

# The Redstone Rocket

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## TOP PANEL COMING HERE



**ARSENAL'S TOP SOLDIER**—PFC Sam Pennell, manning the radio controls in the 291st Military Police station, will return to the University of North Carolina to complete his work for a degree in pharmacy when he finishes his tour of military obligation. This month he is Soldier of the Month at Redstone Arsenal. Pennell was assigned to the 291st after he completed Military Police Training at Ft. Gordon four months ago. Between assignments he married the former Miss Patricia McDonald. They have known each other most of their lives, sharing the same hometown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pennell, 1808 Mecklenburg, Charlotte.

## President's Scientific Advisors To Study Present, Future Missile Needs

Army missiles and future requirements will be discussed behind closed doors here next week when top scientific advisors to the President gather for talks at the U. S. Army Missile Command.

Among high-level visitors expected for the two-day conference—which begins Monday morning—will be eight members of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee, Ground Warfare Panel. Accompanying them will be several consultants and top Department of Army officials.

Theme of the conference will be: "Development Programs-Advanced Missile Systems, and Homing Guidance Systems for Missiles Against Surface Targets."

Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, Commanding General of the Missile Command, will welcome attendees. Dr. William C. McCorkle, Jr., Director of the Advanced Systems Laboratory, Research and Development Directorate, is Project Officer for the conference.

Panel members expected to attend are:

Dr. Sidney Drell, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University, Panel Chairman; Dr. Wilbur B. Davenport, Jr., Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. Byron P. Leonard, Vice President Aerospace Corporation; Dr. Charles P. Slichter, Dept. of Physics, University of Illinois; Dr. Val L. Fitch, Palmer Physical Laboratory, Princeton University; Herbert K. Weiss, Manager, Mission Analysis, Litton Systems,

Inc.; Brig. Gen. Edmund L. Mueller (USA Ret.); Dr. Donald H. Steinger, Executive Secretary, Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President.

Consultants include: Dr. John D. Baldeschwieler, Dept. of Chemistry, Stanford University; Dr. Kenneth L. Jordan, Jr., Lincoln Laboratory, MIT; and Dr. Frederick Keller, Aerospace Corporation.

## Army Awards \$1.5 Million

The Army Missile Command has awarded \$1,549,500 to Raytheon Company for radio frequency oscillators used in the Hawk Missile System.

Work on the contract will be performed at Raytheon plants in Andover and Bedford, Mass.

Hawk is a highly mobile member of the Army's air defense arsenal of missiles, capable of intercepting high performance aircraft and airbreathing guided missiles at low altitudes. The weapon system is in operation with Army and Marine Corps units in the United States and overseas.

Technical supervision of Hawk is from the Army Missile Command, where Col. John G. Redmon is Hawk Project Manager. The Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate negotiated the contract.

## AUSA Plans Honors For Vietnam Vets, ROTC And Military Academy Cadets

The Tennessee Valley Chapter, Association of the U. S. Army, will have a Spring meeting Friday evening, April 5, J. Burl Galloway, Chapter President, has announced.

"The program will vary considerably from what we usually plan," he said. "There will not be a featured speaker."

Galloway said the Board of Directors had decided this meeting would recognize and honor Department of the Ar-

my civilian employees at Redstone Arsenal who have returned from volunteer duty in Vietnam.

"Some two dozen civilian employees have already returned from volunteer tours of duty in Vietnam and a similar number are in Vietnam at present. We feel the Chapter should let them know that it supports and appreciates their efforts," Galloway said.

Each of the Redstone civilians who has returned from Vietnam is being invited to the meeting as a chapter guest and the program includes recognizing them and presenting them with an appropriate token of appreciation from the chapter.

"We shall also be honoring

R.O.T.C. and U. S. Military Academy Cadet groups," he said. (See AUSA on Page 3)

## Congressman Announces Passage Of Measure To Award Land For Exhibit

Congressman Bob Jones Monday notified officials of the Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission that the House had passed a measure which would convey approximately 35 acres of Redstone Arsenal land to the Commission.

The bill, when signed by the President, will provide land for use as an exhibit center featuring Army missile weaponry development and space sciences. It was passed by the Senate in January.

Alabama voters approved the issue of \$1.9 million in revenue bonds to finance construction of the exhibit center in November of 1965.

Meeting in Huntsville last Thursday the Commission named Edward O. Buckbee director of the proposed center. He has been employed in the Public Affairs Office of the Marshall Space Flight Center for the past several years.

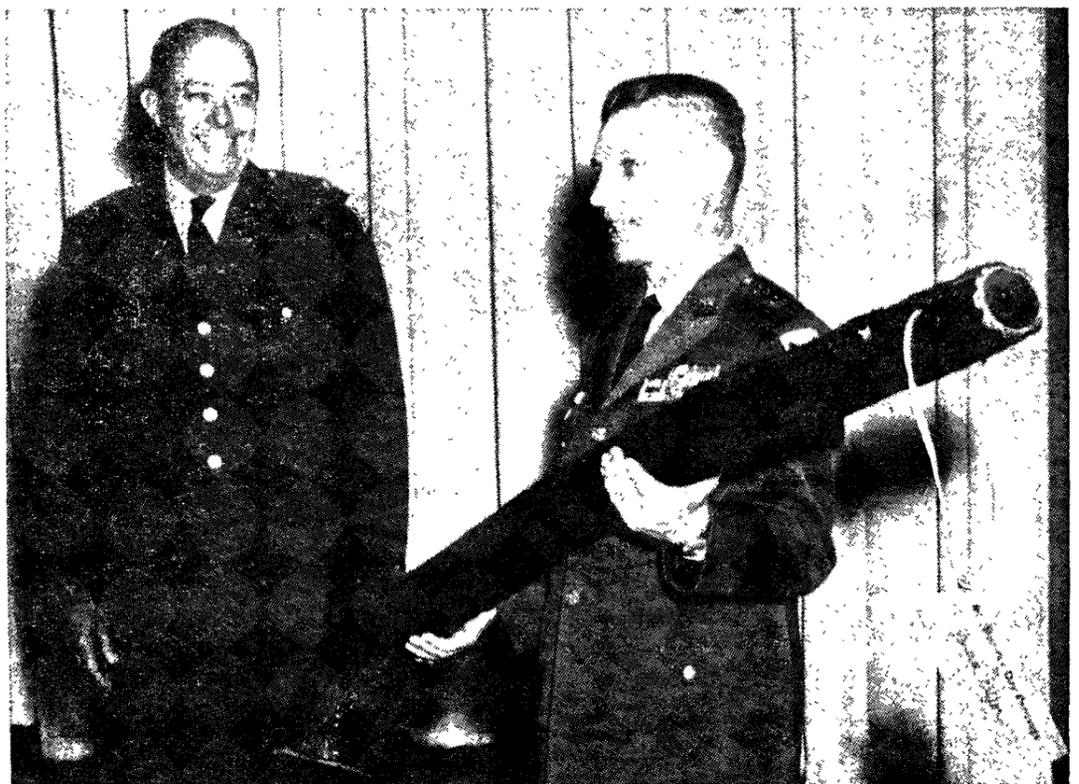
## UNITED PROPOSES TO SLASH FARE FOR ONE PARENT

A reduced roundtrip fare from the West Coast to Hawaii is being sought by United Air Lines for one parent of any unmarried serviceman on rest and recuperation leave in the Islands.

United has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for authority to fly one parent of any unmarried serviceman between Los Angeles or San Francisco and Honolulu for \$165 roundtrip, plus tax.

If approved, the reduced rate would be effective today.

The tariff is the same as current fares for wives of military persons on R&R leave to Hawaii.



**BIG STICK FOR THE BOSS**—Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler hefts his St. Patrick's Day present—a giant Shillelagh—presented him earlier this week by Col. Spencer R. Baen, Shillelagh Project Manager. Occasion for the presentation was a meeting at Rocket Auditorium of Missile Command employees connected with the program. Both Gen. Eifler and Col. Baen praised the gathering "for the fine job you're doing." The oversized Shillelagh here is about five feet tall and weighs approximately 50 pounds.

# The Redstone Rocket

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## Rocket Ruminations

From pro's and con's they fell to a warmer way of disputing.  
—Miguel le Cervantes

### Editorial—

## Getting By Is Not Enough

What would be your reaction to a situation such as this: You've taken your car to a mechanic for some repairs and when you go in to pick it up, you overhear him saying to one of his friends, "I guess I could have done a better job, but what the heck, this is good enough to get by and he'll never know the difference."

You would no doubt be pretty upset. After all, you're paying this man to do a job and you don't expect it to be done with a "get by" attitude.

However, before you should sound off and give this mechanic a piece of your mind, think about your day



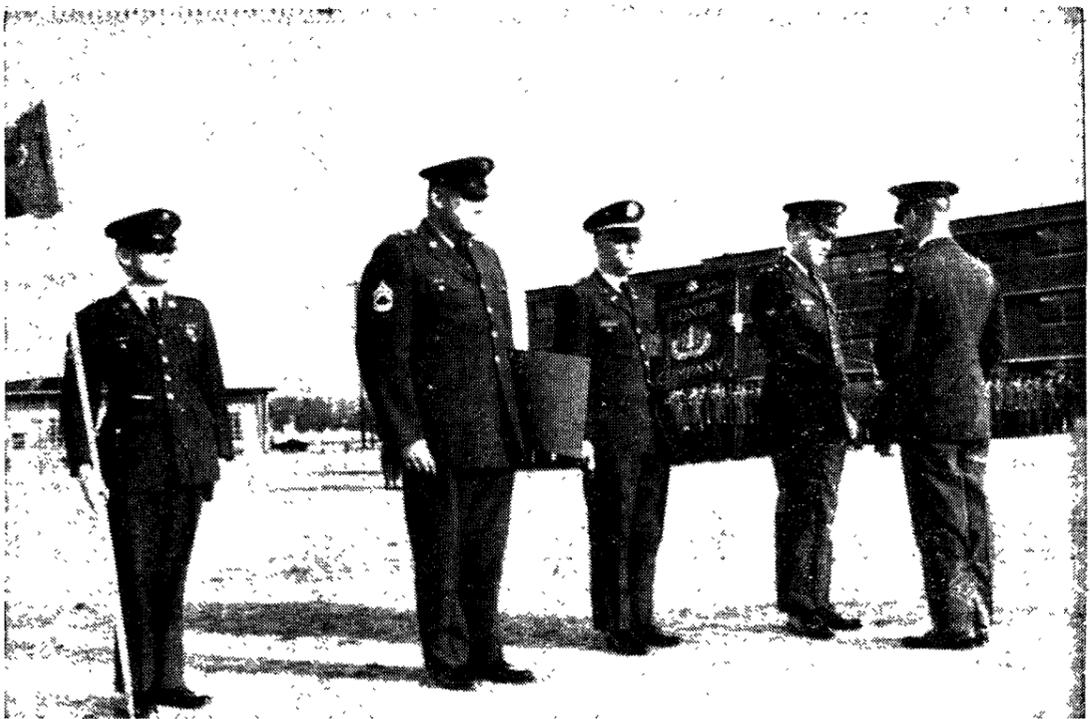
to day performance of duty and make sure that you haven't adopted the same outlook.

When you are doing your job, are you an artist, a craftsman, with the particular tools of your trade? When you turn out a piece of work, is it the very best you can produce—or have you cut a few corners because "it's close enough for government work"?

Don't accept mediocrity.

Whether you are an administrator, cook, baker, mechanic, or in one of the hundreds of other assignments in the Armed Forces, strive to do your job better than anyone else. You will certainly have a great deal more personal satisfaction knowing your job was done correctly and completely. You will also find that a little extra effort and attention to detail on your part will benefit you in the long run.

When someone says, "When you give him a job to do, you know it's going to be done right—he's a real artist," make sure they're talking about you. (AFPS)



**TOPS OTHERS**—Major Edward Chick, (far right) commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, congratulates his best soldier in a recent ceremony that also saw Capt. George V. Hufford, CO of Company B, take home the honor company award for his men. Soldier of the month is Sp4 James T. Fortney who is assigned to Company C and is an instructor with the Nike missile division. Accompanying Capt. Hufford are his first sergeant, SFC Felton Collins, and the company guidon bearer, Sp5 Wilmer J. Clements.

### Proposed July 1968 Federal Pay Raise

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
GS- 1	\$ 3,889	\$ 4,019	\$ 4,149	\$ 4,279	\$ 4,408	\$ 4,538	\$ 4,668	\$ 4,798	\$ 4,928	\$ 5,057
GS- 2	4,231	4,372	4,513	4,655	4,796	4,937	5,078	5,219	5,360	5,501
GS- 3	4,600	4,753	4,907	5,060	5,214	5,367	5,521	5,674	5,828	5,981
GS- 4	5,145	5,316	5,487	5,658	5,829	6,000	6,171	6,342	6,513	6,684
GS- 5	5,732	5,924	6,115	6,307	6,498	6,690	6,881	7,073	7,265	7,456
GS- 6	6,321	6,532	6,743	6,955	7,166	7,377	7,588	7,799	8,010	8,221
GS- 7	6,981	7,214	7,447	7,680	7,913	8,146	8,379	8,612	8,845	9,078
GS- 8	7,699	7,956	8,213	8,470	8,727	8,984	9,241	9,498	9,755	10,012
GS- 9	8,462	8,744	9,026	9,308	9,590	9,872	10,154	10,436	10,718	11,000
GS-10	9,297	9,607	9,917	10,227	10,537	10,847	11,157	11,467	11,777	12,087
GS-11	10,203	10,543	10,883	11,223	11,563	11,903	12,243	12,583	12,923	13,263
GS-12	12,174	12,580	12,986	13,392	13,798	14,204	14,610	15,016	15,422	15,828
GS-13	14,409	14,889	15,369	15,849	16,329	16,809	17,289	17,769	18,249	18,729
GS-14	16,946	17,511	18,076	18,641	19,206	19,771	20,336	20,901	21,466	22,031
GS-15	19,780	20,439	21,098	21,757	22,416	23,075	23,734	24,393	25,052	25,711
GS-16	22,835	23,596	24,357	25,118	25,879	26,640	27,401	*28,162	*28,923	
GS-17	26,264	27,139	*28,014	*28,889	*29,764					
GS-18			*30,239							

## Color TV News To Be Topic At Society Meeting

"Color Television News Film Techniques" will be discussed by Sheldon Nemeier, manager of NBC News Film Equipment Lab-

oratory and Sound Service Monday night at 7:45 p.m. in the briefing room of the Sheraton Inn in Huntsville.

He will be the guest of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. Members and guests are invited to join the officers, managers and guest speaker at a pre-meeting dutch-treat dinner in the motel's Celestial dining room at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting is open to the pub-

lic. Nemeier's talk will cover NCB's approach to television news presentation and will compare presentation in 1968 with that of 1948. He will also cover NBC's conversion to color in 1965 and expansion of color news facilities in 1967 and 1968. The central theme is location news gathering and subsequent TV broadcasting.

Further information may be obtained from the secretary-treasurer, phone 859-3054.

## Intelligence Group Gets Briefings On Programs

A group from the Defense Intelligence Agency headed by Navy Captain Rex E. Rader visited Redstone Arsenal this week for briefings on Army Missile Command organization and programs. The

captain is the Deputy Assistant Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence in the Department of Defense agency.

The other visitors in the group were Col. Fred R. Ulrich, Navy Captain A. J. Casucci, LTC Frank E. Hamilton and LTC Donald A. Van Matre.

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# German Chaplains Will Conduct Services Here

Germany's two military chaplains serving in the United States will be here Wednesday, Mar. 21 to conduct services in the Post Chapel.

Lt. Col. Emmanuel Frey and Lt. Col. Giselher Pohl are continually traveling throughout the U. S. to military installations where German students and liaison personnel from the Army, Air Force and Navy are stationed.

Their periodic visit here recurs about every two months. Over 3200 Germans, including 100 students and 27 interpreters and their dependents, are currently assigned to the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School here. Also, four liaison personnel are attached to the Army Missile Command, several work at the Marshall Space Flight Center, and there are numerous American dependents on post.

Chaplain Frey will conduct a Catholic service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a Lutheran service under the direction of Chaplain Pohl at 8 p.m. The activities will be carried out in the German language.

Both services are open to the public.

## Arts Council Aids Foreign Students

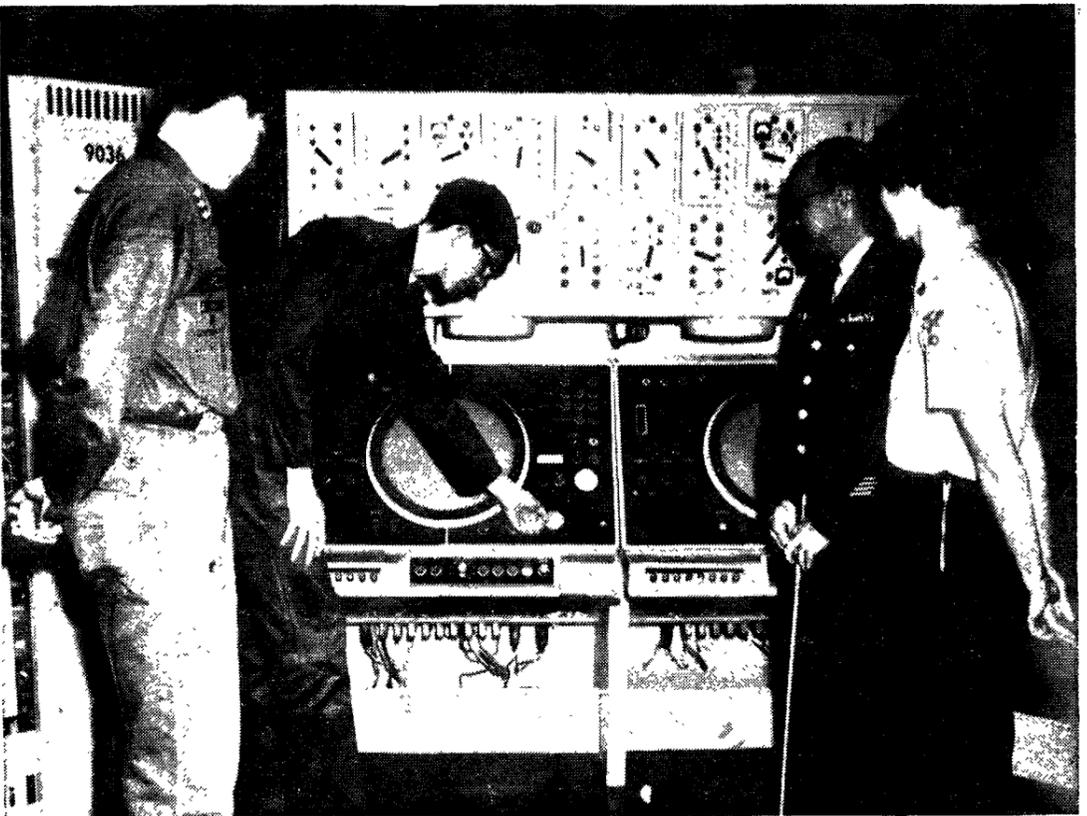
Foreign students at the U. S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal are given a first-hand exposure to American Cultural arts through the generosity and cooperation of member organizations of The Arts Council of Huntsville, it was announced by the Council's Executive Director, Erik Fris.

"During 1967 there were at least 1,215 tickets or seats made available to MMCS students," Fris said. "At least six cultural non-profit organizations offered complimentary seats to both foreign and domestic students of MMCS to their regular performances during last year," he added.

The Arts Council groups who cooperated in the "cultural exposure" project included Film Forum, Huntsville Chamber Music Guild, Huntsville Civic Symphony, Huntsville Little Theatre, Fantasy Playhouse and Community Ballet Association. There were 29 performances included in the offerings.

Member organizations advise The Arts Council of the dates and number of seats they can offer the students. The Arts Council notifies the Huntsville-Madison County Council For International Visitors through its Executive Secretary, Mrs. Robert Leech, who in turn processes the invitations through the MMCS office. This three-way liaison helps to make the community cultural relations project a success, Fris said.

The Arts Council "cultural exposure" project to MMCS students is in its fourth year.



CADETS TOUR—The Huntsville Civil Air Patrol tours the Hawk Division of the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School. Cadet Capt. David Cagle and Cadet Capt. Katherine Croy look on as Cadet Col. Jim Selman learns to use a radar scope. SSgt. James Wilson, an instructor with the Hawk division, guides the cadets in their introduction to air defense electronics.

### AUSA

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R.O.T.C. Detachments expected at the meeting are from Florence State College, Florence, Ala., and the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. The West Point cadets are members of the Rocket Society and will be at Redstone April 5, for an orientation visit to the U. S. Army Missile Command.

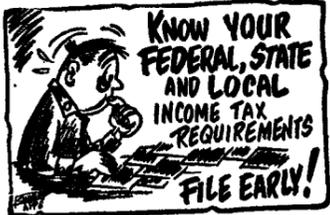
The R.O.T.C. groups will present musical entertainment.

"All three of these groups contribute materially to accomplishment of the total U.S. Army mission and we are hoping for a large turnout of chapter membership in show of our support," Galloway said.

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# Arts Showcase To Open Huntsville Art Festival

Eleven performing member organizations of The Arts Council of Huntsville will be featured in the second annual "Showcase of the Arts" to be staged Saturday, at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Huntsville High School auditorium. The Showcase is the gala opening event of Huntsville's fifth annual Festival of the Arts.

Last year's Showcase was such a success that the arts groups decided they would perform twice this year. Both performances will be open to the public with general admission tickets now being sold.

There will be no reserved seats, according to Mrs. Walton Rodgers, chairman of the Showcase committee, and she suggests early purchase of tickets in order to avoid disappointment in case of a sell-out.

Among the member organizations of The Arts Council who will perform short skits and programs of their particular art media are Huntsville Little Theatre, Fantasy Playhouse, Huntsville Community Chorus and the Civic Opera Society.

Huntsville Civic Symphony and Huntsville Chamber Music Guild will perform some musical classics, as well as Huntsville Youth Orchestra. Community Ballet Association will present its Huntsville Civic Ballet Company in Loyd Tygett's internationally famous "Shindig", a rousing popular dance spoof of the old West.

Huntsville Film Forum will present a fine foreign prize-winning film, and male and female barber-shop quartets will entertain during curtain breaks.

Arts Council exhibiting groups will include Huntsville Art League and Museum Association, Huntsville Photographic Society, Society of Technical Writers and Publishers, American Institute of Architects and the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society. Their displays will be on view to the audiences both Saturday night and Sunday matinee before performances and during intermission.

Tickets for adults and students for both performances are now being sold at The Arts Council, 311 Clinton Avenue, Huntsville, or telephone 539-2592.

## NCO Wives Elect Two To Board

Two new members were elected to the Executive Board of the Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club during their business meeting Thursday night at the NCO Open Mess Annex. Mrs. Louis DeMichele and Mrs. Edwin Beck will replace two members who resigned from the Board.

Mrs. Troy Bowden and Mrs. Glenn Williams, new members, attended the meeting.

The annual membership drive which started March 1 will continue for three months. The member bringing in the most new members will be crowned "Mrs. NCO" at the conclusion of the drive, and an award will be given to the runner-up. All members are urged to put forth their best effort in the membership drive.

The Club voted to give \$100 and make clothing donations to the Christmas Charities, and to give \$100 to the school lunch program.

Hostesses for March are Mrs. DeMichele, Mrs. John Blankenship, and Mrs. Earnest Aimer.

## Coffee House Party Scheduled For Sunday

A coffee house party and talent show for enlisted men at Redstone Arsenal has been scheduled at the Service Club on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The coffee house has been a popular gathering place for thinking and talented people since the fifteenth century, having its beginning in the Middle East. From the Middle East to Europe to the American Colonies, wherever there was coffee, there were coffee houses.

Since World War II the number of coffee houses in the United States and Canada has mushroomed to popularity because of the desire of young people to display their talent and express themselves in an informal environment.

A great deal of talent among the enlisted men from the Arsenal has been lined up for the show, plus professional folk singer and a one act play.

Enlisted Men wishing to participate in the program are invited to attend the party.



**RECEIVES HUSBAND'S MEDAL**—Mrs. Shirley A. Lott received a Bronze Star with "V" for valor which was awarded posthumously to her husband, Corporal Junior E. Lott, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, Commanding General, U. S. Army Missile Command, made the presentation. Corp. Lott was cited for assisting, under intense enemy fire, a wounded member of the 12th Infantry 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam. He was killed during this action. Mrs. Lott is presently residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Fain, Route 8, Athens. Corp. Lott's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Lott, Route 7, Athens.

## School Wives Set Meeting On Tuesday

The U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School Wives Club will hold a luncheon at the Redstone Arsenal Officers Club, Tuesday, March 26 at 12:30 p.m.

"Swing Into Spring" will be the theme of the luncheon, and Mrs. Rita Guerra, Beauty Consultant, will give a demonstration of the new "Moon Drops Demi Makeup —The First Totally Translucent Finish-For-The-Face," and other good grooming tips.

Mrs. Raymond C. Bishop will be the hostess and will be assisted by other ladies from the Air Defense Department. A social hour will begin at noon.

Reservations will close Friday,

### NDTA TO MEET

James C. McCollom, Director, Transportation and Logistics, NASA Headquarters, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the National Defense Transportation Association, tomorrow at 6 p.m., at the Willowbrook Country Club.

McCollom has been in his present position since 1960, providing the development of transportation policy, planning, and staff assistance to NASA's aeronautical and space programs. His topic will be "The Systems Approach to Transportation."

March 22, and cancellations by noon Monday. Both are handled by Mrs. B. E. Gray, 837-6296.

## SOJOURNERS PLAN MEETING

Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Pattillo, (Ret.) will be the guest of the National Sojourners at the Redstone Officers Open Mess Friday at 6:30 p.m.

The Sojourners are having a past masters night. Past worshipful masters of the Masonic Lodges in this area will be guests.

Reservations can be made by calling Charles Rollins 876-3032, Pete Redding 536-1376 or Theo J. Combel 876-0193.

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**ZAMBIANS VISIT**—Ambassador Rupiah Bwezani Banda of Zambia (left), and Elias Mwamba Kaenga, Counselor of the Zambian Embassy in Washington (right), are briefed on Redstone Arsenal by Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, Commanding General, Army Missile Command. The visitors later toured Army facilities on the Arsenal.



**"WHAT ARE THEY DOING to his shoulders?"** asks year-old Benjamin Sproul, as Col. Norman L. Holland, director of individual training, at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School here and his mother, Drury, change his father's gold bars for silver ones. Lt. Alexander E. Sproul, Jr., is the training supervisor at the Shiloh branch of MMCS.

## Chicago Museum Has Army Missiles, Film On Display

Redstone Arsenal is well represented in a new military exhibit presented by the U. S. Army last week to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

A 13-minute, color film with narration, "The Why of Army Missiles," is continuously shown in a small, semi-circular, forum-type theater seating 16 persons.

Highlighting activities of the Army Missile Command, it gives a simple, brief outline of how Army missiles work and some of the physical laws involved in their operational use. Missions performed by different types of missiles are illustrated by action shots.

The Dragon anti-tank weapon is presented for viewer testing in an area of a mock weapons range. The participant aligns the crosshairs of the Dragon on one of several moving armored vehicles; if he successfully "hits" the selected target, a flash of light will indicate the target's destruction.

From the Sentinel System Command is a 1/12 scale model of the Sprint missile in its vertical underground cell which can be "fired" by the viewer. Depicting the first split seconds of a Sprint flight when the missile is "popped" from its cell by a propellant charge, the model simulates an intercept mission.

The sequence is activated when the viewer pushes a button. A narration describes the missile and gives a brief outline of its role in the Sentinel Anti-Ballistic Missile System.

The exhibit is titled "U. S. Army

after serving in Vietnam, first with the 6th Artillery, 1st Division, then as chief of the Logistical Operations Control Center of 1st Logistics Command. While in Vietnam he was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal and one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the second Oak Leaf Cluster on his Army Commendation Medal.

Other overseas assignments for the Susquehanna, Pa., native include two year tours in Germany and the Marshall Islands.

He now resides here with his wife, Yvonne, and two children—Wendy, 9, and Timothy, 7.

Graduation exercises will be held in the Post Theater on Patton Road at 9:30 a.m. Appropriate music and national anthems will be played by the 55th Army Band. The event is open to the public at no charge.

—Modern and Efficient." Other Army equipment featured includes:

The M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier, UH-1D Iroquois helicopter, the Remington 'Zouave' rifle, Springfield M1903, M1 carbine, M1 rifle and M16A1 rifle.

## Interagency Announces Job Openings In Area

The Interagency Board for North Alabama is currently accepting applications for electronics mechanics, messenger, and communications relay equipment operator positions with North Alabama Federal agencies.

Electronics mechanics install, maintain, test, and repair a variety of electronic equipment. No specific length of experience is required, but applicants must show

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Communications relay equipment operator applicants must have experience and/or training in the communications relay equipment field. A written test is required. Starting salaries range from \$4,108 to \$4,466 per year.

For details and application instructions, contact the Federal Job Information Center, 806 Governors Drive, S. W., in Huntsville.



LT. COL. THOMAS WATERS

## Col. Waters To Address Graduates

Lt. Col. Thomas L. Waters will speak to a graduating class of over 70 at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School here Friday. Included in the group are two German students and eight members of the U. S. Marine Corps.

Col. Waters is the Army Combat Development Command liaison officer to the Army Missile Command here. His graduation topic will cover education, experience and professionalism in relationship to the military trainee at MMCS.

A 15-year veteran, Col. Waters was commissioned in 1953 upon graduation from Youngstown (O.) University. There he received ROTC training and earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree in electrical engineering. He has since compiled graduate work at New Mexico State University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Col. Waters came here last July

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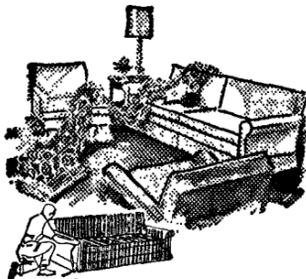
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# Marauders Conquer Maulers In Cage Showdown

## MICOM Shares Lead With B As Losers Drop To Fourth

As the season headed into the final two weeks, MICOM and Company B emerged as the teams to beat in the Redstone Arsenal Basketball League.

MICOM won a showdown with School Brigade's combined team from 1st-4th ETC, 62-48, last Wednesday for a temporary lead. Company B then throttled the Marines, 62-43, Friday to forge a two-way tie at the top with 10-1 records and three games to play.

Meanwhile, 1st-4th dropped from a first-place tie to fourth place at 9-2 as 6th ETC (10-2) vaulted into third on the wings of three victories last week: 73-43 over the Marines, by forfeit over Company C, and 73-48 against 9th ETC. Jim Boeske hit 32 points in each of the played games to pave the way for 6th.

Other highlights of the week included Bob Atkinson's 39-point performance in spurring B's surge to the top, at the same time padding his league-leading scoring output to 290 points in 11 games (26.4 average).

MICOM, which had four men in double figures for the victory over 1st-4th, now has to play Company C, 9th ETC, and Company D. Company B's remaining foes are 1st-4th, 5th-7th, and Company D.

The standings:

1. MICOM and B, 10-1; 3. 6th, 10-2; 4. 1st-4th, 9-2; 5. 2nd, 9-3; 6. 5th-7th, 7-3; 7. Marines, 6-6; 8. D. 5-5; 9. 9th, 4-6; 10. MP's, 4-7; 11. 3rd and 8th, 3-8; 13. C, 2-10; 14. A, 1-9; 15. UTC, 0-12.

Last week's results, with high scorers in parentheses: 6th 73, Marines 43 (Boeske 32, Bob Wusk 12; Dave Becker 11). 2nd 69, 9th 67 (George Hubbard 26, Tom

Wolfe 21; Tony Kulasa 22, Dwight Reeves 18).

6th won by forfeit from C. 6th 78, 9th 48 (Boeske 32, Gary Plymale 17; Kulasa 20, Reeves 13). 2nd 72, D 50 (Hubbard 22, Mike Hofer 17; Ike Morrison 20, Harry Umfleet 17).

Marnies 53, 3rd 37 (Becker 17, Dan Sasser 14; Tom Glynn, 18).

MICOM 61, 1st-4th 48 (Richard Moore and Bob Shineflug 14, J. D. Smith 11, Doug Morgan 12; John Riley 21, Dennis Hall 16).

MP's 62, 8th 50 (Charles Graeber 17, Fred Jackson 13; Dave Judewicz 14, Rich Canino 13).

5th-7th 69, A 45 (Bernie Atkins 29, Terry Steis 11; Bob Powell 16, Rodney Beach 12).

B 62, Marines 43 (Atkinson 39, John Ganley 11; Becker 11).

## Fifth Big Winner In Position Swap

A trade that was all in favor of the 5th ETC featured the weekly bowling activity in the School Brigade league at the Post Lanes last week.

C Company took a one point margin over the Fifth into their match with A Company. But C was only able to take a point and a half and was forced into a swap that left them with the runner up position.

Ed Yohe did his best to keep on top with a league leading 57 effort but A grabbed the margin with a well rounded attack, led by Bob Oliver.

The Fifth made the most of their opportunity by sweeping the Second ETC as Bernie Atkins led the way with 524.

D Company held onto third with their 28 points being two less than the leaders and a half point below C. B Company is another point to the rear and a half point ahead of A Company. The 6th ETC is only four points out despite being mired in sixth place.

Dick Weiss was the second most productive bowler last week with a 528 for the 8th ETC. His teammate, Leroy Mitchell, hit for 517 as the Eighth swept the 200th Ordnance. Raul Llamas hit a 517 for the Ordnance five.

Other better than 500 totals were turned in by Jess Hawthorne 504 for B. Tom Glynn, 501 for the Third ETC, and Chuck Jenkins with 500 for the 4th ETC.

## Spring Sports Activity Heavy

With spring weather upon us, the sports fever is spreading in several areas and Special Services provides ample opportunity for participation.

A current drive is on to recruit a post tennis team which will compete for the Third Army championships at Fort Gordon, Ga., in June by competing in the Huntsville Industrial League.

Signups are also underway at the unit level for a volleyball league consisting of 16 teams. It will commence April 15 and outstanding players could represent the Arsenal at Ft. Benning, Ga., May 6-10. Other activities just around the corner include softball, swimming and golf.



**YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE**—Col. Spencer Baen, Commodore of the Redstone Yacht Club, discusses the upcoming boat show to be displayed at the Club's annual open house between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday with Mildred Howard of the Advanced Systems Office, Marshall Space Flight Center. More than 100 boats and cruisers will be displayed at Bldg. 3614. Skin-diving and water-skiing equipment will be operated by mem-

bers of the Marshall Athletic Recreations Social Exchange and at 10:30 Maj. Gen. C. W. Eifler and Brig. Gen. Clarence C. Harvey Jr. will participate in the show. The public is invited. Members of the 291st Military Police Company will direct visitors to parking areas. Miss "Teen-Age Huntsville"—Roberta Crowe—and members of the Blue Flames Dance band from Huntsville High will welcome members and visitors.

## Patterson Fires 584 To Pace AMC

Tom Patterson and the All-Sports bowled their way into the AMC League limelight last week. The former captured individual honors while the Sportsmen continued along their way to the league championship.

Patterson manufactured a 223 game on his way to a 584 set in leading the Avengers to three wins from the Lancers. The 3-1 win enabled the Avengers to stand off the onrushing Bombers who came within a point of tying for third.

The Sports lost the middle game to the Stars but won everything else to post an imposing 12-point lead over the idle Voyagers. Harold Madry topped the leaders with 548 and Hugh Valentine chipped in with 529 more.

The Bombers won all four points from the Rejectors, The Raiders won three from the Tigers, the Alley Cats claimed the same margin at the expense of the Travelers and the T-Birds split with the Winners in other matches.

Eulas Gilbert upended 548 sticks, Bob Brand hit for 532 and Tom Smith accounted for 531 as the resurging Bombers continued their amazing comeback. It was the second straight sweep for the defending champs.

Karl Bayer turned in a 540 total for the Alley Cats as the Cats picked on the Travelers in a drive to get out of the league's coal hole.

## Mob Scrambles Into MMCS Lead

Individual scoring wasn't exactly up to par in the MMCS Officers bowling league last week but as far as the Squirrel Hill Mob are concerned, it's the winning that counts.

The Mob did have two of the

five better than 500 totals in their lineup as they took all four points from the Pin Techs to jump over the Bad Gnus and into the lead.

Ralph Nearhoff topped the league individuals with 519 and Al Leonard chipped in with 505 for the Mob.

The Bad Gnus dropped into second after winning a single point from the Alley Cats, the Penguins took three from the Lucky

four from the Beer Framers and the Hawks did the same to the Brigadiers.

The latter sweep was paced by a pair of 513s turned in by Jim Truelove and Bill Lindsay while the Erratics got steady leadership from Clarence Coffman with a 203 game and a 512 set.

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## Youths Register For LL Baseball

Youngsters eligible for either the Little League or Pony League programs at Redstone Arsenal this summer may register for these baseball leagues Mar. 23 or Mar. 30 between 10 a.m. and noon.

Registrations are being accepted at the Arsenal Teenage Club, Building 114.

The age limits are nine to 15 (before Aug. 1), and all boys whose fathers are on active duty or retired from the military are eligible, regardless of on- or off-post residence. One parent is asked to accompany registrants and furnish birth certificate.

Tryouts will be held after April 1. Further information can be obtained by phoning Sgt. 1st Class Willis (877-3356) or Master Sgt. Steele (876-0707).

## Anythings Vault To Ladies' Lead

Breaking out of a three-way deadlock for second place in the Tuesday Morning Ladies league, the Anythings were anything but hospitable with the Four Hopefuls in sweeping the entire match.

The sweep boosted the Anythings into the lead with the Three Plus Winners dropping from first to third on a 3 to 1 setback issued by the Morning Glories.

The Anythings were tied with the Hopefuls and the Hi-Lo's, a half point behind the Winners. The Hi-Lo's latched onto second by winning three from the Remarkables.

Ginny Payne led the demise of the Winners with a 485 while the Anythings had to overcome a 478 by Marie Steele for their sweeper.

Fran Heishman took high individual honors for the week with a 498 for the Remarkables, but the Hi-Lo's got more mileage out of a 468 turned in by Martha Trump.

## Team Effort Nets Sweep For Sports

The All Sports put up a strong five-man front and HUBCO turned loose their devastating one-two punch in last week's Supply Management League action and when they were through each had scored a sweep to set the stage for their crucial struggle this week.

The Sportsmen put all five of their regulars in the 500 class in shooting down the Building Supply quintet with a 3050 total that included a 1076 game. HUBCO got a rousing 668 from Tom Lindsay and a 584 from D. B. Smith in taking all four points from the Ramblers.

The Auto Center followed the 595 lead of Art Sevigney to a trio of wins from the Bushwackers, the Pin Busters took the same winning margin from the Shoot 'n Scoots, and the Strikeouts won three from Lily Flagg in other matches.

Fred Stewart kayoed 596 maples and Frenchy Marquis chipped in with 591 more to pace the leading Sports to their sweep. Chet Wysocki turned in a 555, Quentin Owen hit for 551 and John Adams brought up the rear with 514. Hal

## Spares Seek Title Wrapup This Week

The Strikeouts will carry the hopes of six other Comp Center Mixed League quarters this week when they do battle with the league-leading Spares.

Only two weeks remain on the schedule after this week's matches and another sweep by the leaders would all but wrap up the crown.

The All-Sports are in second now, four games off the pace. The Sports will be going up against the third place Lucky Strikes.

The Hawks did manage to prevent the Spares from sweeping last week by winning one of the three games while the Sports were taking three points from the Fortren Fours.

Gwen Jess paced the leaders to their win by posting the high total of the week for the gals, a 491 count. The Sports won their duel despite a league leading 551 total posted by Jim Collins of the Fours.

The Strikeouts prepped for their duel by taking three from the Lucky strikes as Ed Murreh turned in a 519 effort and Jim Traglia hit for 523 in the losing cause.

Second high individual honors were claimed by Roy Roberts whose 547 run for the Huntsville Realtors included a 226 game. Don Dutchess kept the match even with a 528 for the Bad Gnus.

The final match of the week saw the Skunks follow the lead of Rod Floyd to a three to one win over Courts and Co.

## Crowns On Line For Minor Sports Intelligence Group

Champions were determined last week in the Special Services tournaments of squash and paddle tennis. Capt. William Johnson captured the squash title and Sgt. 1st Class Irving Lyles won the paddleball crown.

Capt. Johnson defeated Capt. J. S. D. Wharton, a British exchange instructor at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School. Capt. Johnson, winning a best 3-of-5 series, is a dentist.

SFC Lyles outlasted Capt. William Sherron, who was also runnerup in the handball eliminations the previous week. Sgt. Lyles is supervisor of sports activities in Special Services, while Capt. Sherron is commanding officer of Student Officer Company at MMCS.

Meanwhile, doubles competition is underway in handball with the first round due for completion today. The following teams are entered: Capt. Sherron-Lt. St. Cermain, Pvt. Madya-Pvt. Patton, Spec. Weyl-Col. Tipton, PFC Jones-PFC McGuire, Pvt. Podobnik-Max Frendenberg, Spec. Willeford-Sgt. Matelski, Capt. Wells-Col. Ellis, Pvt. Harrison-Pvt. Miller, SFC Lyles-MSgt. Clinton, and PFC Farrell-Pvt. Meyer.

Lanier topped the Suppliers with 534.

Lindsay sandwiched games of 209 and 201 around a rousing 258 for his second consecutive Honor Roll count and fourth of the season. Smith along with Gary Phillips, with 544, led the supporting cast. Bob Brand connected for 578 and Joe Medders hit a 574 in the losing effort.

Sevigney included a 223 game in his string while Bob Hall had a 220 and 539 for the Bushwackers. Bob Oliver topped the Strikeouts with 532 and Lee Hollenback accounted for a 530 effort for Lily Flagg.

## Missile, Munitions School Graduates 141 Students

"More than a year ago, a morning report from some unit overseas indicated that PFC John Doe would be discharged from the Army. This information was fed into a computer, setting off a chain reaction of planning that resulted in your presence in the graduation today."

So spoke Maj. Monte J. Hatchett, chief of the Plans and Operations Division in the Office of Operations at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, to Friday's graduating class of 141 students from seven nations in 12 courses.

Enlisted men are apt to have the idea that their fates are determined through the totally arbitrary decisions of a minor government clerk, but this is totally contradicted by the truth, explained Maj. Hatchett. Months of extensive planning go into the production of the MMSC product, a highly trained missile or ammunition technician.

"There are only 320 authorized positions throughout the Army for the graduates for the Hawk missile and launcher repair course, for example, so that each position requires almost individual attention to assure that there is a qualified man to fill it," pointed out Maj. Hatchett.

On the basis of the extensive tests and processing new recruits go through when they enter the Army, their abilities are matched to position open. Each individual is given training in which his abilities can be used to their full extent, pointed out Maj. Hatchett.

Four men were recognized by Mr. Reavis O'Neal, Jr., a member of the board of directors of the Association of the United States Army, with plaques honoring their high averages. Pvt. Michael L. Bruden, a native of Indianapolis, led the Ammunition Records course with an average of 98.1. He holds a B. A. degree in English from Marien College, Indianapolis, and had begun work on a

M.A. in journalism at Indiana University when he entered the Army. Capt. Peter Lahl of Munich, Germany, and 1Lt. Furio Mauro of Genova, Italy led a class of foreign students in the Nike air defense missile maintenance technician course with averages of 96.5. CSO Georg Kjaer Hansen, Fredericks'sund, Denmark, was a close third with his average of 96.2.

The three other foreign nations represented in the ceremony were China, the Netherlands, and Korea. SSG. Albertus S. Van De Kamp, Netherlands Army, led his Nike radar repair course with an average of 93.6. MSG Klaus Dworsky, German Army, led his Pershing missile guidance and control repair course with an average of 94.0.

Other honor graduates were SSG. Clifton A. Ross, land combat support missile maintenance technician; PFC Joseph Chodacki, III, Nike missile repair; PFC Francis M. Murphy, Hawk pulse radar repair; PFC Jack O. Thom, Hawk missile and launcher repair; PFC William S. Davidson, land combat support system test specialist; PVT. William F. Metcalfe, ballistic missile repair helper; PVT. Fred A. Cole, ammunitions storage; and PFC Robert M. Fennwald of the United States Marine Corps, Hawk Missile and launcher repair.

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# Siegenthaler To Be Guest Speaker At AAUW Meeting

John Siegenthaler, editor of the Nashville Tennessean and a former Kennedy aide, will be the featured speaker at the Book and Author luncheon that will conclude the second North Alabama Writers' Conference on Saturday, March 30, at 12 noon in the Russel Erskine Hotel in Huntsville.

Advance reservations may be obtained from Mrs. R. T. Moore, 1420 East Olive Drive, Huntsville 35801, or from Mrs. Verne Jordan, 3702 Grantland Circle, Huntsville 35801. Early luncheon reservations are advisable because seating capacity is limited.

A world traveler, Siegenthaler will speak on "An Editor Looks at the Third World." His recent trip to India, as well as prior trips in Europe, Asia, Africa, Viet Nam and Latin America, will provide first-hand information for his talk.

The Writer's Conference will open at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 29, in the Huntsville Utilities Auditorium with a workshop featuring talks by four Southeastern authors. Registration fee for the workshop is \$2.

Subjects to be covered by the Friday program include discussions of children's literature, historical research and writing, poetry and literary criticism.

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, buses will leave the Russel Erskine Hotel for a tour of the Space Museum at Redstone Arsenal, to return to the hotel for the Book and Author luncheon at 12 noon.

All phases of the North Alabama Writers Conference are open to the public. Sponsor of the conference is the Huntsville Branch of the American Association of University Women.

## Moore To Address Military Engineers

Today's computing equipment will be the theme of the March meeting of the Society of American Military Engineers slated for Thursday evening at the Officers Open Mess.

Ernie Moore, a representative of the IBM Corp., will be guest speaker for the meeting and he will speak on "What the Computer can do for today's engineer."

As a means of giving the engineer a general idea of how one communicates with the computer, Moore will discuss the Fortran Programming Systems. He will also illustrate the ease of programming engineering problems in the Fortran language.

An electrical engineering graduate of North Carolina State University, Moore is presently serving as an IBM account representative for the Marshall Space Flight Center and Army activities in the

## School Personnel Receive Awards

Outstanding service in Vietnam combat won SSgt. Harry D. Thompson a bronze star medal, presented by Col Paul B. Schuppener, commandant of the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, in a ceremony that saw 20 MMCS soldiers and civilians received awards.

While stationed with the 820th Ordnance Company from August, 1966 to August, 1967, Sgt. Thompson made a material contribution in assisting the Republic of Vietnam in ridding itself of the communist threat. Sgt. Thompson is an instructor with the Department of Individual Training at MMCS.

Army commendation medals went to Maj. Thomas I. Eisinger and SSgt. Lewis Whitt, also with the Department of Individual Training, for their efforts in Vietnam.

Frank M. Territo received a certificate honoring his completion of a national security management course. Royce B. Stone and Freddie K. Thomas, both with the Directorate of Logistics, received sustained superior performance awards.

Six MMCS civilians received outstanding performance ratings. They were: Lillian R. Hensley, Charles E. Thornberry, Gladys T. Mood, Carl H. Stringer, Martha T. McElyer, and William J. Jenkins.

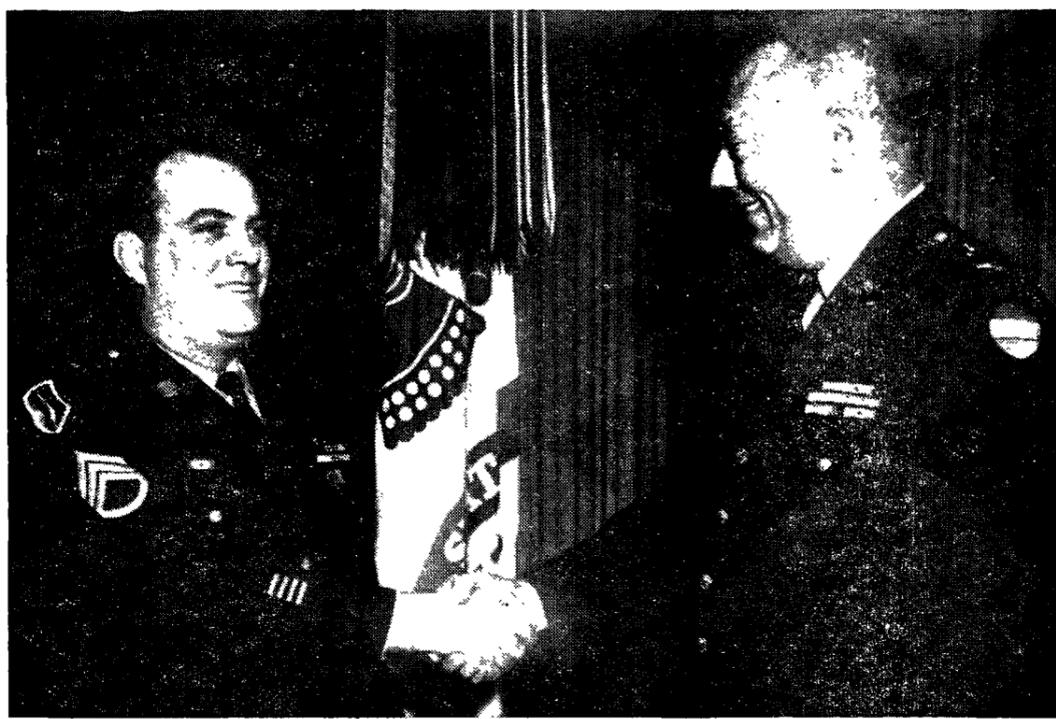
Three MMCS civilians receiving cash prizes for suggestions were Lynn D. Stuckey, Vincent J. D'Antonio, and Royce B. Stone.

Mess No. 4 won the best mess award for February. SFC Raymond R. Pierce, mess sergeant, received the award. It is the 4th time Mess No. 4 has won the best mess plaque in this fiscal year.

Bloodmobile awards for February went to the 4th Enlisted Training Company in Category I and the 200th Ordnance Company in Category II.

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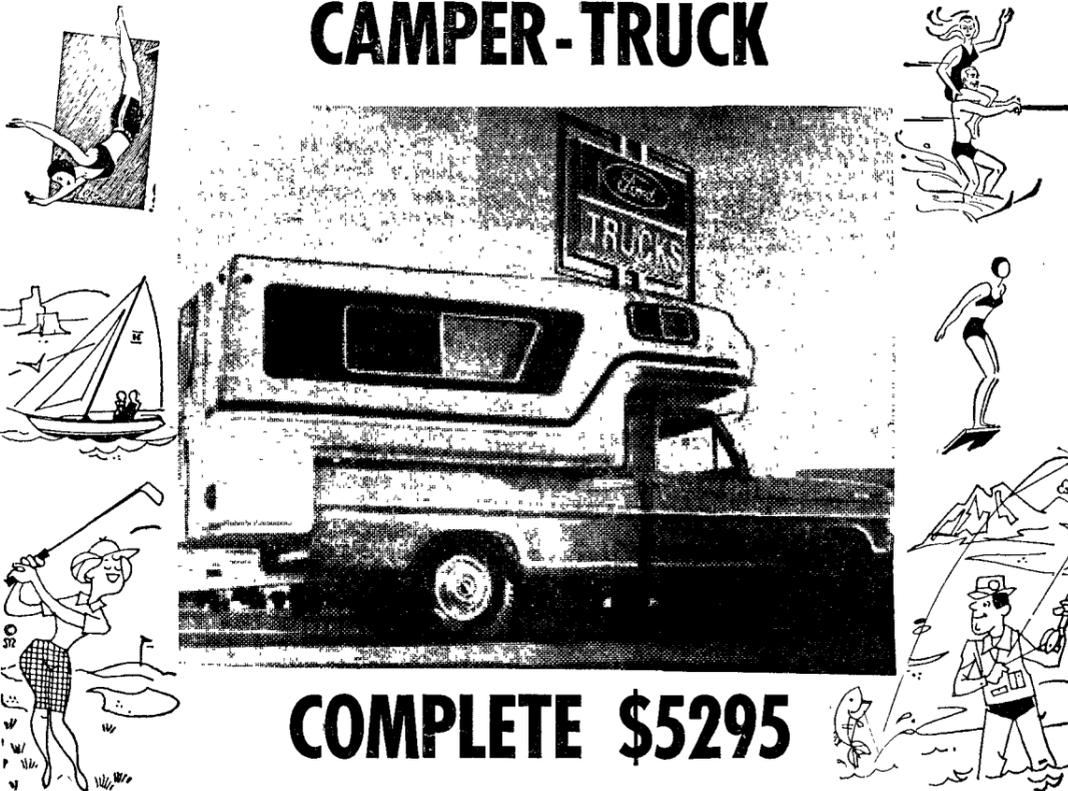
BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT—Col. Paul B. Schuppener, commandant of the Missile and Munitions Center and School, congratulates SSgt. Harry D. Thompson on his bronze star medal.

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# Bailey Brings Lizzie To Work For Last Time

Tyrus C. Bailey drove his 45-year-old Model T to work on Redstone Arsenal recently to observe his retirement after working more than 30 years for the Federal government.

His final day at the U. S. Army Missile Command came the day after his 55th birthday and following 17 years as an electrician for the Post Engineers Division.

The world of the past will occupy Bailey's future as he plans to spend more time with his favorite hobby—collecting and re-building antiques.

Next to his favorite car, "Tin Lizzie", "Southern Belle" holds the number two spot in Bailey's list of interests.

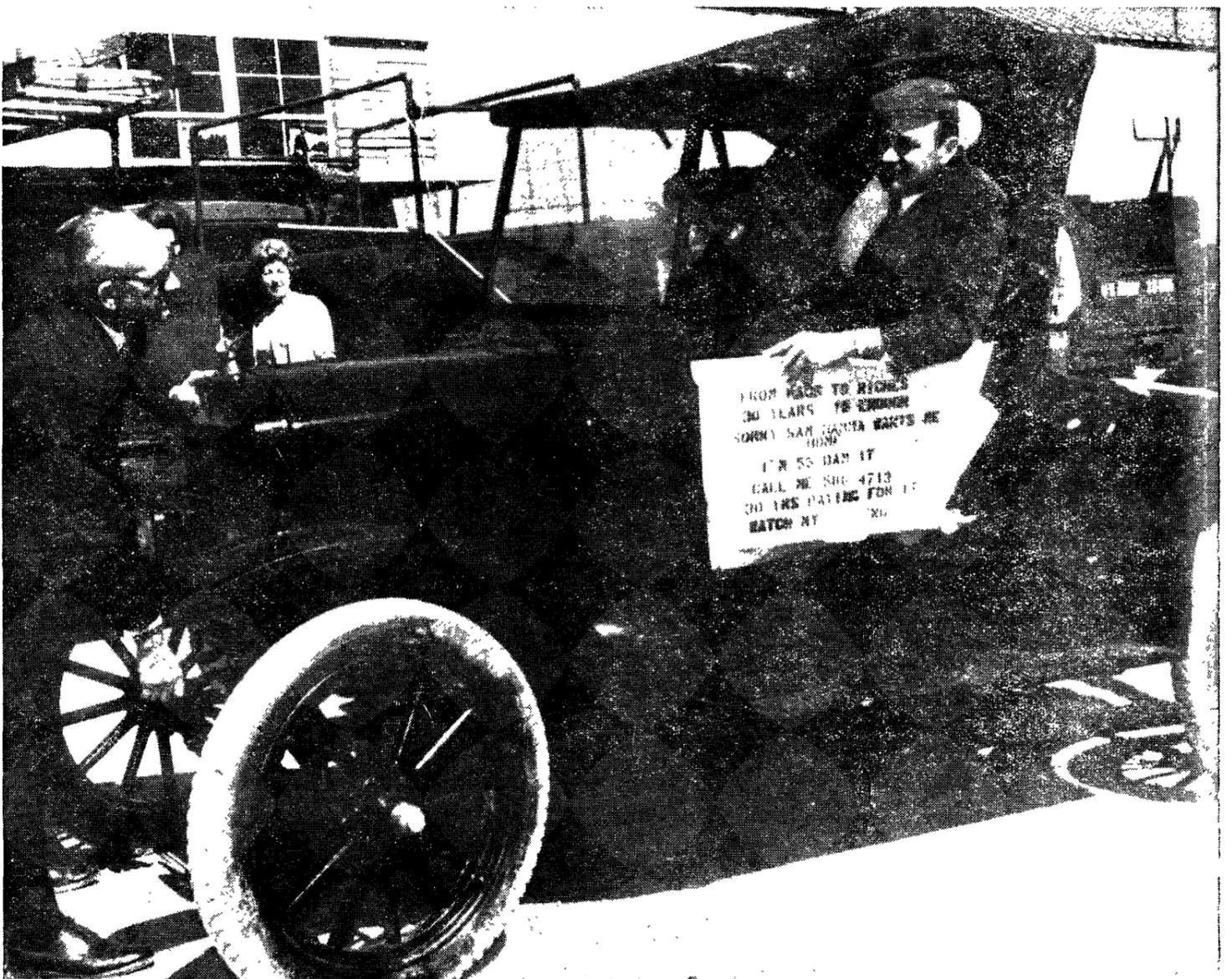
"Southern Belle" is a rock house that he has been dreaming about for 40 years and began building two years ago on his farm, near Arab, Ala.

The 18th-century-styled home is two-stories, has four white columns in front and is surrounded by rolling, grassy hills.

However, building one home wasn't enough to keep Bailey busy, so last summer he began reconstructing a 90-year-old log cabin.

"My primary intention concerning "Southern Belle" and the log cabin is to create them the way they may have looked in the past," Bailey explained.

It's more difficult to make something look old than it is to make something look new," Bailey comments, "But I'll never give up trying."



"CRANK HER UP, BOSS!!"—Tyrus C. Bailey bids farewell to his job at the Post Engineers Division as his supervisor, Albert

Whitraker, cranks up Bailey's 45-year-old Model T.

## Theatre Schedule

WED., March 20  
 "The African Queen" (M-YP)  
 THURS.-FRI., March 21-22  
 "Day of the Evil Gun" (M-YP)  
 INCREASED ADMISSION: adults 50c, children 25c.  
 SAT., March 23  
 "Mother Goose A Gogo" (M)  
 SUN.-MON., March 24-25

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 INCREASED ADMISSION: adults 50c, children 25c.  
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# New Equipment Promises Greater Versatility

Major breakthroughs in missile technology are changing the pattern of training at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School here.

Miniaturized computers can now be programmed to carry out far more tests than they could until recently. Known as the Land Combat Support System, automated, highly mobile equipment is now being developed that will test nine missile systems.

Col. Paul B. Schuppener, Commandant, says the Missile and Munitions Center and School is quickly taking advantage of these technical developments. LCSS is permitting the Army to move toward a prime goal—a missile expert who can test and repair not just one type of missile but several types of weapons systems. Col. Schuppener believes that this will sharply cut training and equipment costs and repair, with an increase in reliability of test equipment.

The \$95,000,000 school, which has pioneered in teaching Army missile maintenance since 1952, has already consolidated the training of students on two missile systems. They are Redeye and Shillelagh, which give front line troops protection against enemy planes, tanks and strong points. Eventually as many as seven other missile systems may be tested by LCSS equipment.

The maintenance operation is divided into two parts: testing and repairing. Two vans mounted on trucks are the core of LCSS. One contains the computerized test equipment, with enough specially trained men to insure that any of the Army missile systems concerned can be monitored both in storage and during the entire pre-fire cycle. In the other van, there are repairmen cross-trained to handle all repairs of these missile systems.

The big emphasis in Army equipment design today is centered on replaceable units. All of the complex parts of a missile system are broken down into "black boxes" that can be replaced in minutes by the repairmen in the field.

When a defective unit is detected, it is removed and carried to the test van, where the missile test specialist connects it to the automatic test equipment. He feeds in tapes that tell the machine what part from what missile system is being tested, and the LCSS proceeds to run a program that automatically tests the equipment, isolating the fault down to component level.

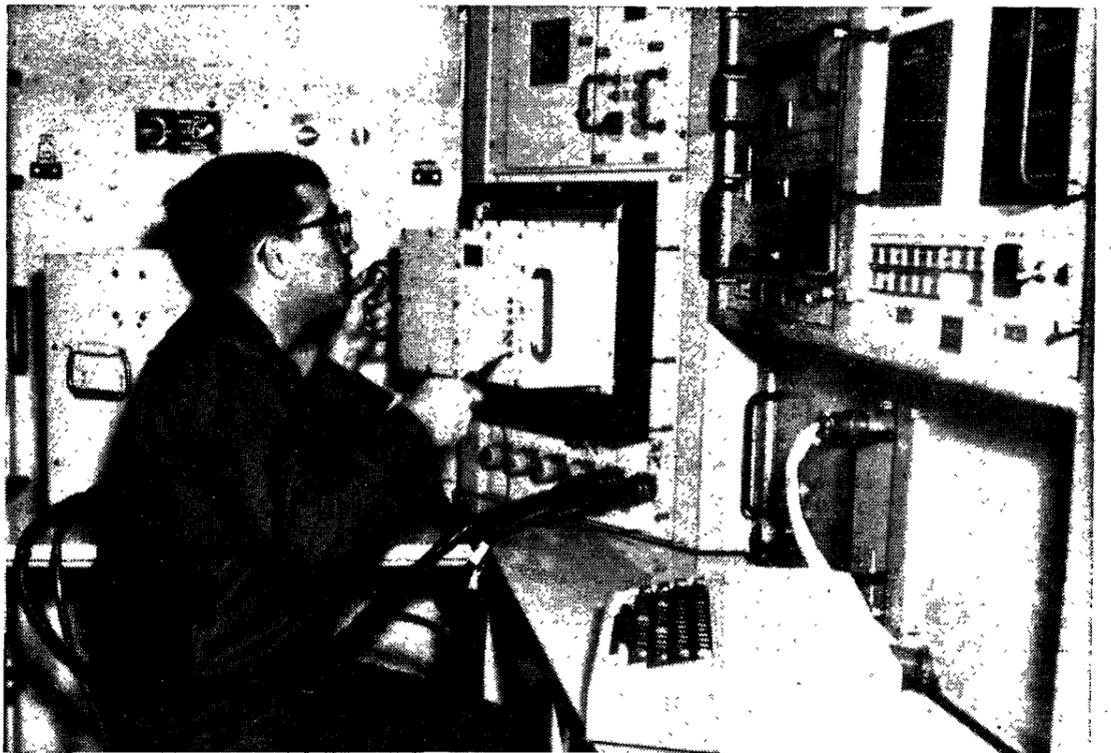
With the machine's analysis of the defect, the faulty equipment is taken to the repair van, and the repairman that works with that particular missile system goes to work. Repair, with the breakdown isolated down to a component such as a transistor or resistor, is often a simple matter of sliding out a printed circuit and replacing the faulty part. Once repaired, the part is returned to the test specialist, who connects it to the test station for validation.

The revolutionary aspect of the program is that one set of automatic test equipment with specialized tapes for each missile system supported will be able to test and isolate faults for several missile

systems. When using manual test equipment to do the same jobs, an estimated 60 to 90 percent of repair time is spent in determining the cause and location of malfunction. With LCSS, a test specialist need only choose the right tape for the job, connect the test equipment to the faulty unit, and sit back to wait for the machine to tell him what is wrong.

Mounted in truck beds, LCSS is highly mobile and can stay with any moves of the missile system. The chance of a missile unit being caught short by malfunctioning equipment is kept at an extreme minimum, and our fighting forces are always ready to attack or defend.

Missile systems likely to be supported by LCSS in addition to Redeye and Shillelagh are the Chaparral, a low-altitude forward air defense system mounted on a tracked vehicle; TOW, a new weapon against heavy armor that also has an airborne version; Dragon, a medium anti-tank weapon; Chaparral/Vulcan, which combines a fast firing cannon with a missile; and Lance, a ballistic missile of variable range, using conventional or nuclear warheads.



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# Enthusiast Of Free Fall Teaches Electronics

Casting oneself into the night sky a mile over Huntsville is not everyone's idea of a way to spend weekend evenings.

But to Staff Sergeant Allan F. Gramando, an electronics instructor at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School and a sky diver in his spare time, nothing is more pleasant than falling at 150 mph over the bright lights of the Rocket City.

The 24-year old Vietnam veteran has been a sky diver since 1964, when he picked up the sport in his off duty hours while stationed at Vung Tau, Vietnam. Bored with the limited opportunities for amusement in a provincial Asian town, he joined the Cape St. Jacques Skydivers, and has been an addict ever since.

"Every time you go up some-

thing different happens," explains Gramando, when asked why he enjoys such a hair-raising sport. Unfortunately, those words proved too true when Gramando broke his ankle recently landing in a high wind. But this bit of hard luck doesn't bother the missile instructor. He is anxiously waiting for his bones to knit so that he can return to the skies.

Before his unlucky jump, Gramando had made 109 jumps without injury. He has never had any trouble with his parachute, and has never had to rely on the reserve chute that all skydivers carry.

"There is no panic in the air," says the sky diving missile man, "there is no sensation of falling." Gramando, who has made several 60 second delay free falls from

12,000 feet, is a member of the United States Parachuting Association and has competed in three meets. He "jumps just to get ready for meets," and practices such stunts as barrel rolls and hooking up with other jumpers.

A falling human has a great deal of control in free fall, Gramando explains, and can change his rate of speed, his direction, and whether or not he's facing up or down.

Gramando now jumps with the Huntsville Sport Parachute Club, which has 22 members and uses a dirt strip in Harvest, Ala.

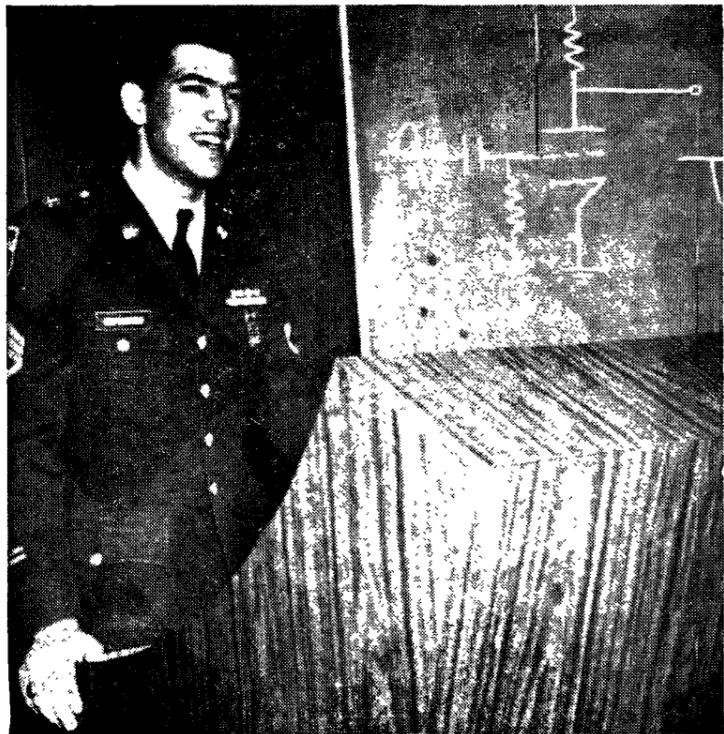
Although all of Gramando's jumps until the latest one had happy endings, there have been a few experiences that got quite exciting. The most nerve wracking of these occurred in Vietnam. Gramando landed, smothered his billowing parachute, and looked up to see a sign in Vietnamese and English reading "Danger: Mine Field!" Needless to say, he froze to the spot until someone came to lead him to safety.

On another occasion, this time in Huntsville, Sgt. Gramando made his first try at taking aerial pictures. He got distracted, got out of the wind line and landed in a field full of cotton.

But his many successful jumps more than compensated for his very few tense ones, and Sgt. Gramando will continue to seek the "incomparable sensation, the feeling of being all by yourself," that sky diving brings to the participant.

Gramando is now an instructor in basic electronics with the ENTAC missile, an anti-tank wire guided missile developed by the French. He began his military career as a helicopter repairman and was mechanic, gunner, and crew chief with Shawnee and Huey helicopters in Vietnam.

When returned to the States, he went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., as an instructor in basic electronics, and has been doing that ever since. He came to MMCS when ENTAC was transferred here from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and now lives with his wife, Roberta, and son, Joseph, at 1154 Hof Circle, Huntsville.



LESSONS ON ENERGY—SSgt. Allan F. Gramando is back to work behind the podium after breaking his ankle while sky diving.



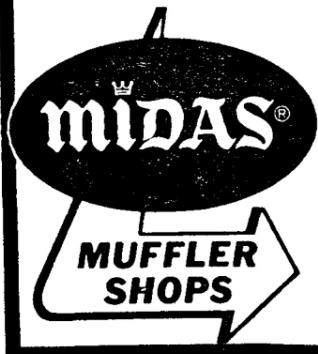
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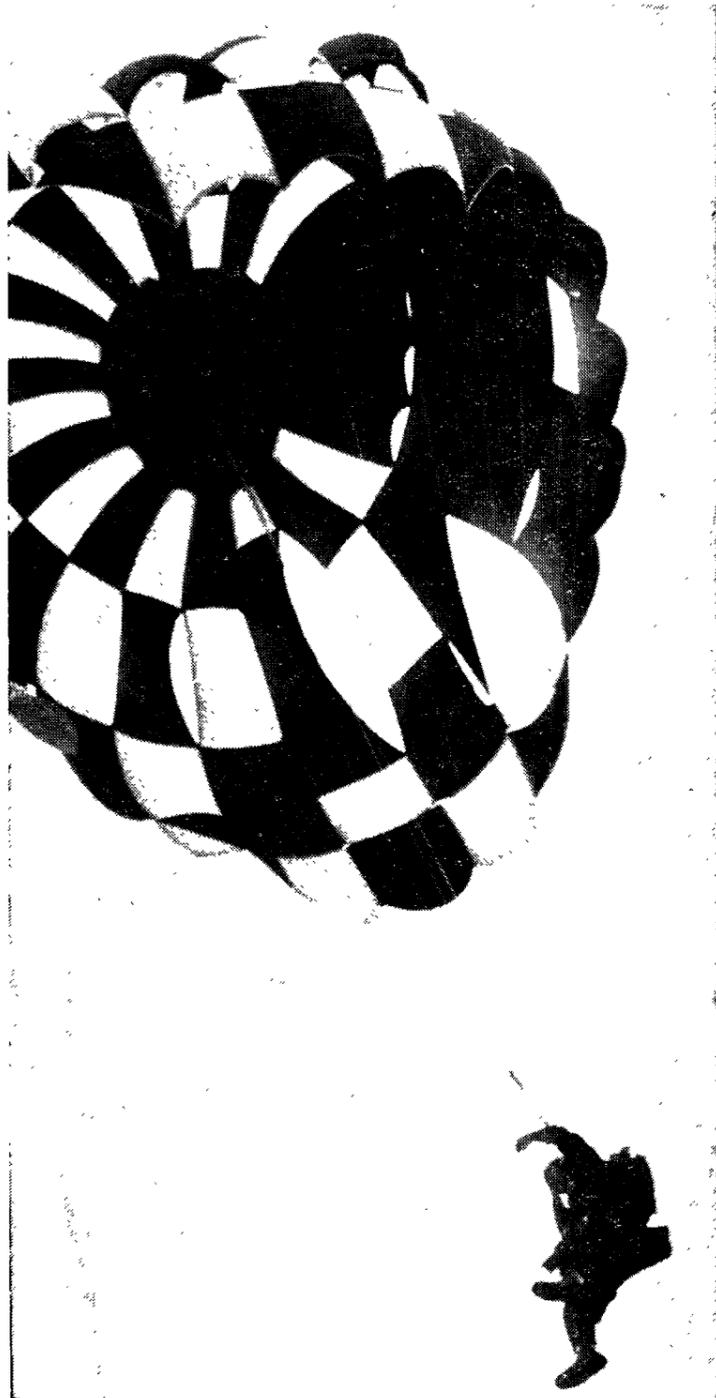
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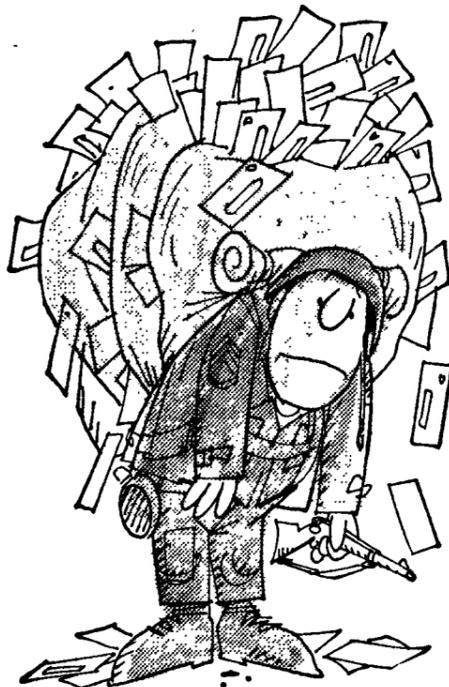
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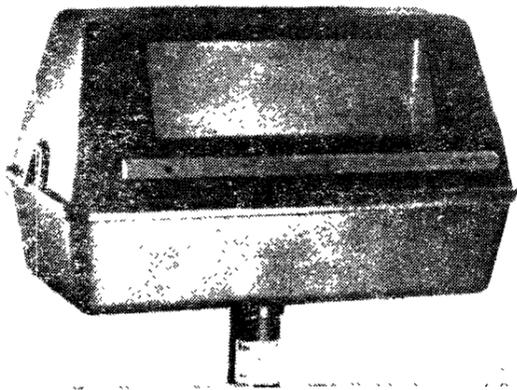
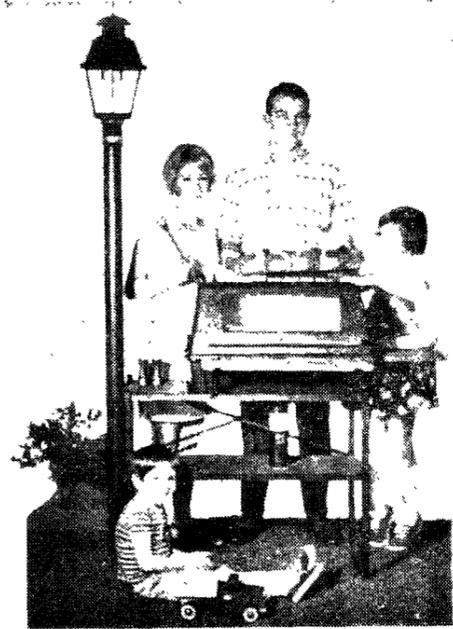
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A tornado can strike almost anywhere in the U. S. in any month and at any hour, however some parts of the nation are relatively immune such as the Rockies and far West.

But in the Central U. S. between the Rockies and the Appalachians (including Alabama), tornado frequency is the highest in the world. And in this zone of maximum activity, only three or four states have experienced more tornados (per square mile) than Alabama.

Tornado frequency reaches a maximum along the Gulf Coast in February. This zone of peak activity gradually shifts northward finally reaching the Dakotas and upper midwest in June.

In Alabama, the tornado "season" begins really in January and reaches a maximum in March and April and continues at a fairly high level into May.

Although they can strike at any hour, 30 percent of Alabama tornados hit between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. A tornado dipped into Northport, across the Warrior River from Tuscaloosa at 4 p.m. on March 21, 1932 and killed 38 people. This was only one of a whole series of violent tornados that struck between 3:15 and 7 p.m. on that spring day. The final death toll reached 268 with 1,874 injured making it one of the worst tornado days ever in Alabama.

National studies show that 82 percent occur between noon and midnight with 23 percent concentrated between 4 and 6 p.m. But the great Gainesville, Ga. tornado of April 6, 1936 struck at 8:37 in the morning, killing 203 persons, so there is little consolation in time statistics.

The old belief that a tornado will not hit the same place twice has been proven false too. Oklahoma City has been hit 26 times since 1892. Baldwin, Mississippi was heavily damaged by two tornados striking only 25 minutes apart on March 16, 1942, with a combined death toll of 65. Residents of Cordell, Kansas were especially alert on May 20, 1919. It seems that the town had been hit three times by tornados in 1916, 1917, and 1918, each time, ironically, on May 29 and at about the same hour of the day!

Another common belief is that a ridge or hilly area west of a town will protect it and make the town off limits to tornados. While there have been cases where a ridge helped to break up a tornado or caused it to bounce into the air, a ridge by no means insures a town's safety. When the killer tornado struck McDonald's Chapel on the western edge of Birmingham in 1956, it did its worst damage after diving down the side of a steep hill into a well defined little valley or depression known as Stacy Hollow. There was total destruction.

A weather bureau study for the period 1953-1965 showed that Alabama averaged 18 tornados per year occurring on nine days. In contrast Nevada averaged less than one per year.

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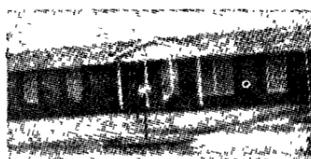
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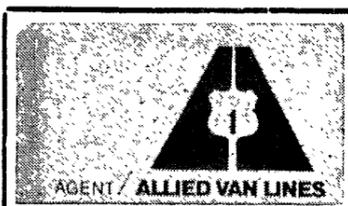
Lutz is the immediate past national president of the Association. His topic for this meeting will be "The Administrator Looks at the Financial Manager."

Floyd Mitchell, president of the Huntsville FGAA Chapter extends a cordial invitation to all city, county, state and federal officials located in Huntsville to hear Mr. Lutz's presentation. A short social period commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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The Educational Committee will be host at Redstone Arsenal to about 140 college students from nearby colleges in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee as part of the Chapters "Career Day" program. Lutz will speak to the students as to the opportunities in the Federal Government for college trained accountants in the afternoon. Frank Wylie is the committee chairman.

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Off-post training programs have been approved for 61 Redstone personnel who were selected to engage in advanced study at military schools, contractor plants and leading colleges in eleven states and the District of Columbia.

One Missile Command officer is included in the list of Arsenal personnel. Their training is authorized under the Command's career development program administered by the Training and Development Division of Civilian Personnel.

The largest single group of local personnel are the 15 who are starting an eight-day course in Personnel Management offered in Atlanta by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

LTC Walton LeMay (DASO) will attend this class along with Joseph Bennett, John Kubilis, Thomas Richards and Florence Speake (DASO).

Also going to Atlanta are: Gilbert Workman and Frank Creighton, (S & M), Sara Bruce (SENSCOM), Leslie Conger (Qual & Rel), Lonnie Hightower (HAWK), Herbert Kelley (P & P), Clyde Pope (Hercules), Edgar Roberts (Sergeant), Donald Watson (Shillelagh) and Gene Widenhofer (R & D).

Three others, all from DASO, went to the same facility for the personnel Program course. They are John Heath, Phillip Hugel and Edwin Campbell.

Evelyn Campbell, Dorothy Mann and John Jarvis (P & P) are at the Army Logistics Management Center, Ft. Lee, Va., for training in Advanced Procurement Management.

Edwin Grady and John Craig (S & M) along with Delmus Harbaugh (DASO) are enrolled for Maintenance Management while Marion Legg (S & M) is taking ADP Systems in Logistics Management at the Ft. Lee school.

James Brasher (DASO) and

Mary Spencer (P & P) are spending this week at the Management Engineering Training Agency, Rock Island, Ill. They are studying ADP Appreciation.

Onezean Otey (DASO) is taking the Packing and Carloading course at the Packaging Training Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., while William Cook (DASO) and Gordon Farrar (S & M) are at Charlestown, Ind., for Installation Safety at the AMC Field Safety Agency.

Charles Koch (DASO) is attending a training conference at the Installations and Services Agency at Rock Island, and Kenneth Hughes (DASO) is at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., for Military Accounting at the Finance School.

George Graham (S & M) will remain on the Arsenal for the Combat Missile System Repair course at the Missile and Munitions Center while Glyn Rosenblum (S & M) is in Texarkana, Tex., for Basic Infrared training offered by Frankford Arsenal.

Others remaining in Huntsville for training are Roy Long (R & D) who is spending the week with the Marshall Space Flight Center for work in Electrical Soldering, and Robert Walker (Msl Intel) who is enrolled for the Dale Carnegie course under Leadership Training Services.

Elven Matson (R & D) and William Morton (P & P) went to the School of Systems and Logistics, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. The former is enrolled for the PERT course while the latter is studying Statistical Quality Control.

Four others went to Washington for the Procurement Executive Refresher course at the Naval Materiel Command. They are James Blasingame (Lance), Leonard Flank (DASO), Robert Lindeman (P & P) and Shirley Miller (Chief Counsel).

Another DASO employee,



**COMPLETES COURSE**—Col. Norman L. Holland, director of individual training for the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, presents Sarah N. Erwin, a program analyst for the Missile Components Department, with a certificate denoting her completion of a course in automatic data processing analysis. The 59 hour course, administered through the mails by the U.S. Army Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., will help Miss Erwin apply techniques of automation in courses of the MCD, which teaches basic electronics to most of the missile students at MMCS.

Charles Hereford, is spending this week and next in Berkeley, Cal., where he is attending a Civil Service Commission executive seminar.

Jerry DeArmond, Alex Oliver and Edwin Gardner (S & M) are taking new equipment training on the TOW Helicopter system at the Hughes Aircraft Company in Los Angeles.

Larry Moss and Thomas Shumate (MMCS) are enrolled at the John Calhoun Junior College in Decatur for Fundamentals of Speech while Shirley Williamson and Emmalice Patrick (DASO) are taking Principles of Accounting at the same school.

At the University of Oklahoma in Norman this week to attend a Seminar in American National Government are eight MICOM personnel.

They are Edward Smith, William

Anderson and Charles Trenkle (P & P), Frederic Varden and Donald Jackson (Hawk), Ronald Wicks (Metrology), Lou Ann Oberg (Gen Counsel), and Carl Pinyerd (Pershing).

James Katechis and Harold

Dicks (R & D) are in Los Angeles for Engineering and Management at the University of California and Howard Henriksen (Lance) is studying Transonic Aerodynamics at the Space Institute in Tullahoma, Tenn.

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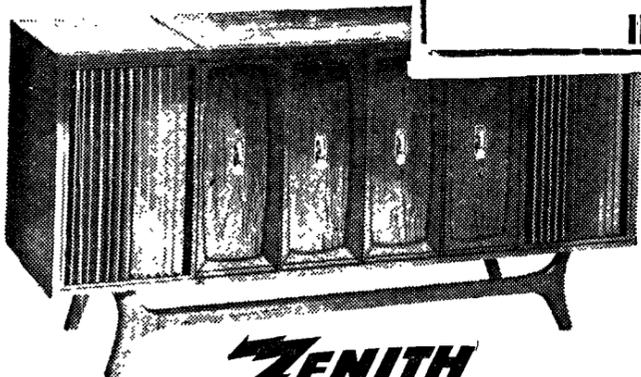
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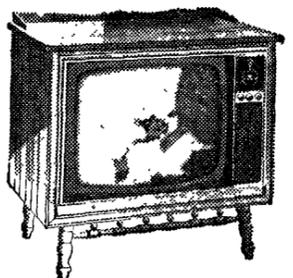
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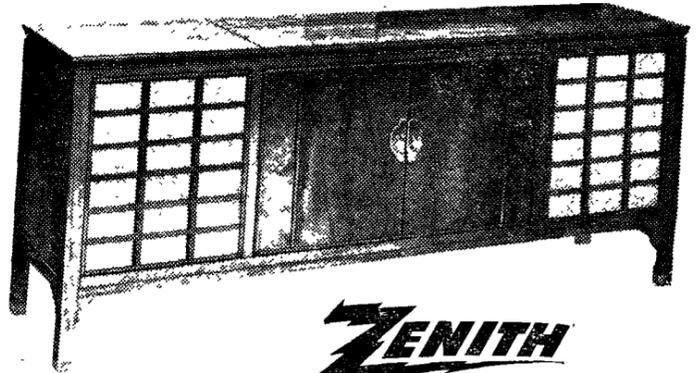


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