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MEET MR. TOM ROMICK!

Tom is our Recreation Director just recently employed by GOARC.

Tom graduated in 1960 from Alliance Sr. High School and was quite active in sports.

From Peru State Teachers College, he earned his B.S. in Education and majored in Physical Education.

Tom's wife, Victoria, was employed by the Nebraska State Education Association before moving to Omaha. They have a seven-year old daughter, Ann, who is attending Beal Elementary School.



Tom was previously employed by the Nebraska State Reformatory as Director of Athletics and Recreation.

As you can tell, he is very concerned with physical well-being in all persons--including himself and plans to join the YMCA very soon.

Some of his plans for the Recreation Program are bowling, swimming, a Teen Club, and a Saturday morning recreation program. One program has already begun with 35 young people from the Workshop and Hostels bowling at the Ames Bowling Alley every Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. Anyone desiring to keep score or any other numerous jobs should call Tom at 346-6338. The kids have also been to a boxing match, hobby show, and a hockey game.

RUMORS FROM ROBERTA

By Mrs. Al Kaplan (556-5140)

The theme for the National Association for Retarded Children Convention this year was "We've Just Started." Here in Omaha, we've just started. In July, 1968, "The County-Wide System of Services for the Retarded of Douglas County" was made public. Since then, many things have happened--new services, new money, new legislation, etc. Some feel things haven't moved fast enough to cover their needs; others feel things have moved so fast they haven't been able to keep informed. The surface has only been scratched regarding services that are needed.

This is your association, and everyone needs to be vigilant and willing to work to not only keep what we have, but work to expand.

Please attend the meetings and read the materials sent to you. Call me, write me, let me know your suggestions, questions, gripes, or whatever.

Someone has said the membership in any association is made up of four kinds of bones: 1) Wish-bones, who spend their time wishing someone would do the work; 2) Jaw-bones, who do all the talking but little else; 3) Knuckle-bones, who knock everything that others try to do; and, 4) Back-bones, who pick up the load and do the work. Which bone are you?