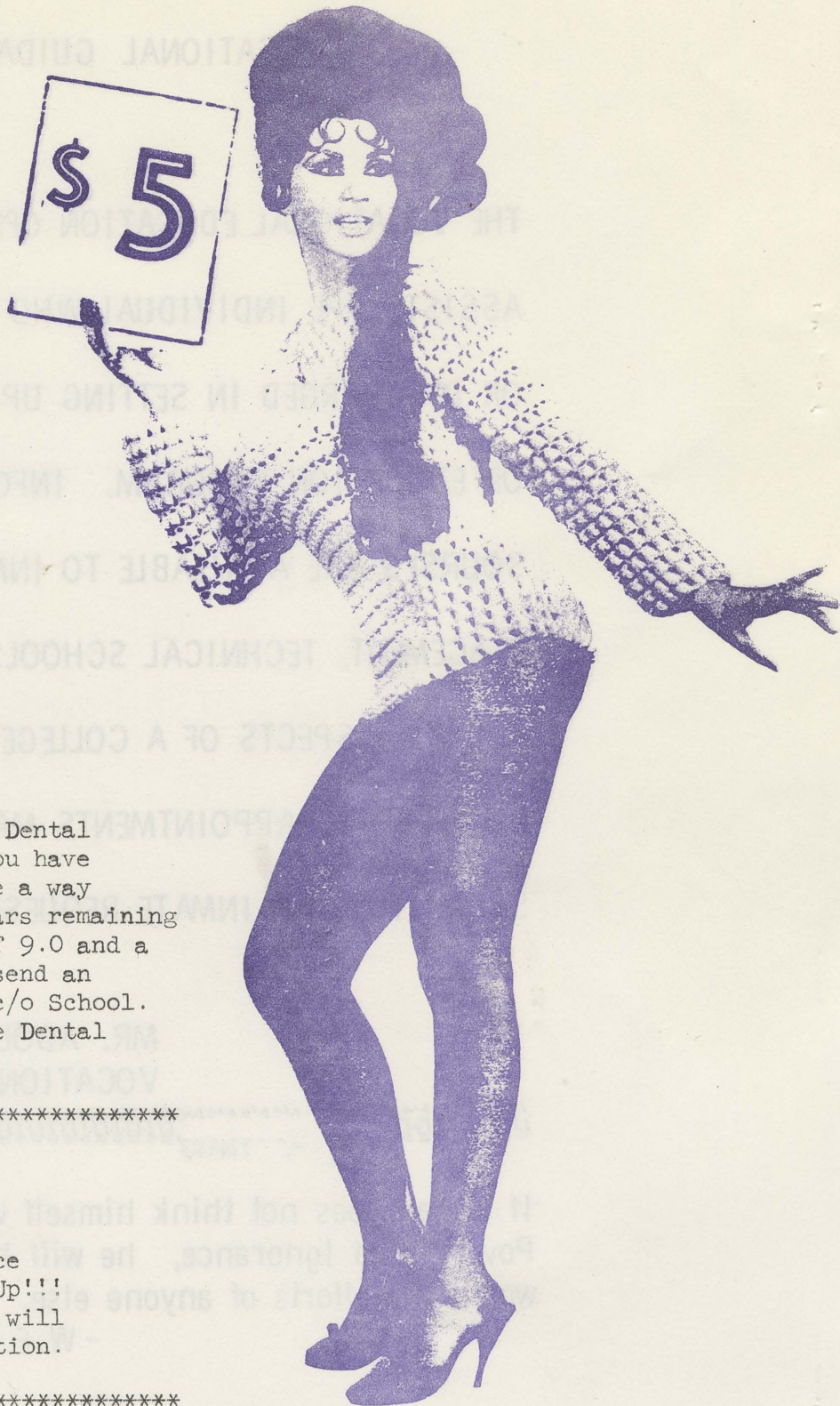
There are currently 2 openings in the Dental
laboratory at the present time. If you have
no drugs in your background (We have a way
of finding out), have a couple of years remaining
on your sentence, a grade placement of 9.0 and a
desire to learn a good paying trade, send an
inmate request to Mr. Charles McCune c/o School.
For further information concerning the Dental
Lab. see last weeks Weekly Scene.

Missing Book

Anyone who just happens to have the
"Supplement to the Connecticut Practice
Book" is requested to kindly Give It Up!!!
If it is found in your possession you will
be subject to, a-hem, disciplinary action.

Sons of the Desert

Al Stanton the host of "Sons of the Desert"
here at C.C.I.S. will present "Old Movies"
on channel 22 every Sunday afternoon at 1: P.M.



MUST LEARN TO LISTEN



And Then I was Born,
 And became a seed,
 Watered by years and
 Began to grow from
 The soil
 Until I saw Love
 And bloomed longily
 At that,
 And then I saw
 Others of kind,
 Sprouting higher.

Then I saw war,
 I bloomed,
 Swerving away crying.
 Some died,
 I bloomed brighter,
 Feeling sorrow.

Some became hemmed in,
 Hampered from growth;
 I went to prison,
 But bloomed beyond
 The bars,
 Stretched high above
 The walls,
 Petals in the sky,
 Touching the sun.



Klahr 73

DEFEAT (PRISON) MAY BE A STEPPING
 STONE OR A STUMBLING BLOCK
 ACCORDING TO THE WAY
 YOU
 ACCEPT IT

By Robert Klahr

WE MUST LEARN TO LISTEN

The art of listening is an action in our growth on the spiritual path. The development of listening holds God's Grace --- it radiates tranquility. It attracts love, sharing, unity in Oneness.

The rustle of falling dried leaves tells us to prepare for winter. The sound of ocean waves breaking is a healer in serenity, a creative excitement as the sound increases, or a warning when stormy. Each sound tells its message.

We strive to listen to sounds in learning compassion. Every man has his sounds to relate. No matter how boring or ignorant he may appear, his expression reaches out in his needs. It also reaches out for the development of our growth. As one expresses joy, share his joyousness. As he expresses ideas, give encouragement. As he expresses futility, give hope. As he expresses loneliness, give comfort. Our greatest gifts to give are from the inner self. We learn the wise choice of the gift to give only by listening.

We radiate the healing flow from the Presence abiding within, as we listen to illness. We radiate, grow, expand empathy, joy, encouragement, compassion, comfort, exaltation by listening. We will fail many times, in not knowing how to handle the sounds we hear. Human knowledge is very difficult to shake in the attainment of spiritual knowledge. As we learn to listen, our experience shall increase. Our meditations shall draw forth the needs of our gifts.

Most of all, we must learn to listen to silence. In silence we learn to perceive. In silence we recognize the inner voice. In silence our prayers are answered, our guidance comes. The miracles come in silence. The silence of a swan gliding over smooth waters has far greater permanency in its release of God's serenity, His attunement, His expression, than the noise of sound. The man who prays fervently, telling God of his problems and his needs, has far less satisfaction than the man who quietly thanks God for His gifts and then -- listens.. Receptivity is the growth received from silence.

We are giving and releasing as we listen. As we hear, we shall learn which gifts to give -- comfort, joy, reassurance, empathy -- all the gifts held in God's Healing Presence, to be released or radiated through us.

The answers become more frequent as we learn to hear the inner voice in the silence of meditation . . . and all gifts come to us as we learn to listen.

Submitted By: ROOSEVELT JOHNSON
From CHIMES PUBLICATIONS

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye ever so unto them. -- CHRISTIAN

What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God? -- HEBREW

To be in one's own heart in kindly sympathy with all things; this is the nature of righteousness. -- CONFUCIAN

Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love. This is an old rule. -- BUDDHIST

Your daily life is your temple and your religion. Whenever you enter into it take with you your all. -- KAHLIL GIBRAN

As one may ascend to the housetop by ladder, rope, or bamboo, so there are many ways to reach God. -- HINDU

Wherever you go, wherever you rest, may the peace of Good Allah keep you blest. -- MOSLEM

We the gods, shall surely visit thy dwelling if loving kindness dwelleth there also. -- SHINTO

R.J.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

EMPATHY

*** Poems and Thoughts ***

To see a world in a grain of sand
And A Heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand
And eternity in an hour.

POETRY

Little flower-but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is.

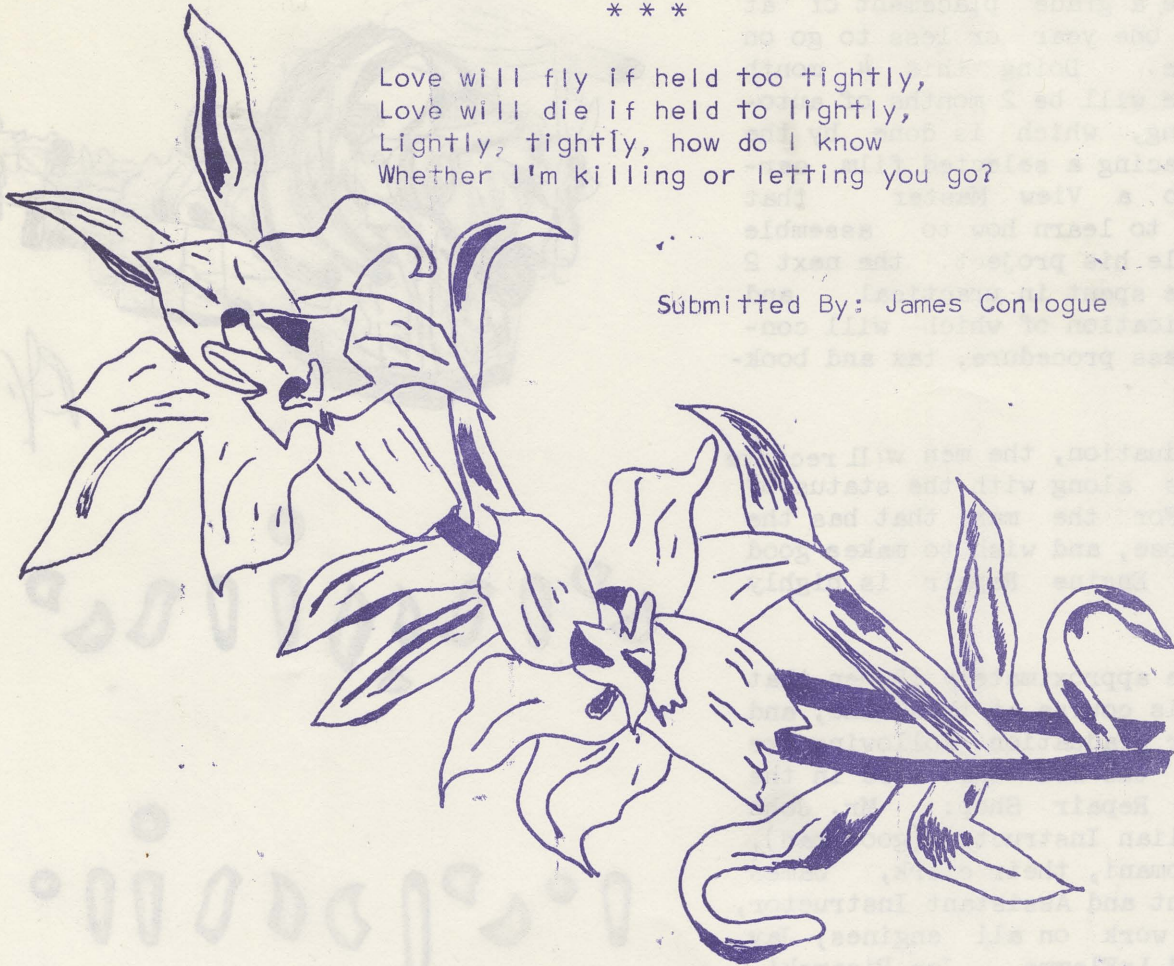
CORNER

She drew a circle that shut me out-
Heretic, rebel a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win,
We drew a circle that took her in!

As flies to wanton boys, are we to the gods,
They kill us for their sport.

Love will fly if held too tightly,
Love will die if held to lightly,
Lightly, tightly, how do I know
Whether I'm killing or letting you go?

Submitted By: James Conlogue



Vocational Spotlight By R. Johnson.

Doing my interview with Mr. John Widden and the men there in the Small Engine Repair Shop, I came away overwhelmed with wonder on how with such a small area they could have such a broad spectrum of equipment on hand so that any man here at C.C.I. Somers can learn Small Engine Repairing.

This Small Engine Repair course was initially funded with a Federal grant. However this coming June 1973 the State of Connecticut will takeover the funding of this program.

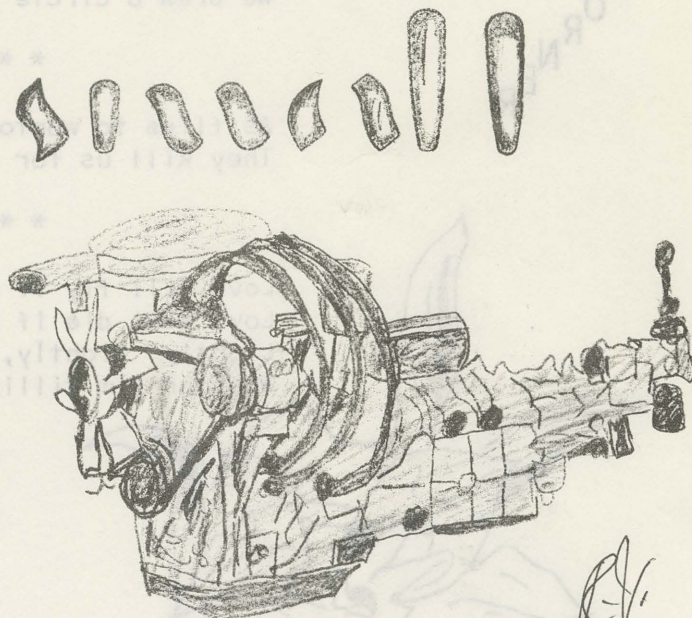
All the men will have gained the knowledge of all phases of small engine repair when this course is finished. There are out-board, motorcycle, skimobile, lawnmower and a host of other types of engines that a man can work on in his studies of engine repair. The course consist of a 4 month program, and you must have a grade placement of at least 9.0 and one year or less to go on your sentence. Doing this 4 month program there will be 2 months of automatic teaching, which is done by the student by placing a selected film cartridge into a View Master that he has chosen to learn how to assemble and disassemble his project. the next 2 months will be spent in practical and classroom application of which will consist of business procedure, tax and book-keeping.

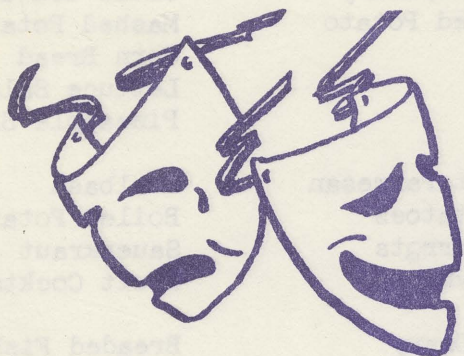
Upon Graduation, the men will receive their diplomas along with the status of Technician. For the man that has the ability to chose, and wish to make a good choice, Small Engine Repair is highly recommended.

There are approximately 15 men that are taking this course at this time, and they are near graduation. Following are the names of the men that are in the Small Engine Repair Shop: Mr. John Widden, Civilian Instructor (good man), Richard Poidomani, their clerk, James Fuller, student and Assistant Instructor, who like to work on all engines, Jay Krakauske, Ed LaFlamme, Joe Pisarski,

Bruce Kranmas and Edward McNally who also like to work on all type of small engines. Ed McNally is also a Student Instructor. Bob Smith, Willie Harrell, Charles Dixon, Bruce Worthan, Glenn Lucas and David Silverstein these men have their specialties in eather out-board, marine, small and large engines.

To the men that have gone on before, to the men that are learning how and to the men that eill be learning in the furture, Apply this new learned skill of Small Engine Rrpairing and go Onward and Upward.





FLICKS

THE WEEKEND MOVIE'S !!! (R'S)

BLINDMAN

20th-Fox

105 Min.

Somewhere in Mexico is a man called Domingo with 50 Beautiful Women he stole from Blindman. Now Blindman wants those Women back.

STARRING:

TONY ANTHONY - RINGO STARR - AGNETA ECKEMYR - LLOYD BATTISTA -
MAGDA KONOPKA - RAF BALDASSARIE - DAVID DREYER.

THE MARRIAGE OF A YOUNG STOCKBROKER

20th-Fox

95 Min.

The story of a married man with a hobby. So what's wrong with being a Voyeur? . . . He tried to hold onto his wife and his binoculars at the same time.

STARRING:

RICHARD BENJAMIN - JOANNA SHIMKUS - ELIZABETH ASHLEY - ADAM WEST -
PATRICIA BARRY - TIFFANY BOLLING.

SUPER FLY

WARNER BROS.

97 Min.

SUPERFLY MEANS SUPER COOL. . . . The Priest had one more job to pull, but the man kept getting in his way. . . See Super Fly beat the fuzz at their own game.

STARRING:

RON O'NEAL - CARL LEE - SHEILA FRAZIER - JULIUS W. HARRIS -
CHARLES MacGREGOR - THE COURTIS MAYFIELD EXPERIENCE.

Breakfast

Lunch

Supper

Sun.	Hot and/or Cold Cereal Coffee CAKE Fresh Fruit Corn Flakes-Coated	Roast Beef w/Gravy French Baked Potato Wax Beans Ice Cream	Chili Con Carne Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Lettuce Salad Pineapple Slices
Mon.	Grapefruit Sections Hot and/or Cold Cereal Fried Eggs Special - K	Veal Outlet Parmesan Whipped Potatoes Buttered Carrots Pastry-Brownies	Kielbasa Boiled Potato Sauerkraut Fruit Cocktail
Tue.	Apple Juice Hot and/or Cold Cereal Pastry-Donuts Oatmeal	Meat Loaf-Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Peas Vanilla Pudding	Breaded Fish Sticks Tartar Sauce Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Pastry-Cake
Wed.	Steamed Prunes Hot and/or Cold Cereal Scrambled Eggs-Toast Rice Crispies	Grilled Franks Baked Beans Cole Slaw Purple Plums	Roast Chicken w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Succotash Pastry-Cake
Thu.	Fresh Fruit Hot and/or Cold Cereal Pastry-Muffins Maltex	Minute Steak French Fried Potatoes Green Beans Pastry-Peach Pie	Spaghetti w/Meat Balls Grated Cheese Antipasto Lemon Jello
Fri.	Tomato Juice Hot and/or Cold Cereal French Toast w/Syrup Pep Wheat Flakes	Clam Chowder Fried Haddock Tartar Sauce O'Brien Potatoes Kernel Corn Ice Cream	Baked Ham Candied Sweet Potatoes Asparagus Bread Pudding
Sat.	Cranapple Juice Hot and/or Cold Cereal Pastry-Crumb CAKE Farina	Grilled Hamburg Steak w/Brown Gravy Whipped Potatoes Buttered Peas Pastry-Jelly&Peanut Butter	American Chop Grated Cheese Tossed Salad Chilled Pears

MENU

