

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Suddenly, it seems, the seas around us are being regarded as the new frontiers of the mining industry. And the goals of today's oceanic searchers are not only oil and natural gas, but food, minerals and chemicals.

The other day an international gathering of minerals processing experts heard that undersea mining would be the next giant step forward, comparable to the development of open-pit mining ashore.

With many of America's biggest industrial names turning their attention to undersea possibilities, the federal government has developed plans to support underwater research to the extent of \$2.3 billion over the next 10 years. In addition to the oil, natural gas, and such minerals as cobalt, manganese and copper to be extracted from the sea, some experts foresee establishment of undersea fish and plant farms as new food sources.

HEADIN' SOUTHWEST — Strong competition for those two retirement meccas, California and Florida, is developing in Arizona, and particularly in the area around Tucson, in consequence of the dry, sunny climate and one of the lowest tax rates in the nation.

Of special interest to retired men and women, or to those about to retire, is the "Tucson Green Valley Retirement Community Project," a few miles south of Tucson, facing the Santa Rita mountains. There in a self-contained community 1,150 rental apartments and more than 100 homes and town houses already have been constructed, with their own medical clinic, multi-store shopping plaza, fire and police departments, U.S. Post Office, recreation center, seven swimming pools and neighborhood parks, tennis and shuffleboard courts and facilities for shooting, fishing, riding and golfing.

The sponsor of the Green Valley Project is the University of Arizona Foundation, through its non-profit subsidiary, The Retirement Foundation, Inc. Developer of the project is Maxon Construction Co., of which Don C. Maxon is president. Because of a unique provision that only one member of the family

need be 50 years of age or older, family units, as well as couples whose children have grown, will make their homes in the Green Valley Project.

TILE TARIFF — Record-breaking imports of foreign tile are threatening the solvency of the American ceramic tile manufacturing industry. Ceramic tile imports reached more than 64 million square feet in the first half of 1964, on a 34 per cent rise, and the industry is seeking to have the glazed wall tile tariff removed from bargaining dur-

ing the current Kennedy Round of GATT negotiations in Geneva.

The rapid rise in imports of tile is more than three times as great as for imports in general coming into the United States, according to Norris E. Phillips, chairman of the Ceramic Tile Manufacturers of the United States.

Smaller producers already are facing difficulties and further cuts in tile tariffs will mean loss of jobs and perhaps the permanent shutting down of many plants. Many thousands of workers with low em-

ployability would see their jobs threatened. These people are in the very group for which Administration concern has been shown in its poverty program.

SCIENCE NEWS — From California has come word that smog is no threat to health. A massive study of Californians in hardest-hit areas found no support for the thesis that today's general air-pollution levels in that state are having a serious effect on the populace. Medical men have found that greasing a

patient's hair with mineral oil reduces danger of sparks from static when he is undergoing treatment in a high-pressure oxygen chamber. Space, at least that part of it 1,000 miles out from Haystack Hill at Tyngsboro, Mass., will have no secrets now that a new 350,000-pound, 120-foot radio antenna has been put into operation there. This "dish" can spot a sphere the size of a marble as far out as 1,000 miles. It will be used to detect copper fibers placed in orbit by the U.S. Photos taken by Echo I and Echo II

satellites reveal Bermuda to be 220 feet farther north and 105 feet farther west than had been supposed.

THINGS TO COME—Color-coded desk thermometer for use at home or in the office. Changes color according to the temperature, blue for 20 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit, green for 50 to 68, and red for 68 to 120. Auto emergency kit that includes fire extinguisher, windshield deicer, red warning blinker, instant flat tire repair cylinder, first-aid kit, flashlight and SOS flag. Glove compart-

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BITS O' BUSINESS—Industrial payrolls reached a new high at \$59.8 billion at mid-September, up \$1.6 million over year-ago rate. Of the \$6.5-billion gain in payrolls in third quarter, wages and salaries accounted for \$4 billion. The \$5-billion business equipment industry will reach the \$10-billion level by 1970, experts predict.

Area Students Win Posts on Cheering Squad

Two Torrance students now attending Chapman College in Orange have been elected to the cheering squad for the 1964-65 basketball season. Harry Sippel, son of the Rev. H. Milton Sippel of 2914 Onrado St., is the head varsity cheerleader. Robin Dube, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Dube of 1751 Martina St., is a varsity songleader.

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