

Man, look at that eagle, ~~one~~ sixth grader said before things got officially under way. While the big bird of prey cased the audience with a baleful eye, the Indigo snake made lazy coils, probed the air with his black forked tongue and levered a third of his body into space from the hands of the boy holding him. "Dare you to touch it," one Kit Carson said to another. "Don't come near me," came the reply

And one small boy moving among the massed bodies on chairs and the floor said "excuse me." He was trying to get closer not get out and go home. The wildlife presentation was only half over when a hand went up with a question that stumped the experts. "Is that a boy snake or a girl snake?"

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Music came next. First with a guitarist and then with a vocal backup from Western's cheer leaders. When they swung into the old Woodie Guthrie ballad, "This Land Is Your Land," everyone got into the act and the walls came tumbling down, if there were any walls of isolation or loneliness left.

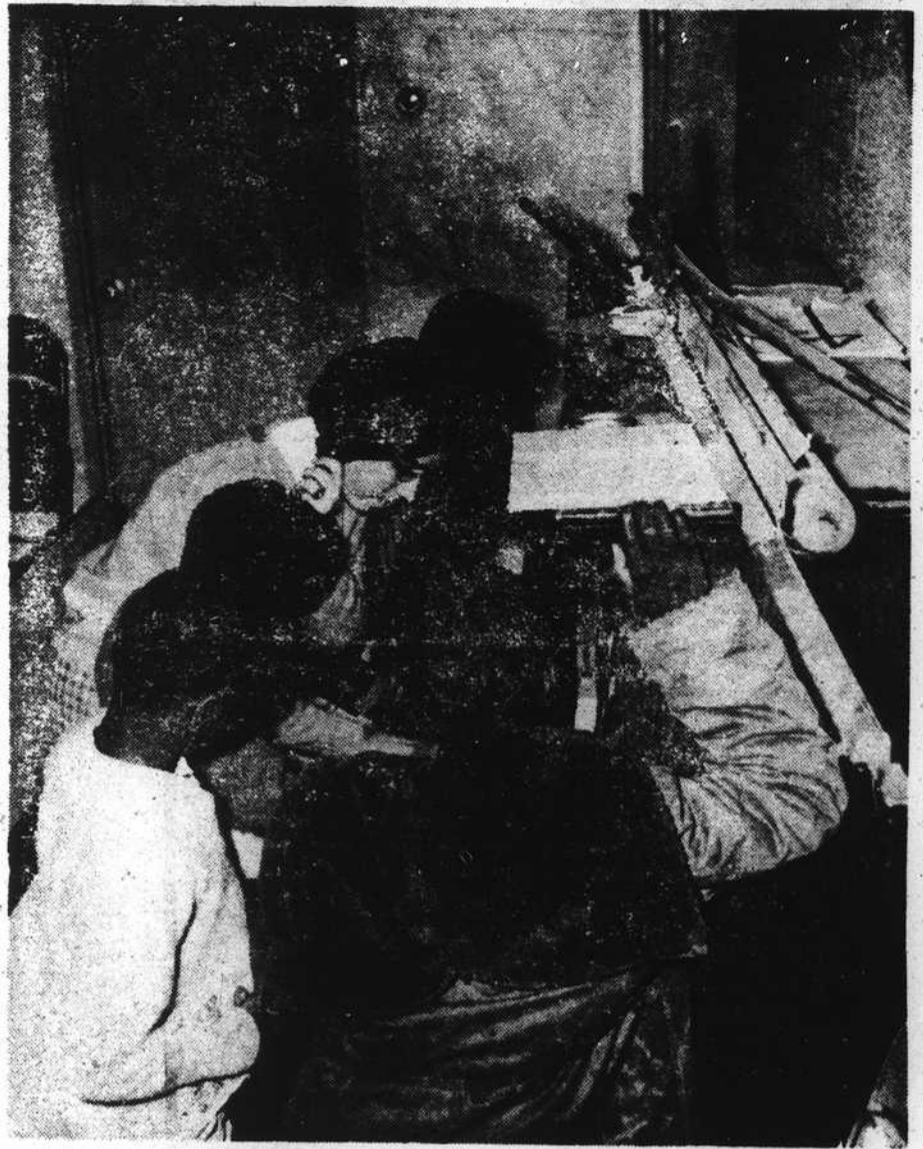
Then they broke into groups. The cheer leaders and baton twirlers took some for a half hour of snappy drills. Four small boys got a piano lesson. Girls went through a supervised workout on the playground equipment. And on the basketball court a group hit the hoop and took rebounds with those whom they admire the most, high school stars.

It was an experience kids need and can't get too much of. That it should take place first at Kit Carson seems only logical. Some of the best things in education happen first at Kit Carson.

Two years ago Principal Helen Anderson introduced her sixth graders to the wonders and delights of nature by arranging a three-day field trip on Mt. Charleston.



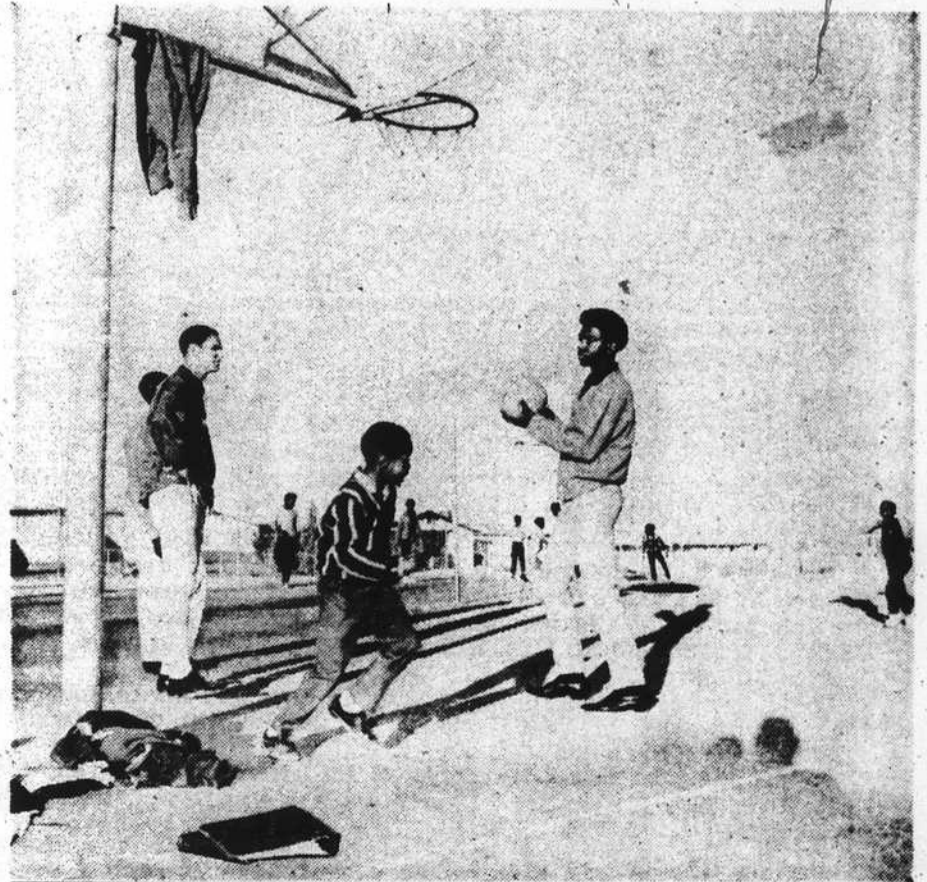
Mrs. Helen Anderson, principal of Kit Carson, and Reynaldo Martinez, teacher of government at Western, are in charge of the human relations project.



Four boys were more interested in a piano than a basketball.

Since kids are our most valuable resource, they should not be forgotten when it comes to conservation, development and understanding. And when Western High School undertook a human relations project it came natural for the ground breaking to be done at Kit Carson Elementary School.

In succeeding weeks Western seniors will feedback information and encouragement in math, history, language arts, as well as more music and athletics. On the science agenda are such interesting subjects as heart transplants. It will be a great year at Kit Carson.



Western's basketball stars helped the boys improve their game.