

Duncan Holbert School

My Name Is Steven Jost...

... And I'm a student at Duncan Holbert School.

Steven, 3½, the 1969 Easter Seal Child of Santa Cruz County for 1969, is among 22 orthopedically handicapped youngsters who attend The School.

The school, operated by the county office of education's special education department, is for youngsters between the ages of 3 to 21 who are unable to fit into the regular school program.

But they may some day.

Dick Struck, director of special education, said the school makes every effort to prepare these handicapped youngsters for a regular school.

The school's staff includes a physical therapist, occupational therapist, two teachers, two teacher's aides, a receptionist and a custodian. Struck said the approximately \$117,000 it takes to

operate the school is "one of the most expensive programs per child" because of the extensive services required. Money is raised from county taxes, levied by the county board of education, and from state revenues.

The present school for these youngsters was built in 1966 and has since served as a model for state standards. It is at the site of Rolling Hills School, 130 Herman Avenue, Watsonville, in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Head teacher is Nancy Divine.

Monthly clinics are conducted by the county health department to determine youngsters who might require the special services offered at Duncan Holbert.

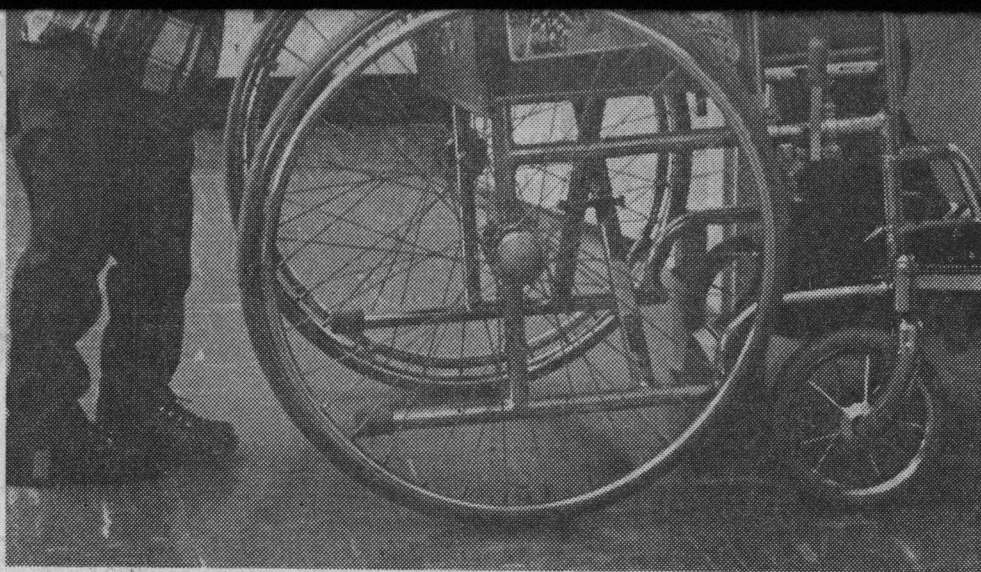
Steven, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Jost of Felton, is crippled by congenital paraplegia.

In these pictures taken at the school, Steven...



... Crawls through a tunnel, a pastime all young boys find fascinating.





... Helps one of his classmates.



... Paints a pretty picture.



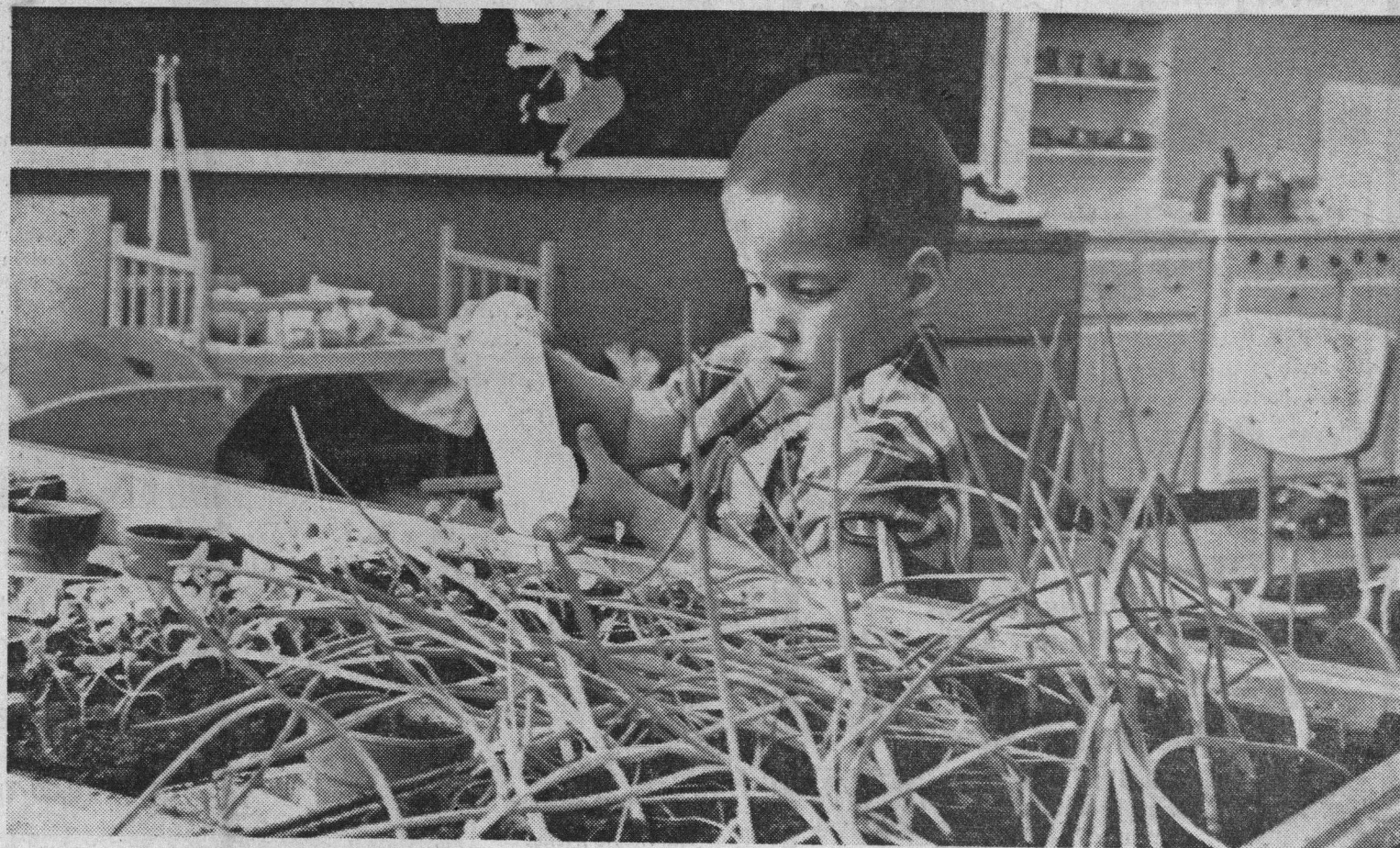
... Discusses his school work with teacher LaVonne West.

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... Waters a small garden as a science project.