



Mary Grace Aronld strips film in PAT program.



Sally Stevens, legally blind, knits with magnifier.

vided with social and therapeutic activities the rest of the time.

Because there are only three sheltered workshops in Monroe County, she said, the association sometimes accepts handicapped persons with no visual problems, "but we never keep an unsighted person waiting."

In the Low Vision Clinic, clients with sight problems are taught about aids which make their life easier when ordinary glasses will no longer suffice. Margaret Sample, RN, has a variety of apparatus which ranges from small magnifiers to TV screens which will enlarge a newspaper column to more than six inches across.

An excellent example of how the blind can adapt to everyday life is Mrs. Evelyn Hartigan, blind since childhood, who has worked at the association since 1965. With a small cassette recorder attached to her phone, a Braille writing machine, a typewriter and a dictaphone, she functions as a full time executive secretary.

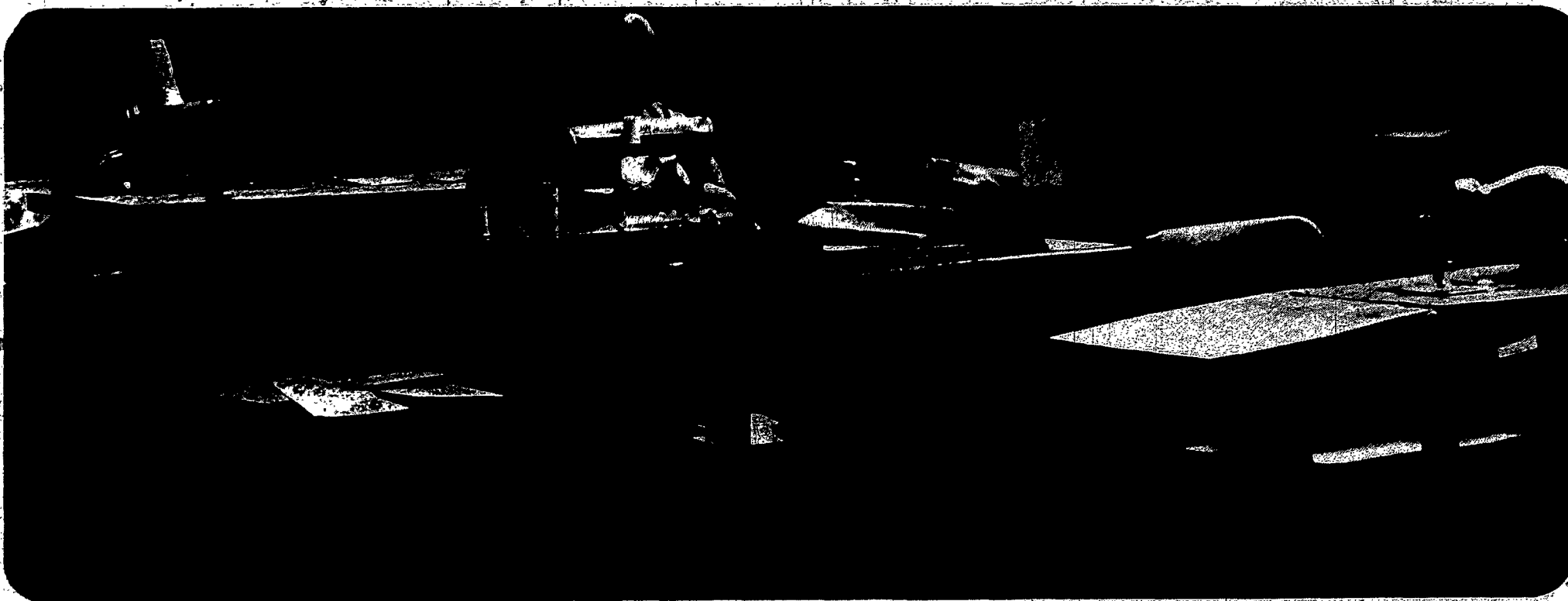
The only thing that makes her different from any secretary is that her "Vest Pocket Dictionary" on the wall behind her desk is in Braille and takes up an entire bookshelf.

"Most of the cases are geriatric these last four or five years," observed Dan Meyers. "Partly it's the Rochester population, because we have a higher density of older people than nation wide, and part of it is that blindness often goes along with the slowing down of the body in old age."

Among the common causes of blindness that go along with aging that Meyers mentioned are glaucoma, cataracts and sugar diabetes, all of which usually appear in middle or late life.



Evelyn Hartigan with all the tools a blind secretary needs.



... while Karen Schutt, also partially sighted, does industrial sewing.