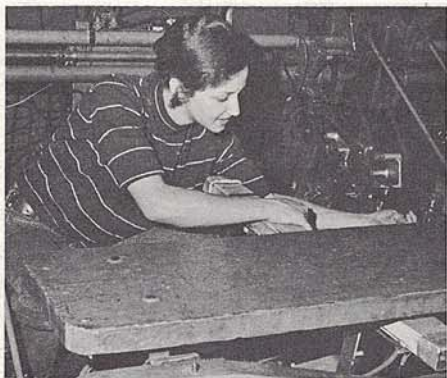


The Girl in the Pits



At 19, Margaret (Muffin) Sears may not be the youngest pinsetter mechanic, but she figures to be the only girl in town who can work over the big Brunswick A-2's. Muffin is employed at Bowl America Falls Church where, during the week, she handles the control desk in either the tenpin house or the Annex down the block. On weekends Muffin climbs into dungarees and goes behind the pits. There, under the guidance of head mechanic Jimmie Johnson, she puts her mechanical aptitude to work and helps keep things running smoothly. Muffin says she is going to stick with the mechanical side of the game and hopes someday to be in charge of the pit end of the lanes.