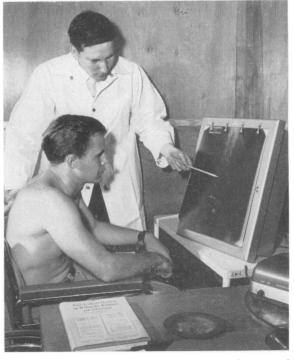


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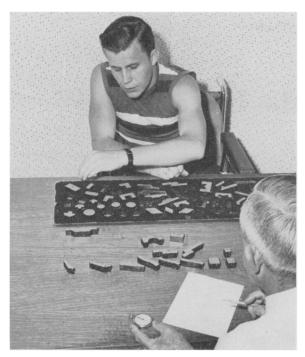


Motoring with friends before taking his Navy induction physical, a 22year-old Wyoming oil rigger drove his car off a high bridge. The result: He is paralyzed from the chest down for life. But the story only begins there. At the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center, Fishersville, Va., doctor, psychologist, therapist, guidance expert, and rehabilitation counselor combined their observations into a vocational diagnosis and prognosis and contributed to respective phases of his therapy and training. After months at the center, he is able to make his way as an electrical appliance repairman. He looks forward to an independent, self-supporting life.



A doctor explains to the patient the significance of his injury, shown on an X-ray film. He also advises on physical abilities and limitations and discusses types of work the young man may do.

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As part of the vocational diagnosis, a psychologist tests aptitudes, intelligence, and interests.



An instructor at the center teaches the young man how to repair electric appliances of all types.



A physical therapist helps the young man develop the strength he will need to walk with crutches and long braces. He will work from a wheelchair, but exercise in an erect position is essential.



A rehabilitation counselor visits the boy at his new job and talks with his employer to assure that both are satisfied and to iron out any difficulties that may have arisen in the performance of his work.