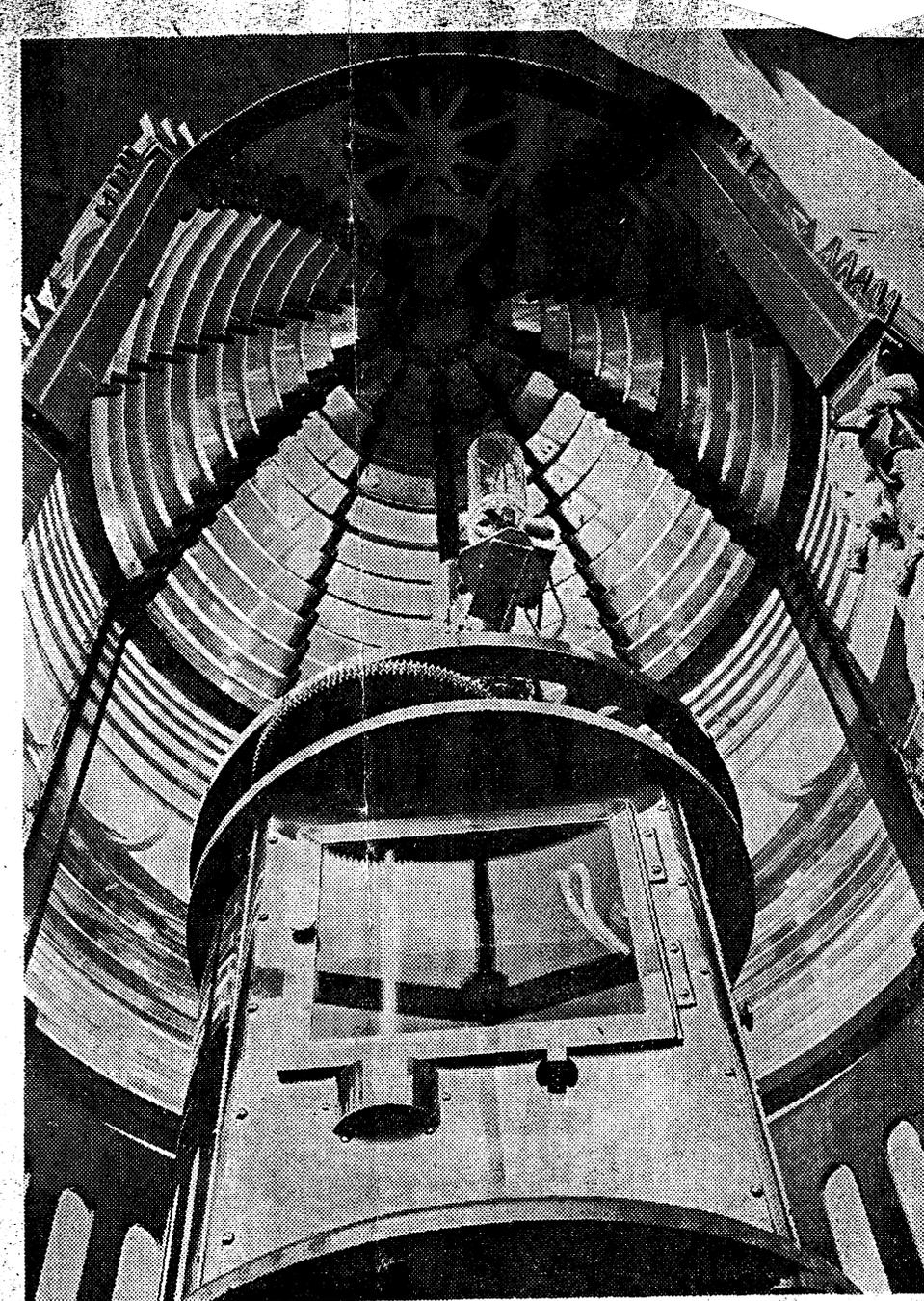


## Oldest Lighthouse on West Coast

1850 Congress appropriated funds for the construction of light-houses on the West Coast. In 1852 the secretary of the Treasury ordered the building of eight beacons, one of which was to be at Point Pinos. In March, 1853, the bark Oriole was sent from San Francisco with men and materials, but difficulty with the

delivery of lenses and prisms from France delayed opening until 1855. Since then a beacon of light has flashed nightly as a guide and warning to shipping off the Central California coast. The Point Pinos light continues as an active facility of the United States Coast Guard. Public tours will recommence Jan. 2.

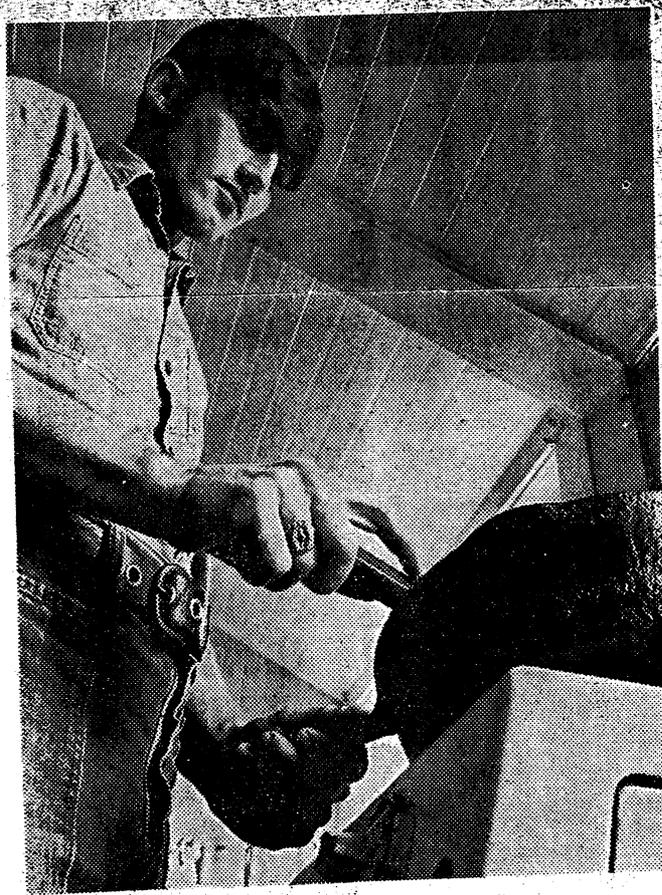


Made in France

(Herald photos by Russ C)

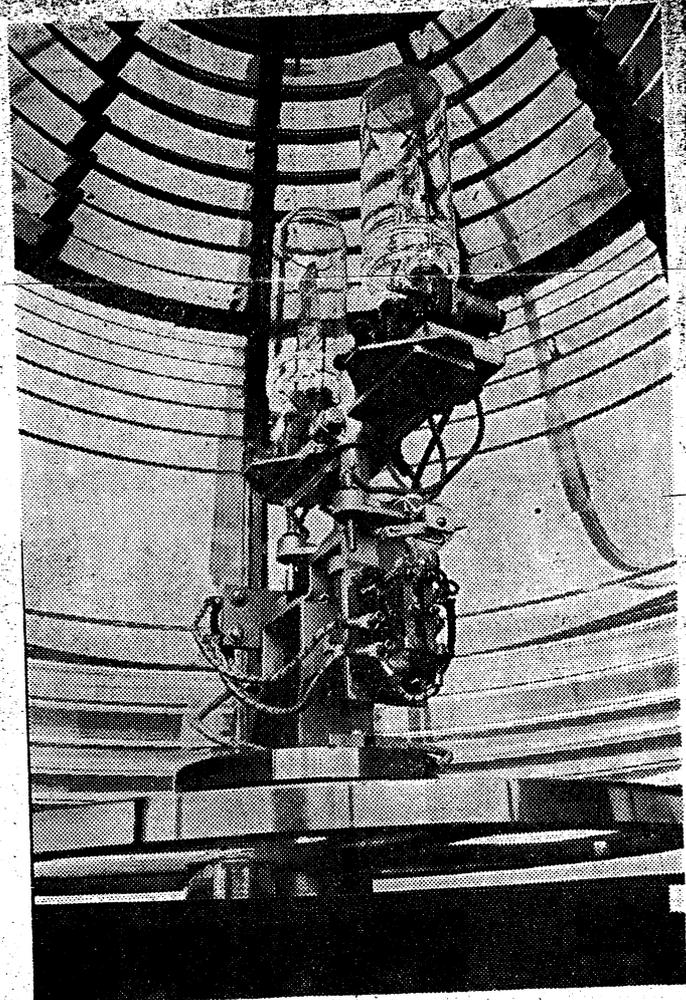
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### Time for Chow

Seaman Glad Gamble, between watches, tries out his skill at the skillet in the station's kitchen.



### Bulb and Spare

Kerosene was substituted for sperm oil in 1880 and replaced by electricity in 1915. The present light source is a 1,000-watt bulb, here shown with a spare which takes over automatically when the first bulb burns out. Amplification by lenses and prisms produces a 50,000 candlepower beam visible 15 miles at sea.

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