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BILL BEIERLE—SANTA

Legend Doesn't Confirm Santa Is An Engineer, But SENSOCOM Man Knows

Would you answer a want ad like this?

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the individual for this job must be well-rounded, quick of wit, love animals, enjoy a large following and like flashy clothes.

Bill Beierle (pronounced Bierley) might just run such an ad when he decides to retire, but don't wait around. That retirement might be a long time coming.

For most of the year Beierle is an engineer specializing in missile

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AH, THERE IT IS!—Brig Gen. John R. Guthrie isn't looking for germs—or strange plant life. The Deputy Director for Operations, Development & Engineering Directorate, Army Materiel Command, is looking at microcircuits so small they have to be viewed by microscope. General Guthrie saw the equipment during a recent tour of Research & Development Laboratories at the U. S. Army Missile Command.

Three Outstanding Civilians Given Recognition For Contributions To Army's Missile And Rocket Programs

Three U. S. Army Missile Command civilian employees have won the highest awards that can be presented by the Department of Army for their "outstanding contributions to the Army's missile and rocket programs."

In a special ceremony watched by friends, well-wishers and families, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, Commanding General of the Missile Command, this week presented Exceptional Civilian Service Awards to Horace Lowers and Robert Black and the Meritorious Civilian Service Award to Earl Edmondson.

Edmondson is Deputy Project Manager for the Shillelagh Missile Systems, Lowers is the Mis-



EARL EDMONDSON

sile Command's Chief Engineer and Black is Chief of the Systems Assessment Division, Quality and Reliability Management Office.

All were cited for "... dynamic leadership, technical proficiency in areas of engineering and management and exceptional performance." (See OUTSTANDING on Page 3)

Commander's Christmas Message

Christmas is the most joyous Holiday season of the year. It's a season of hope . . . a time of deep religious significance for people all over the world.

Christmas is a time when our hearts are filled with determination to rededicate efforts to the achievement of peace on earth and good will towards all mankind.

I sincerely wish each member of our Redstone family a pleasant and safe Holiday season, and a New Year of good health, happiness and accomplishment.

CHARLES W. EIFLER
Major General, USA
Commanding

Graduates Hear Maj. Hill During Ceremonies Friday

Maj. Edward J. Hill, chief of the Technical Ammunitions Division at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, was guest speaker for the 86 MMCS graduates in the post theater Friday.

Italy, Germany, Denmark, and the Netherlands joined the United States graduates for the ceremony. Both the U. S. Marine Corps and the U. S. Army were represented.

"Man today has the material knowledge to blow himself to pieces but can find no way to put together the broken pieces of humanity," Maj. Hill said.

He pointed out that an understanding of spiritual values and a basic purpose in life are essen-

tial for a meaningful life.

"Don't settle for easy goals which offer no challenge," he stressed. "Establish a goal which is difficult."

Nine different missile repair courses graduated students at the (See GRADUATES on Page 3)

Blood Donors Establish New Record

Redstone personnel responded to the Red Cross Bloodmobile program in record numbers during 1968.

A total of 10,060 voluntary donors were processed in 19 arsenal visits by the mobile unit and they contributed 8,798 pints of whole blood. The largest previous yearly totals were established the year before when 8,544 pints of blood were donated by 9,284 volunteers.

The program hit its high and low points in mid-year when the participation fell below the monthly quota of 500 pints in May for the first time since 1964, and then set all-time highs in each of the next three months.

The abrupt reversal was attributed to a scheduling change that split the regular single monthly visit to two stops with the mobile unit locating at the Service Club for the second visit.

Arsenal participation had dropped to 514 during May with a contribution of 454 pints.

With the split-visit plan in effect, the response jumped to 1024 in June, 1125 in July and 1175 in August. The Bloodmobile received 932, 999 and 983 pints of blood during the respective months.



SHAPE OF TRADITION CHANGES—Christmas struck deep behind the lines at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School when SP5 Tommie Glynn, a missile computer repairman, got trapped under the "Missile-TOW" by one of Alabama's fairest. Ignoring such petty matters as spelling, Frankie took advantage of the moment. Tommie was a willing victim, however—Frankie, a Huntsville girl, is his wife. TOW, which stands for tube launched, optically tracked, wire command link, is a new member of the Army's family of close combat support missiles.

The Redstone Rocket

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Rocket Ruminations

We live under a government of men and morning newspapers.
Wendell Phillips

Christmas Greetings

Christmas is a season of hope for peace, joy, and goodwill. This year, like many seasons past, we are engaged with an enemy that would steal from us and peoples of the world this hope that Christmas brings. The American forces and our allies, who are actively engaged with the enemy, look to us to supply the materiel to sustain their efforts to bring 'peace on earth.'

By daily fulfilling our task at home, AMC has earned the gratitude of our fellow countrymen and has become the 'arsenal for the brave.' May these 'brave' not only receive the hardware with which to fight, but a deep sense of joy, peace, and goodwill.

I extend to you and your loved ones best wishes for a joyous holiday season with a safe and prosperous 1969.

FRANK S. BESSON, JR.,
General, USA
Commanding



FULLY ACCREDITED VASCAR OPERATORS—SP4 William C. Mohler and SP4 Kenneth R. Laman hold certificates they received certifying them to use the Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder (VASCAR) in the Traffic Control Section of the 291st Military Police Company at Redstone Arsenal. The men received the certificates from Maj. Frank S. Morano, Provost Marshall after being tested by the manufacturer's representative. They are now qualified to teach the system to other Military Police and to make arrests when necessary. VASCAR can compute average speed from behind and from the side as well as following a vehicle. A number of States are using the system in their patrol cars.



READY . . . AIM . . .—Trying out a Redeye missile launcher on a recent visit to the Army Missile Command is Col. Henri J. Van Der Meer, of the Netherlands. Looking on is Brig. Gen. Jacobus Cornelis Welleman, also of the Netherlands. The Dutch officers visited Redstone Arsenal briefings and demonstrations on the Tow and Dragon missiles. In the party were Brig. Gen. Bertus Hinderik Jansen, Brig. Gen. Jan Gerardt Pieter De Gilde, Col. Cornelis Ros and Col. Edward J. Kloos of the Netherlands, and Lt. Col. Ronald Metzger, U.S. Army Tour Director.

Federal Accountants Are Participating In Career Opportunity Counselling

High school and college students who are looking forward to careers in accounting will have a chance to learn more about the Federal service when they attend the Career Opportunities Day program next week.

A joint information booth will be manned by members of the Federal Government Accountants Association and the National Association of Accountants for the purpose of outlining and explaining the career opportunities available in the field of accounting, both public and governmental.

Sponsored by the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, the Career Opportunities Day program will be conducted Friday, December 27, at the Church Street Community Center.

The purpose of the nationwide observance is to give the students a chance to meet with representatives of business, industry and the Federal service, and to learn first hand the educational, training and experience requirements in their chosen field of endeavor.

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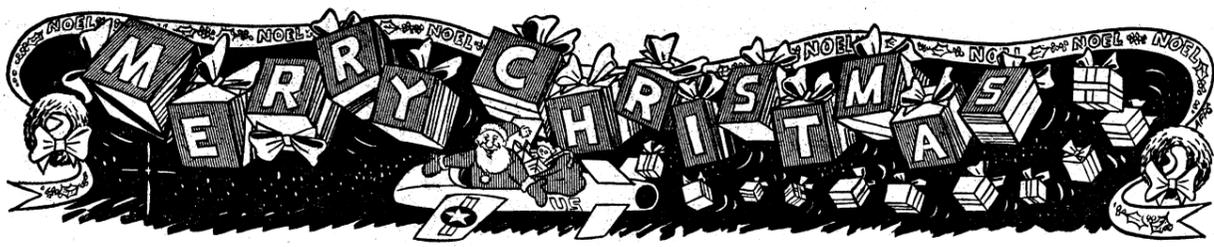
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OUTSTANDING

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ance of duties."

With more than 14 years of service at Redstone Arsenal, Edmondson has been connected with the Shillelagh program since 1960. When management of the missile system was transferred in 1963 from the Missile Command to the Army Weapons Command at Rock Island, Ill., he and his engineering staff continued their work at Redstone.

Management of the program was returned to the Missile Command in 1964.

Edmondson's role with Shillelagh covered everything from early development problems to putting the system in the hands of troops.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, he is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a BS degree in chemical engineering.

Lowers, as Chief Engineer, has



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LEGEND

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flight safety for the Sentinel System Command. But, when Christmas rolls around he becomes a Santa Claus.

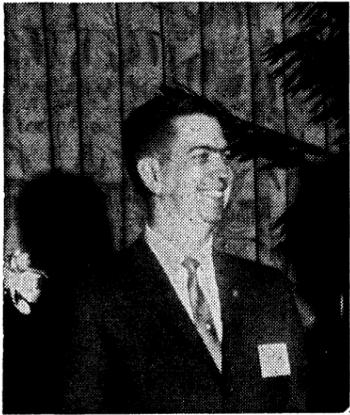
Packing 270 pounds on a 6 ft. 4 in. frame, he is hardly the "jolly little elf" celebrated in "The Night Before Christmas." But, it's for certain he doesn't need pillows to pad out a paunch.

Beierle, a graduate of the University of Alabama where he dabbled in athletics while taking his degree in engineering, began playing a Lions Club Santa nine years ago while working for the Army

been concerned with analyzing complex engineering problems as well as implementing missile programs in reliability, configuration management and data management.

A native of Oil City, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Clarkson College of Technology in New York where he earned his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree. He received his Master of Automotive Engineering degree from the Chrysler Institute of Engineering. He also is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and has done graduate work in Engineering Administration at George Washington University.

Black, whose job included "making sure Army missiles perform effectively," has pioneered the concept of mission reliability



ROBERT BLACK

and system assessment as a management tool within Missile Command and has authored papers on this subject.

Just recently he was one of the twenty semi-finalists for the Arthur S. Flemming Awards honoring the ten outstanding young men in the Federal Government.

A native of Oklahoma City, Black received a BS degree in Industrial Management from the University of Oklahoma and earned a Master's Degree in engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Corps of Engineers in Shreveport, La. It was during this period that he traveled from the North Pole by helicopter and once descended a giant slide in a real sleigh pulled by eight reindeer and a jeep.

Another time he volunteered to jump out of an airplane—a skill he picked up during WWII while in the Army Air Corps—but the pilot would not guarantee he would hit in the shopping center parking lot. It was no go; even then Beierle was concerned with flight safety.

It was also during that period that he saw the side of Christmas that few know or think of. Each year he visited a home for retarded children, many of them orphans. "The kids I see now want everything from real IBM computers to dolls that walk, talk and cry. The kids in the home used to plead for just a rag doll or a plain wooden gun," he says. "One little girl named Suzy couldn't even talk. She could only grunt. I would pretend I was going to leave then I would say 'I hear Suzy, where is she' and would walk over and pick her up. She would break into all smiles."

The Beierles moved to Huntsville five years ago. The first Christmas he did not put on the \$250 Santa suit with a non-skid beard. The following year, however, he began talking with John Phelps, a photographer for the Army Missile Command who also does local commercial work, and they worked out an arrangement. Beierle plays Santa and Phelps shoots pictures of the youngsters posed on his knee.

Last year he had a Santas Corps working for him to cover private parties which he takes on during the season.

"We also discovered a phenomenon," he says. "Fifty percent of the people who sat on my lap to

pose for pictures were adults: grandparents, and even great grandparents, who wanted Christmas pictures for their grandchildren and great grandchildren." The oldest believer in Santa was a sprightly 90 years!

This year Beierle is working at a local department store (GEX) where he pretends to keep Rudolph and eight other lively reindeer corralled in the back parking lot ("I never take a break—I just go out to make sure that rambunctious Rudolph hasn't run off.")

Beierle finds his knowledge of German and French helps with Huntsville kids whose parents are from those countries. "I listen when the parents talk to their children, then I use their language. German Santas aren't quite the same as American Santas, however," he says.

As for losing weight, Beierle claims he will average hefting 600 kids a night up on his knees for a chat and the exercise takes off four pounds "regular as clock work."

Beierle has two kids of his own and "three if you count Lee" he said. Lee is Mrs. Beierle, who sometimes is pressed into playing Mrs. Santa though, being slender, she requires considerable padding for the role. One of the "kids," Cheryl, having long ago moved out of the Santa Claus set made up for it a few weeks ago by presenting Santa and Mrs. Claus with a grandson; for off season practice, no doubt. The other "kid" is 14-year-old Debra, a student at Mountain Gap Junior High School.



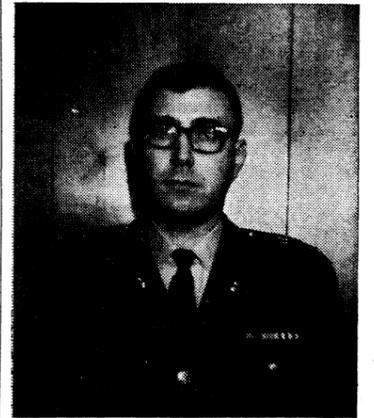
GRADUATES

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ceremony, including five Hawk missile courses and two Nike missile courses.

Sfc. Paulus Sozeff of the Netherlands army led the graduates with an average of 96.9 in a Nike radar repair course. Pfc. James E. Robinson of Willmar, Minn., was close behind with an average of 95.9 in a Hawk radar course.

Pfc. Warren L. Williamson, Benton, Ill., led a combat missile system repair course with a grade of 94.6. Staff Sgt. Allan E. Daneville



MAJ. EDWARD HILL

of the Danish Army topped a Hawk missile fire control repair course.

Staff Sgt. Volker Arnold was top student in an all-German Hawk missile repair course with his score of 93.6.

Pfc. John H. Nickelson, Carlsbad, N.M., graduated at the head of his Hawk pulse radar repair class, scoring 91.1. Staff Sgt. Franz H. Genheimer of the German Army earned 90.2 in Pershing missile repair.

Pfc Carl W. Bugge of Brooklyn, N. Y., scored 89.7 in another Hawk pulse radar repair class. Lance Cpl. Ronald R. Irmscher, USMC, of Newark, Ohio, was honor graduate in a Hawk missile and launcher repair class.

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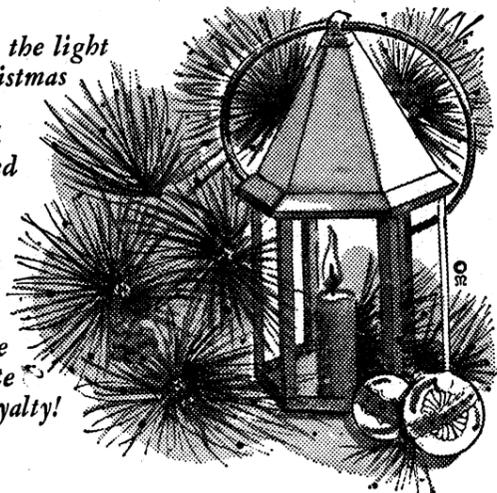
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Holiday Recipes Call For Sweets And Meats

Christmas trees, carols filling the air, brightly wrapped packages with mysterious contents and attendance at church are some of the things the season brings to mind.

The Rocket staff asked some of the members of the Noncommissioned Officers Wives Auxiliary for some of their favorite recipes—added a Charles Dickens touch by getting a recipe for suckling pig from a Mess Sergeant—and dipped into the recipe collection of some of the office staff and one of the lawyers down the hall.

When young carolers drop in Mrs. Edwin Spooner, one of the NCO wives, suggests Potato candy as a filler. Her recipe follows:

POTATO CANDY

- 1 small white potato
- 1 lb. box confectioner sugar
- 1 small jar crunchy peanut butter

Boil potato, mash well and cool in refrigerator. Mix in large bowl; potato and gradually add confectioner sugar until entire box is used. Sprinkle confectioner sugar on board and roll mixture about 1/2 inch thick. Spread crunchy peanut butter and roll up like you would a jelly roll. Put in refrigerator and cool for about 1 hour. Slice and serve. Delicious, is the verdict of the Spooner family.

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Mrs. Louis Demichele, another member of the NCO Wives Club, added No Bake Chocolate Drops to the festive platter.

NO BAKE CHOCOLATE DROPS

- 4 cups sugar
- 1 cup oleo
- 1 cup milk
- 3/4 cup cocoa or 3 chocolate squares

Melt butter and chocolate; remove from stove and add sugar and milk. Put back on stove. Boil one minute. Then add 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 cup crunchy peanut butter (coconut can be used), and 7 (seven) cups of rolled oats (uncooked). Mix well until glossy. Drop on wax paper and chill.

She also finds a recipe for her version of Ice Cream Cookies good in any season:

ICE CREAM COOKIES

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 6 tablespoons confectionary sugar

1 beaten egg yolk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup of sifted enriched flour
Thoroughly cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolk and vanilla. Beat well. Add flour. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. If desired decorate with candied fruit, nuts or candies. Bake in moderate oven at 350 degrees 15 to 20 minutes. Makes approximately 2 dozen.

Another item Mrs. Demichele adds to her cooky assortment is Hermit Cake:

HERMIT CAKE

- 1 lb. butter
- 6 eggs
- 5 cups flour
- 4 packages of dates (cut)
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 lb. sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons nutmeg
- 4 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 lb. nuts (English walnuts are best)

Juice of one lemon
Flour the dates and nuts. Combine all ingredients. Bake 2 1/2 hours at 300 degrees. The longer you keep the cake, the better it is.

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Coffee Spice Cookies are one of Mrs. James Cejka's specialties. She, too, is a member of the NCO Wives Club. Her spice cookie recipe:

COFFEE SPICE COOKIES

Mix together:
1 cup soft shortening
2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs
Stir in:
1/2 cup cold coffee
Sift together and stir in:
3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. nutmeg
2 tsp. cinnamon
Chill at least 1 hour. Drop rounded tsp. about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Bake until set; just until, when touched lightly with finger, almost an imprint remains. Temperature: 400 degrees. Time 8 to 10 minutes.

Makes approximately 6 dozen 2 1/2" cookies.

Mrs. Cejka also likes to include in her assortment:

CHERRY DELIGHT

Grease upside down cake pan with margarine. Crumble 2 cups vanilla wafers. Put 1 1/2 cups in bottom of pan (9x13). Reserve 1/2 cup for topping. Whip 1/4 lb. butter or margarine until fluffy. Add 1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar just as it comes from box. Whip until fluffy. Add 2 eggs, one at a time. IMPORTANT: beat well after each addition. Spoon this mixture over crumbs and even this out. Spread 2 cans Cherry Pie filling over the above mixture. Cover with 2 pkgs. (4 cups) Dream Whip. Sprinkle on remaining crumbs. Chill 24 hours before serving or freeze.

And also:

PRUNE CAKE WITH GLAZE

1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup Wesson Oil
1 cup buttermilk
2 cups self-rising flour
1 1/4 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup cooked prunes
1 cup chopped nuts
Grease and flour one oblong baking pan. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Mix in order given. Turn batter into pan and bake 40 min. While cake is baking, make glaze.

GLAZE

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. white syrup
1 stick margarine
Mix and cook until soft ball stage. Pour on hot cake while still in pan.

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Mrs. Maxton Williams took a practical approach to the problems of taking care of her military family during the busy days preceding Christmas. She offers the following:

BUSY DAY ROAST

3-4 lb. roast—Sirloin tip—rump—or?
As many potatoes and carrots as your family needs
1 envelope onion soup mix
1 can mushroom soup
Place two pieces of aluminum foil in an iron skillet or similar pan so that they cross each other. Put roast in center. Place carrots and potatoes around roast and empty package of onion soup mix over top. Empty can of mushroom soup over all. Fold the foil so that entire contents are sealed inside. Place in a 350 degree oven for 3 1/2 to 4 hours, depending on the size of the roast. Makes its own gravy. Do not open foil until ready to serve.

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SFC Charles Burney, Mess Sergeant at Mess 3, Missile and Munitions Center and School, likes to have his meat picture-perfect. Since Thanksgiving was a sunny time, he garnished his suckling pig with an apple in the mouth and sunglasses on the nose. His instructions for preparation follow: Suckling pigs can be purchased

at around 30 pounds (or less when dressed). Any dressing such as cornbread, oyster or other used for turkey can be used—or it can be stuffed with clean cheesecloth to keep it from collapsing while cooking.

Rub pig inside and out with salt and pepper.

Mix half salad oil and half water and bathe pig thoroughly with mixture. Wrap in damp cheesecloth and roast at 350 degrees for three hours.

Remove from oven, take off cheesecloth cover, baste pig with half and half mixture of cornstarch and water.

Cook for another hour, basting at least three times. This provides a glaze. The apple and other decorations are added when the pig has cooled. It can be reheated at 200 degrees or served cold.

With the traditional European boar-type meat rather than turkey as traditional American the main course (or if your family is big enough you might use both), the festivities might start with Spicy Christmas Brandy—known in Scandinavian countries as glogg.

SPICED BRANDY

- 1 bottle claret or Burgandy

(or one of each)

- 1 bottle brandy, Aquavit or cognac
- 10 cardomom seeds
- 6 cloves
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 1 cup blanched almonds
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup candied orange peel, sliced
- 1/2 lb. lump sugar

Mix all ingredients in kettle, except sugar. Cover and heat to boiling point; lower heat and simmer for a few minutes. Remove to serving table. Place sugar on an iron grill or screen which fits over kettle. Hold a burning match over the Glogg and lade the burning Glogg over sugar through screen into kettle. Repeat until sugar is melted. Remove grill, cover kettle. May be served hot, or cooled and bottled until needed. Heat before serving. Sugar may be added with other ingredients and the Glogg lighted before serving, or brandy may be poured over sugar lumps and lighted instead of ladling Glogg over sugar. Copper kettles work best but any heat-proof utensil from which the Glogg may be served can be substituted. Serves (See RECIPES on Page 5)



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RECIPES

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12. To include everyone in the wasail observance, the following spiced lemonade serves nicely both for carollers when they stop by and for the little people.

SPICED LEMONADE

- 4-7 whole cloves
 - 2 cups cranberry juice
 - 1/3 cup sugar
 - 1 stick cinnamon
 - 3/4 cups water
 - 1 can (6-oz.) quick-frozen concentrated lemonade
- Mix spices, cranberry juice, and

water in saucepan. Bring to rolling boil. Cover, remove from heat, let stand about 3 minutes. Strain and discard spices. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add lemonade. Reheat and serve hot. Garnish with half an orange slice or sprig of mint. 8 servings.

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Traditionalists, of course, will stick to turkey, duck, ham or whatever the family prefers. One old recipe of German origin that is popular in the Nashville area is Spiced Round. It's too late to fix it properly now, but here it is for the recipe collector anyway:

SPICED ROUND

- 10-12 pound boned round beef, at least 5 inches thick
- salt and pepper
- 2 cups salt
- 1 tbsp. ground ginger
- 1 tbsp. black pepper
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 1 tsp. cayenne

Rub each side of beef with 1/2 tsp. salt and pepper. Cover with 2 cups each brown sugar and salt. Let stand over night. Mix remaining ingredients and cover the round with this mixture and let stand two weeks. Refrigerate but do not freeze. Grind: 3 lbs. suet. Mix with the spices and liquid from the meat. Make holes about the size of a nickel and stuff with suet mixture (all the way through)

More spices may be added, especially black pepper and allspice. Put in cheesecloth bag tied tightly around the roast and boil 15 minutes to the pound. When done, let cool in bag. Refrigerate. Slice very thin—the thinner the better. Will keep in refrigerator several weeks.

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RIBBON CANDY SPRITZ

- 1 cup soft margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 2 1/4 cups flour*

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Cream margarine and sugar. Add remaining ingredients; blend. Divide dough in half; color with two colors. Divide each color in half and pat each to about 10 x 2 1/2". Stack, alternating colors; cut in half. Place half in cookie press with bar plate. Make aluminum foil strips, 3" wide, from 4 thicknesses. Form molds by folding strips over middle finger and pinching at sides. Place on baking sheet. Press dough, onto foil. Bake 6 to 9 minutes or until set, but not brown. Cool on foil.

* Do not use self-rising flour.

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PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH LIGHT GINGER COOKIES

- 1 cup soft butter or margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tsp. ginger
- 3/4 tsp. soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 2 1/4 cups flour*

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Blend on lowest speed or by hand. If cookie dough is too dry to handle easily, work in milk or cream, a teaspoon at a time. Roll out to 1/8" on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Cut into shapes such as stars, angels, hearts, trees and flowers. Bake on ungreased baking sheet 6 to 8 minutes. Cool slightly; carefully removing from baking sheet. Decorate with decorator's icing.

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DECORATOR'S ICING

Mix 2 cups confectioners' sugar, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and about 2 tbsp. light cream until smooth and desired consistency. Icing may be tinted with food color and used in decorator's tube.

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Shirley Miller, our lawyer, finds a festive way to serve her family sweet potatoes in orange cups. It goes over big—especially with the younger members. She uses a medium sized can of sweet potatoes, the pulp of two oranges, the juice of 1/2 lemon, a large cup of broken pecans (shelled by the family. Those in packages are apt to be stale and ruin the whole effect). Add a liberal dash of ground nutmeg and two shakes of cinnamon. Whip until creamy. Refrigerate. Meantime scoop the pulp from six



A TREAT FROM SANTA—Who doesn't like candy? Especially when it's handed out by YOU KNOW WHO! Santa had a bag full of goodies when he visited and talked with Redstone Pre-Schoolers Friday. There was candy for everybody—although the sight of Santa and his "Yo-Ho-Ho" was excitement enough for most. Showing remarkable self control here (and maybe just a touch of fright) are Wynn Paris, Linda Marlowe, Linda Jamieson and Curtis Ausmuss.



SANTA TAKES ORDERS—... I wanna doll—and some doll clothes—and lotsa toys... were only a few of the special requests Santa got when he visited boys and girls at Redstone Pre-School last week. Shown here sitting on Santa's lap and placing their orders are Sheila Creamer (left) and Tamera Hudson, while excited classmates await their turn.

oranges — halved — fill with refrigerated mixture, place a marshmallow on top and place in a 250 degree oven to heat through. (15-20 minutes). The marshmallow will melt into the mixture and add enough sweet. If the cook wants to be fancy, garnish with a maraschino cherry. For variation, two heaping tablespoons of crushed pineapple can be added to the sweet potato-orange mixture. Don't forget the lemon juice. It helps distinguish the flavors.

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S&M Keglers Blister Pin In Record Assault

Four repeaters and a pair of first timers rang the Honor Roll bell last week as the Supply and Maintenance League bowlers put together a record shattering assault on the Starlite ten pins.

Ray Herlston, Tom Lindsay, D. B. Smith, and Fred Stewart, came back for encores while Buck Roberson and Chet Wysocki each broke the 600 barrier for the first

time after several near misses.

Herlston opened with a 242 and came back with 190 and 204 to take the league's Bowler of the Week award with 636. Lindsay was close behind with 630, Roberson had a pair of 203s and a 214 for 620, Wysocki shot a 615 and Smith ended his 606 run with a big 244. Stewart shot an even 600.

Bombers Hold AMC Lead At The Half

The AMC Bowling League reached the halfway point of the 30-week schedule last week with the Bombers still out front of the pack but showing definite signs of faltering.

Despite dropping ten of the last twelve points, the front runners boast of a six point bulge with no less than ten quintets still trying to decide which is the logical contender.

Lindsay and Smith teamed up to lead the Reba Bowling Apparel five to a 3 to 1 win over Tad's with a seasonal high 3102 team series. Jack Bailey chipped in with a 559 and Billy East shot a 541. Smith's 244 along with a 234 for Lindsay and a 212 by Bailey gave Reba's a 1024 scratch game.

Al Sarge turned in a 588 and Ralph Poehler accounted for 574 sticks for the Tad's team.

Herlston and Wysocki were also operating as a tandem in getting the All-Sports quintet a 3 to 1 win over Lily Flagg. John Montana kept the Flaggmen in the running with a 589.

Roberson turned in his heroics for the Bushwhackers in their 3-1 margin over the Dragons. Jim Likos helped the cause along with a 551 while Bill Crump was the leading Dragon scorer with 576.

Ray Barter tacked a 594 along with Stewart's third Honor Roll count in leading the league Renegades to three wins out of four from the Auto Center. The Gades maintained their six-point bulge over the Reba five.

In other matches the Cracker Jacks got a 566 from Jerry Cletcher and a 554 from Ed Berg but only managed a split with the Chiefs while the Pin Busters took three from the Baker Realtors without an outstanding individual effort.

The Alley Cats doled out the third straight setback to the Bombers last week as the Voyagers and the T-Birds settled in a second place deadlock, and the Bandits jumped from seventh to fourth.

Howard Roop shot a big 245 in the final game of a 575 set in leading the T-Birds to a sweep of the Lancers and the Voyagers got a 234 and 584 from Gaylord Huffman in winning three out of four from the Avengers. Ken Bell hit for 547 in the losing cause.

Billy Brazelton took all the individual honors for the week with a rousing 250 game that capped off a 598 series as the Raiders continued their hot streak by winning a trio from the Trevellers. Mark Raiford added to the ten-pen raid with a 548.

The Bandits blanked the Metro Cals to capture the first leg of the inter-Metrology Center title as Willy Wiggins upended 557 maps and the Rejectors followed the lead of Joe Renard for a 3 to 1 win over the Sprinters.

Irv Laity had a 231 game and a 559 set to get the Tigers a clean sweep win over the Winners despite Morris Ray's 550 and Art Frederick turned in a 548 card as the Spartans won three from the All-Sports when Ed Leahy's 580 was not enough to stem the tide.

ICO Stands Alone—

Accountants End Engineering String

The unbeaten ranks of the CWF Basketball League dwindled to a single entry last week when Engineering QA had a string of five straight successes snapped by a determined Finance and Accounting quintet, 51-49.

The Metrology Lab followed up their win over the Accountants the week before with a 55-27 win over SAM-D and the G&C Lab came from behind to hand Sentinel a 46-42 setback to complete the Tuesday evening card.

ICO, victorious in four starts, had a date with the winless Supply and Maintenance five on Friday. Two more games that evening completed the league's pre-Christmas schedule. League play will resume on January 7 but teams wishing to practice may use the Joe Bradley Gyn on Friday, December 27, starting at 6 p.m.

F&A scored first in the duel with QA and never trailed throughout the game although the score was tied on seven occasions, and the lead never surpassed three points. The Accountants were in front by a single point, 27-26, at the half.

It was two foul shots each by Elliott Agee, Danny Franklin and

Fred Smith in the last minute that sealed the Engineers' doom.

Franklin took scoring honors for the Accountants with 17 points, Agee hit for 13 and Smith added 11 more. Don Wood led the Engineers with 21 and Neil Winterburn added 16 more.

Orville Lee fired 25 points in leading the Metrology Lab to their win against SAM-D. Bob Rice hit

for 10 more for the winners and Truman Howard equalled that for the losers.

Jerry Dooley returned to the G&C lineup and put on another of his shooting exhibitions in firing 26 points in the win over Sentinel. Dooley got 18 of his points during the second half when the Labmen overcame a four-point halftime deficit.

MICOM Girls Win Second From MARS

The Missile Command girls basketball team continued their mastery of the girls from the Marshall Center in chalking up their fourth Huntsville Industrial League win last week 67-46.

MICOM opened the season with a 40-23 win over MARS and the CWF sponsored Army girls made it two in a row by winning last week, 67-46. The league is taking a two-week break for the holidays and will resume play on January 6 with MICOM pitted against the Fashion 220 sextet.

Gladys Hill and Barbara Jernigan handled most of the scoring

in the win over MARS with the former hitting for 28 points and Barbara getting one less. Gretchen Bigham completed the scoring with an even dozen.

MICOM took an early lead and, after being hard-pressed in the opening quarter, pulled away to a 38-21 halftime lead.

Helen Smith, Christy Herndon, Carol Collins and Sandra Seymour handled the back court duties for MICOM.

McCormacks Corral All League Honors

The husband and wife team of Rita and Ray McCormick walked off with all the individual honors in the Comp Center Mixed League last week and together they led their Lucky Strike team mates to the best team total that has been rolled in the league this season.

Rita had a 216 game on her way to a 557 total and Ray continued his blasting with a 563. The McCormacks got a lot of help from Jimmie Coker who shot a 460 total despite holding a 111 average.

The Strikes put together a 2445 team total and used it for a three to one margin over the Skunks in moving to within a single point of the league leading Spares.

The leaders were only able to get a split with the third place Bottlenecks with Helen Matthews in the leading role with a 517. Bobby Todd topped the Necks with 528.

The Dunnivant Jinx scored the only sweep of the evening over the Fortren Fours, the Strike Outs won a trip from the Jesters and the Analogs had the same winning margin against the Bad Gnu.

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HHC/SOC	2	2
6th ETC	2	2
200th Ordnance	1	3
A Company	1	4
C Company	0	4

National League

291st MP Company	3	0
D Company	2	0
5th-7th ETC	2	1
249th Ordnance	2	2
8th ETC	1	2
Marines	1	2
B Company	1	3
522nd Ordnance	0	1
3rd ETC	0	1

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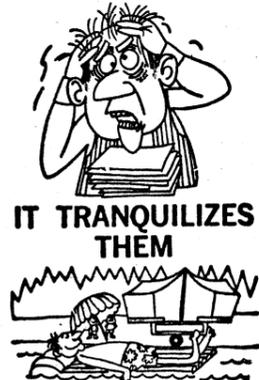
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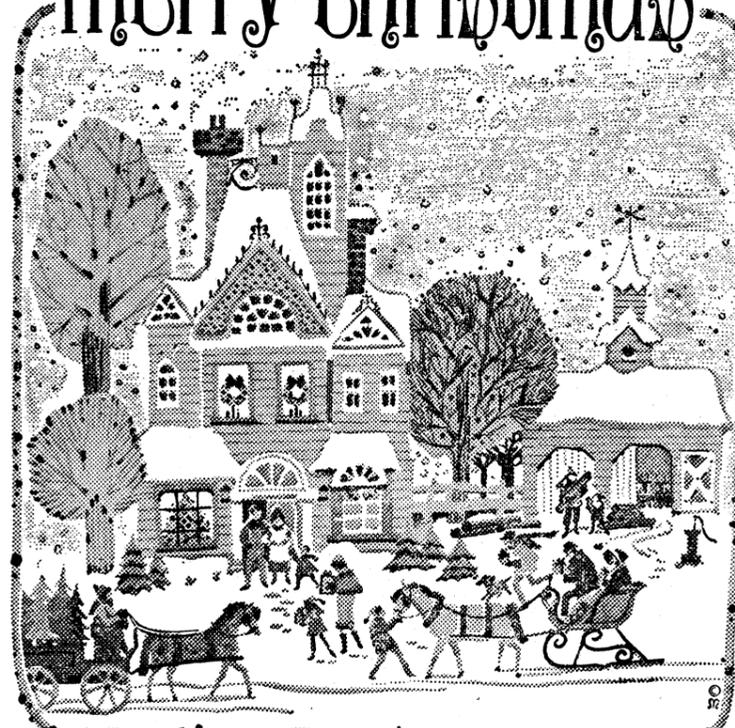
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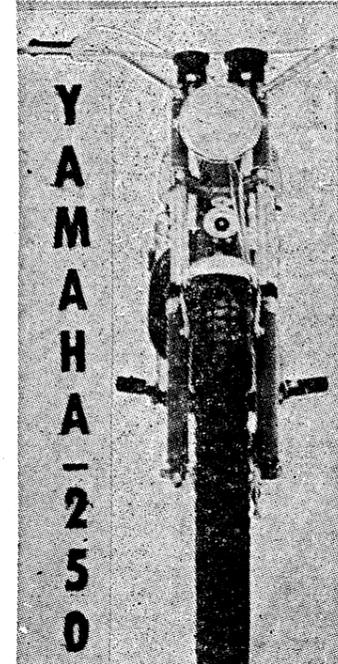
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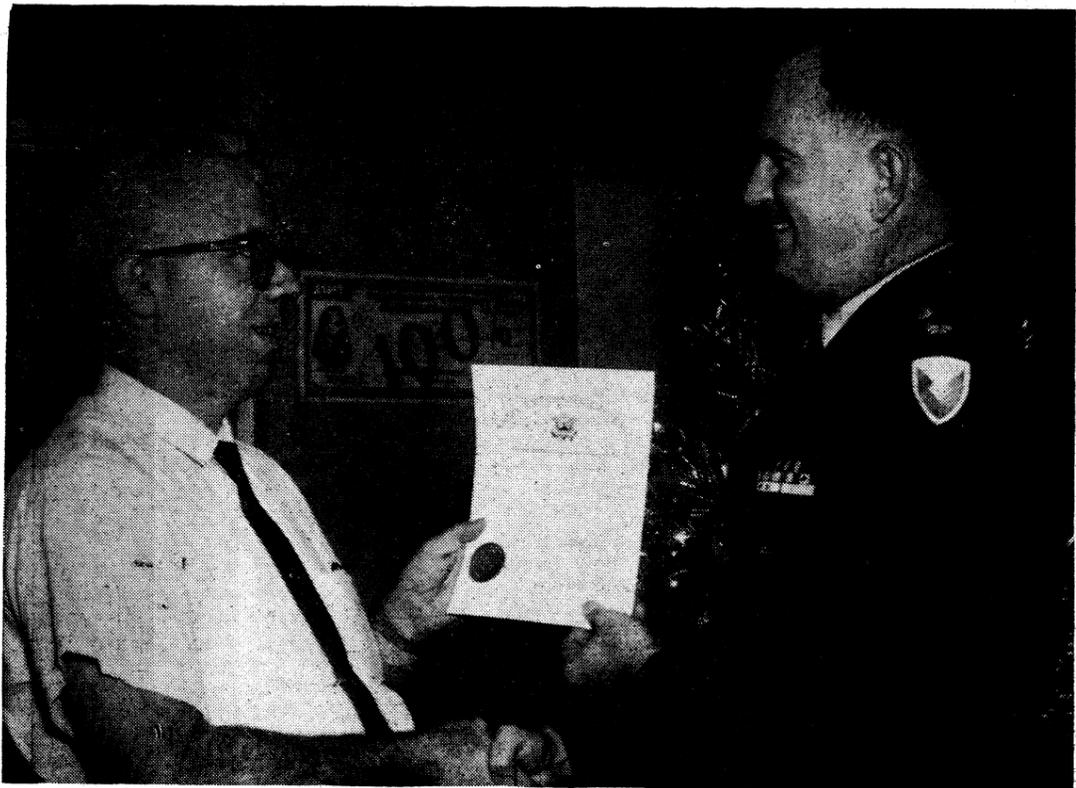
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CHECK FOR EDUCATION—John H. Goodloe, General Manager, Thiokol Chemical Corporation's Huntsville Division, presents Thiokol Chemical Corporation's \$500. check to the United Negro College Fund to Dr. Frank W. Hale, Jr., President, Oakwood College. The gift is a part of Thiokol's nationwide College Gifts and Grants program through which the corporation supports various university programs in areas in which Thiokol Divisions are located. This year, in addition to the grant to the United Negro College Fund, \$1,500. is being contributed to the University of Alabama.

JANGO Annual Christmas Ball Set At Officers Mess

and Mrs. Richard J. Clement is co-chairman of the organization whose members are the daughters of Armed Forces officers.

The girls earn their caps through class training and serving as nurses aides at the Redstone Army Hospital, Dental Clinic and Blood-mobile.

The Junior Army-Navy Guild Organization (JANGO) annual Christmas Ball will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight tonight in the ballroom of the Redstone Arsenal Officers Open Mess.

Brenda Brochu is chairman for the formal dance which will feature a leadout by JANGO officers.

Others on the committee arranging the ball are: Ann Holston, refreshments; Andean Larson, Publicity; Cindy Twitchell, band; Virginia Van Auken, tickets; and Tricia Young, decorations.

Mrs. Alfred Holston is chairman



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New Management Course Jan. 27-31

Jan. 27-31, 1969, a short course, "Advanced Configuration Management," will be presented by the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

This course is to develop a working knowledge of the new requirements and terminology contained in the DOD Configuration Manager package and to interrelate these requirements with needs of functional and program management.

It is intended for project and functional personnel whose current or anticipated assignment requires an understanding of practical methods and the impact of the new requirements to be levied on contractors as evidenced by the recent publication of a series of military specifications and standards on the subject. It is also a refresher course for all personnel desiring to increase their understanding and keep abreast of the most recent developments in the field.



CHOW TIME AT REDSTONE—A group of Girl Scouts and adult leaders are served lunch at an Army mess hall during a recent tour of Redstone Arsenal. The entire group of more than 350 Scouts represented troops from throughout the area. Girls shown

are Cathy Kimball, Etta Ritenour, Cathy Matthews and Vicki Bell. Adult leaders are Mrs. Leslie Kimball, Mrs. W. R. Kimmins and Mrs. Harvey Peters. Serving them is Pvt. Thomas F. Hodgins, Mess No. 4, U. S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School.

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SP5 and Mrs. Robert E. Wyant, son, Robert Larry, Dec. 13.

SP4 and Mrs. Jerry W. Ralston, daughter, Gina Marie, Dec. 13.

MAJ. and Mrs. Carroll W. Merlick, son, Jerry Walter II, Dec. 14.

SGT. and Mrs. Robert T. Price Jr., son, Robert Brant, Dec. 16.

CPT. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Martin III, son, Will Lawrence, Dec. 16.

BSGT. and Mrs. Johnie R. Ross, son, David Ellis, Dec. 17.

SP5 and Mrs. Edward D. Ingold, daughter, Kimberly Hope, Dec. 17.

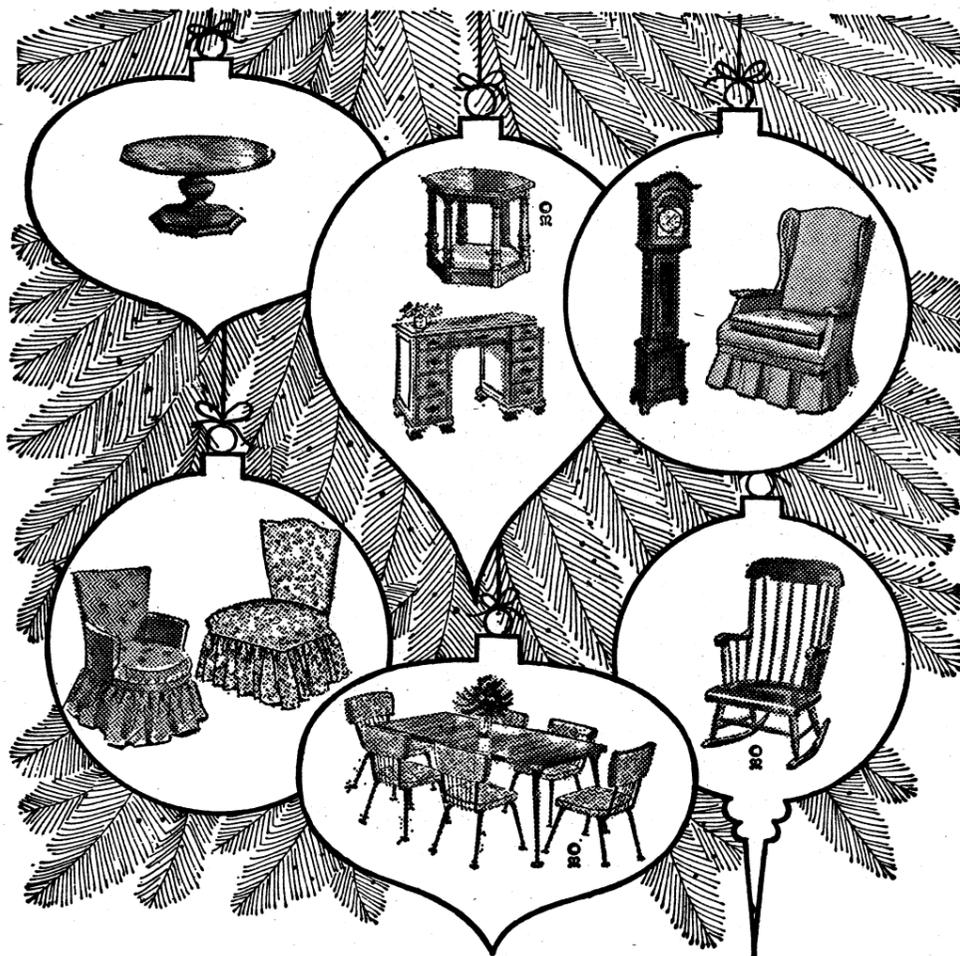
SP5 and Mrs. Brian J. Davis, daughter, Deone Page, Dec. 19.

SP4 and Mrs. Robert A. Hyre, daughter, Shannon Rene, Dec. 20.

RECEIVES RECOGNITION

SFC Charles Jeffrey of the 95th Calibration Company received a certificate of achievement recently which he earned while serving with Headquarters, 2nd Logistics Command, Okinawa.

SFC Jeffrey, a calibration technician, was the Senior Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the 2nd Calibration Transfer Team. He was headquartered on Okinawa from October 1965 until October 1968. Now he's here.



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TECHNIQUES FOR USING aircraft to acquire in-flight data for chartering ocean's bottom were tested by Naval Oceanographic Office. Conducted off Florida Keys, flights included support from Army, Air Force and other government agencies. Although results are not fully known at this time, officials hope that water depths, illumination and bottom topography may be determined through use of color photography. (AFNB)



Engineers Let Contract For Sentinel

The Huntsville Division of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has engaged the Space Support Division of Sperry Rand Corporation to assist in systems engineering for facilities for the Sentinel Ballistic Missile Defense System.

The contract calls for the Sperry Rand organization to perform engineering studies and analyses in connection with the systems engineering. The requirements include review of facilities criteria and design with respect to systems effectiveness, preparation of technical logistics data and maintenance data system requirements, study of quality assurance methods, and special studies on configuration management.

The Huntsville Division of the Corps of Engineers is charged with design and construction of facilities for the nationwide Sentinel system. The Space Support Division of Sperry Rand is also based in Huntsville, Alabama.



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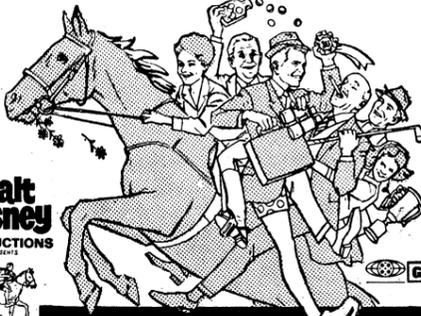
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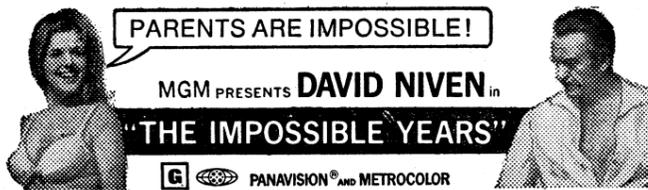
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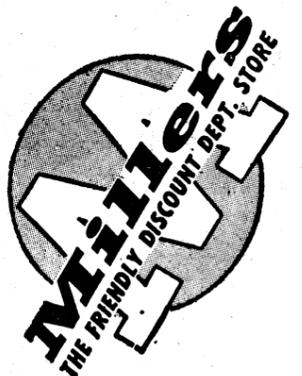
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

by SP5 *Mike McKenzie*

Lt. Col. Marvin D. Parker and CWO (Ret.) Thomas E. Wilkerson were presented the Legion of Merit by Col. John R. Henderson, assistant commandant, to highlight an awards ceremony Wednesday.

Col. Parker, the chief of Logistics Division in Officer Training Department (OTD), distinguished himself with two years of service on the Ryukyu Islands. He was chief of the Maintenance Division, in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff.

CWO Wilkerson, who retired last August, had served four years in the Office of Doctrine and New Materiel here at MMCS as an exceptional technical writer and editor in Technical Research Branch. He is now employed as an associate engineer at Sperry Rand in Huntsville.

Other honors in the ceremony included Lt. Col. James E. Williams and Maj. (Ret.) Ralph O. Ekonen, who both received the Army Commendation Medal.

Col. Williams is the chief of General Ammunition Division, coming here from three years as commanding officer of a special weapons Ordnance Company and chief of an ammunition division at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

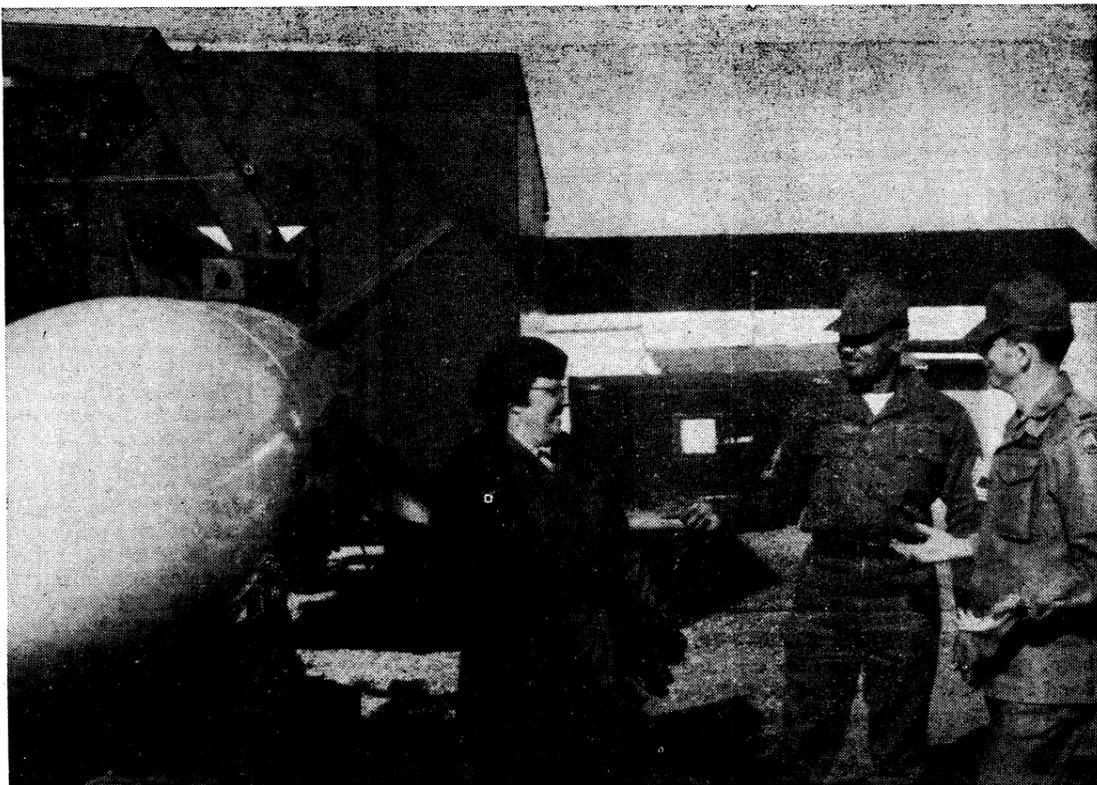
Maj. Ekonen was commended for his 16 months as chief of the Range Instruction Support Branch at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Division here. He retired from

the Unit Training Command outfit in August and is now in the insurance business locally with Vanguard Security Life.

Nineteen civilians were also in line for recognition at the gathering, including Janet Falconbury for outstanding performance rating and quality increase. She is secretary in Hawk Division.

Marking 20 years of government service were Maybelle Hardenburgh, administrative officer in the Office of the Secretary; James Corlew, training specialist in Non-resident Instruction Dept.; J. T. Lacey, Jr., welder and sheet metal worker, James Congo, offset press operator, and Robert Smith, wood model maker, all in Training Aids Dept.

Receiving pin and certificate for 10 years in government work were: Sue McElyea, secretary in Office of Operations; Virginia Peters, vault custodian in Security Division; Shelby Martin, technical illustrator in Training Aids; Lynn Stuckey, instructor in Hawk Pulse Radar Branch; Skeggs Gilchrist, instructor in Pershing Computer Branch; Richard Teruya, instructor in Hawk CW Radar Branch; Larry Howard and Grady Davis, Jr., instructors in Pershing Test Equipment Branch; Royce Waldrep, Jr., instructor in Nike Acquisition and Computer Branch; Donald Linger, writer in Non-resident Instruction; Carolyn Jones, secre-



WHAT'S UP?—“What'm I doing here?” asks WAC Sfc Minnie Wemett (left) as she examines a Hawk missile. “Who knows?” reply 1st Sgt. Cliett Hartwell (center) and 1st Lt. Eric Wiest of the 200th Ordnance Detachment at MMCS. Sgt. Wemett was accidentally assigned to the 200th, a Hawk maintenance company of 34 men!

tary in OTD; Clarence Carey, training specialist in OTD Course Development Division; and David Ellenberger, instructor in Shillalah Branch.

Imagine your surprise: you're first sergeant of a company of 34 men and you're notified a WAC is joining the unit!

That's the situation 1st Sgt. Cliett D. Hartwell found himself in at the 200th Ordnance Detachment recently. The 200th is a Hawk guided missile general support outfit in Unit Training Command here, commanded by 1st Lt. Eric D. Wiest. They couldn't quite figure a woman's role in the repair of radar and rockets.

But, sure enough, the orders declared that WAC Sfc Minnie I. Wemett was on her way to join the company . . . and in Sgt. Hartwell's slot, to boot.

How it came about, nobody's

really sure.

Sgt. Wemett says, “I got a call from the Army one day asking if I wanted to go to APG (Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.), but they wouldn't allow my trailer or my dog there. So I wound up here.”

Everything's back to normal now, although “like a good soldier” Sgt. Wemett signed into the 200th when she reported to Redstone. Sgt. Hartwell went to work and found her a ‘home’ in the Administrative Division of MMCS Headquarters, where she now serves in Protocol Branch.

Sgt. Wemett, who will mark 20 years of service as a female soldier next March, was stationed at the WAC school in Ft. McClellan, Ala., when the unusual circumstances came about. Her Army duty is as an administrative supervisor.

As December comes to a close, so does the career of six person-

nel of MMCS:

CWO Richard F. Gadbury, Gurley, Ala. — administrative technician with Nike HIPAR Branch, 20½ years;

Master Sgt. Andrew D. Brumbaugh, Brandywind, Md. — Explosive Ordnance Detachment No. 1 (Indianhead, Md.), 20½ years;

Master Sgt. Peter W. Maiker, Fremont, Neb. — Land Combat Support Systems, 20 years;

Master Sgt. Robert C. McCoy, Starkville, Miss. — Headquarters Company, School Brigade, 20 years;

Sfc J. T. Floyd, Huntsville — Land Combat Department, 21 years;

Sfc Jack H. Gray, Claremont, N. H. — Headquarters Company, Unit Training Command, 20 years.

In the case of Sgt. McCoy, the retirement day falls exactly on the anniversary of his 20th year (See NAMES on Page 11)



HONOREES AT 3RD—Inspecting the Nike missile erected in front of their barracks to identify the 9th ETC at MMCS are 1st Sgt. Clinton Florian (left) and commanding officer 1st Lt. William Van Wagner. Their company of students has earned 3rd Battalion honors for the eighth time in the year Lt. Van Wagner has commanded.



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in service.

Another change of command has been effected in School Brigade, as 2nd Lt. Larry R. Walker takes over the 5th Enlisted Training Company. Lt. Walker, native of McRae, Ga., and an OCS graduate at Ft. Benning, has been serving as executive officer of the unit in 2nd Battalion.

He replaces 2nd Lt. Henry M. Gurba, who is headed for a field artillery orientation course at Ft. Sill and later a position as artil-

lery forward observer in Vietnam.

During the rapid changeover of commanders in the Brigade, several new first Sergeants have also moved into the companies without acknowledgement. They are:

- UTC Headquarters Company — 1st Sgt. Charles J. Miller;
- Company D — 1st Sgt. Herbert H. Newell;
- 6th ETC — 1st Sgt. William G. Snow;
- 8th ETC — 1st Sgt. James D. Hancock;
- 249th Ordnance Det. — 1st Sgt.

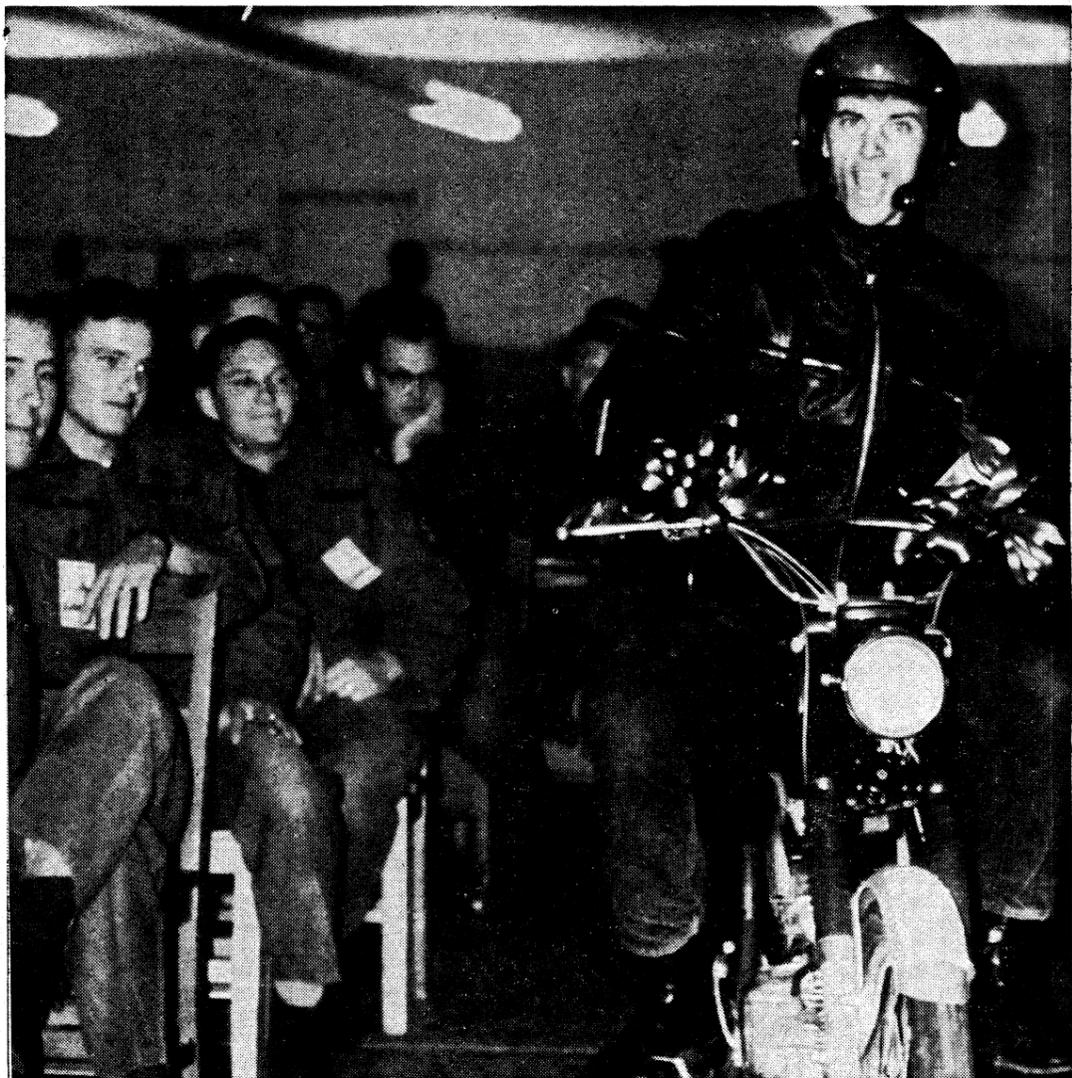
MMCS boasts another top graduate of the NCO Academy in Ft. McClellan. He is Spec. 6 John C. Scott, from the Testing and Training Branch of EOD Division. Assigned to UTC Headquarters Company, Holmes is the third soldier from the school reported

finishing as the No. 1 graduate of the NCO training course this year.

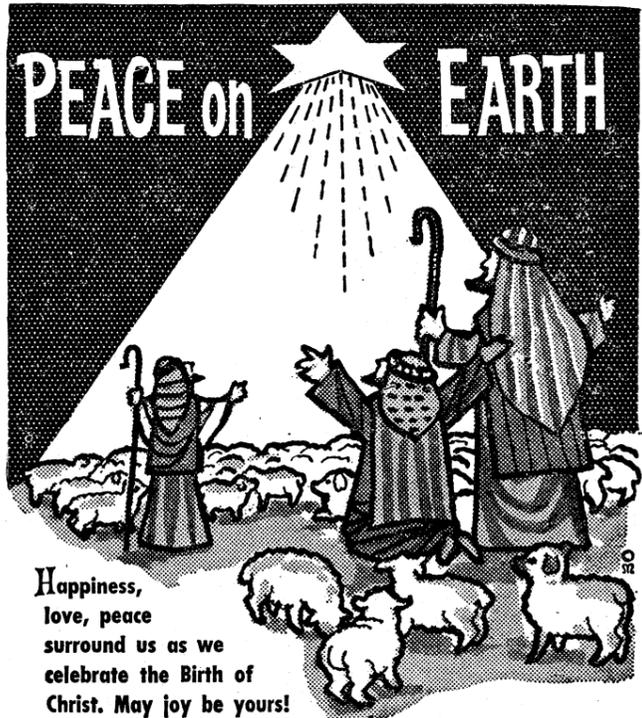
Word arrives that Elizabeth H. Branch of Stamford, Conn., is one of the six officers of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) to be promoted to full colonel, an Army first.

Col. Branch was formerly Secretary of MMCS.

It marked the first such promotion in the WAC since Congress eliminated promotion and career tenure restrictions affecting women officers in November, 1967.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!—Spec. 5 Dennis Rock shouts season's greetings as he sways through a crowd of men from Companies A and D at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School. His merriment was displayed at a Command Information presentation by Capt. Brent Pope of Co. D with the topic, "Traffic Safety." Minutes later, Rock was wheeled back into the room in a casket bearing the sign, "Is this the package you want sent home for Christmas?" Most soldiers at MMCS are home on leave during the holiday break.

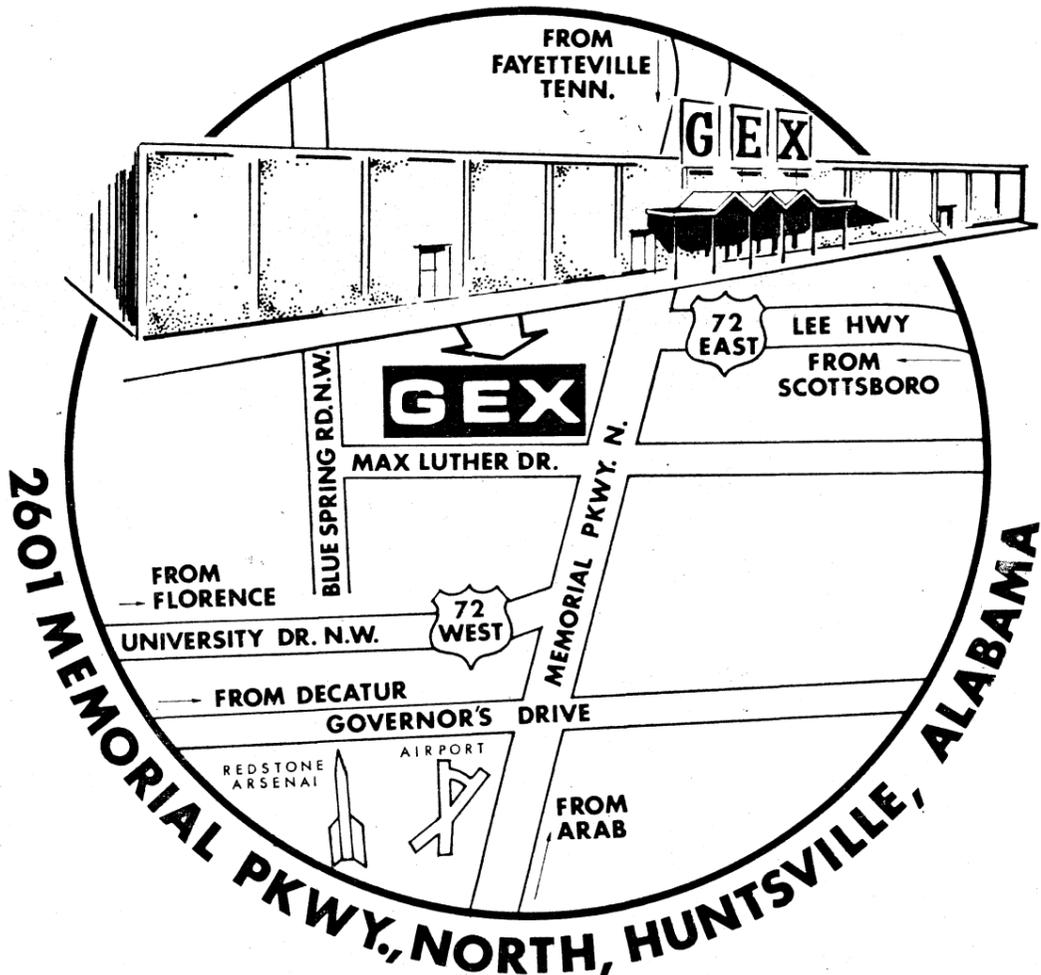


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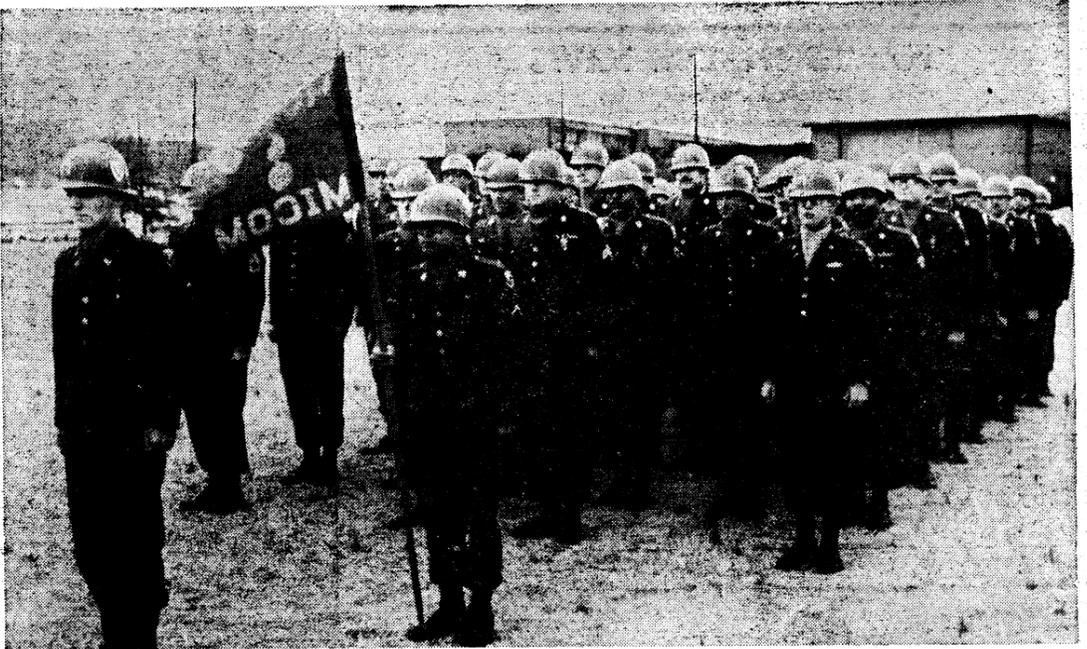
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SILVER STAR—Mrs. Opal Williams, widow of Marine Staff Sergeant Freddy R. Williams, accepts the Silver Star Medal awarded posthumously by Major Joseph A. Siler, Quartermaster Corps representative for the Marine Corps at the U.S. Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Staff Sgt. Williams was a member of Company G., 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam when he was killed. Under attack, he left cover twice to recover wounded men from his unit and was mortally wounded on his second attempt. He had been in the Marine Corps 14 years. Mrs. Williams lives on Route 1, Flat Rock, Ala.



HEADQUARTERS EARNS HONOR—Headquarters Detachment, Army Missile Command, scored the most points in the eight parades during the past year. Three times they were at the top of the list on the parade field and four times they came in second—giving them the highest average on points among all the troops at Redstone Arsenal. At present Capt. Giles A. Bumpas is the commanding officer.

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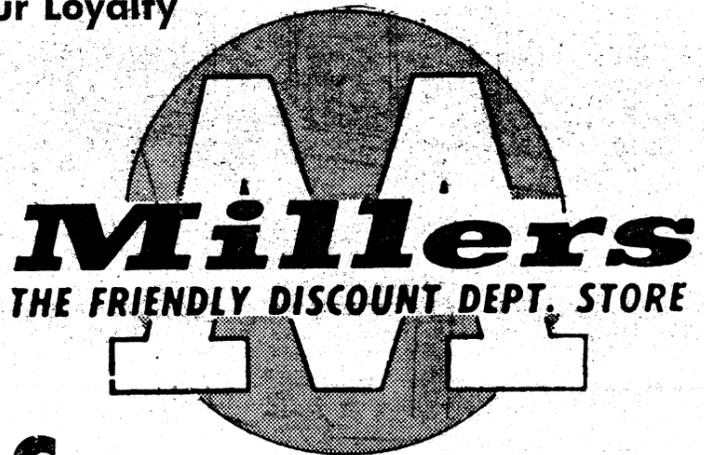
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NEW MEMBER—Miss Jean Scales holds the Resolution conferring honorary membership in the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association on Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler, Commanding General of the Missile Command. Miss Scales is president of the local Chapter. The General is the first honorary member.

General Receives Honorary Membership In Federal Bar

Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler Friday received the first honorary membership ever tendered outside the legal profession by the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

The resolution was presented to

the Commanding General of the Army Missile Command by Miss Jeanne Scales, president of the Chapter. Representatives of other Federal Services in the Association were present at the ceremony presided over by Miss Scales who is a member of the Missile Command's Legal Counsel staff.

"Be it therefore resolved by the unanimous vote of the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association that Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler is declared an honorary member of the chapter with all rights as provided for by the by-laws of the chapter.

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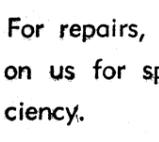
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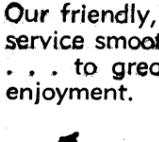
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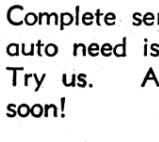
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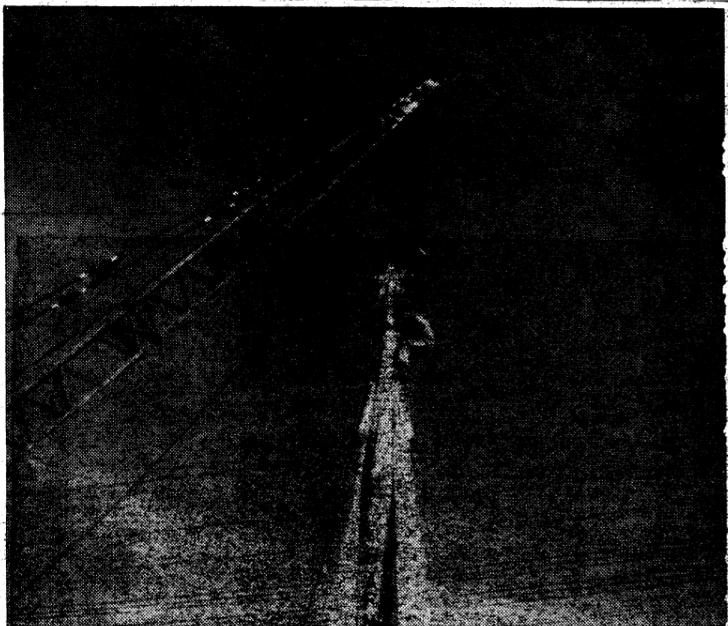
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Under a change that became effective Dec. 1, the rate for the first three minutes on a station call is nine dollars. Each additional minute costs three dollars. Person-to-person rates will remain the same, 12 dollars for the first three minutes, but additional minute rates have been lowered from four to three dollars.

More than 38,000 calls were completed between the U.S. and Vietnam last year, about four and a half times as many as in 1965.

According to AT&T officials, about 90 per cent of the calls are completed from the Vietnam end, rather than from the U.S., because of the difficulty in locating servicemen to answer calls. Most of the calls are collect, the company said.

Until 1967, servicemen could call home only from Saigon. Calls now can be placed from hospitals and bases in Ton Son Nhut, Long Binh, Cam Rahn Bay, Nha Trang and Qui Nhon. As of Dec. 1, calls also can be made from Da Nang.

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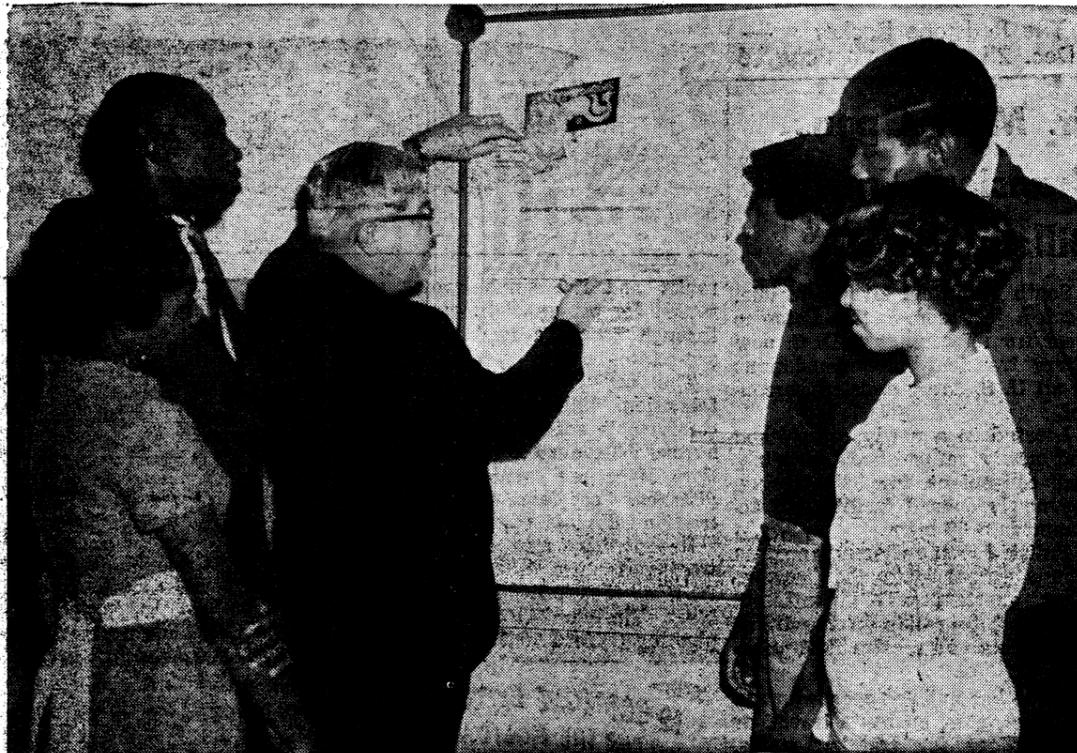
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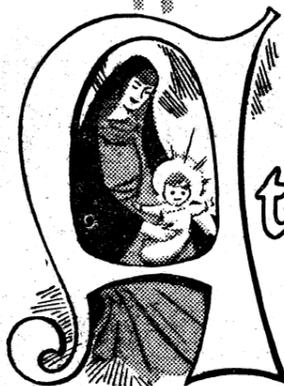
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES DAY PLANNING—Council Senior High School Principal Alfred G. Adams and a group of his students talk with John S. Hinkle of the U. S. Army Missile Command about the Huntsville Career Opportunities Day to be held Dec. 27. Hinkle is Chief of the Training and Development Division of the Missile Command's Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Huntsville Area Companies. It will be held at the Big Springs Community Center on Church Street. Shown above, left to right, are: Patricia Rice, Adams, Hinkle, Gregory Williams, Joyce Nance and George Nance.

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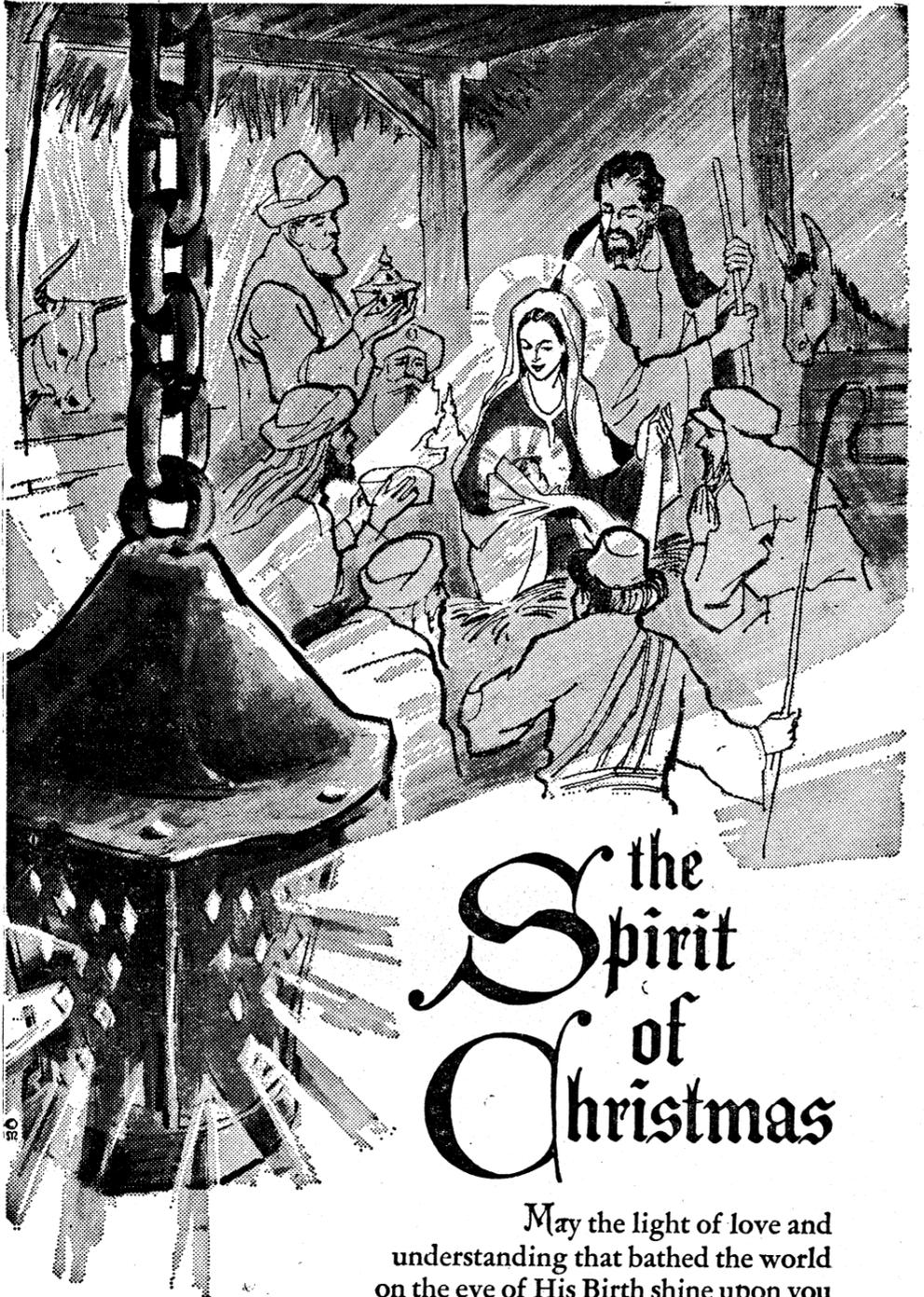
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FOR JOB WELL DONE—Maj. Gen. Charles W. Eifler (left), Commanding General of the Army Missile Command, awards the Legion of Merit to Col. Robert W. Van Wert. The Colonel, who is retiring from active military duty, was cited for "... meritorious service." as Deputy to Brig. Gen. George H. McBride, Deputy Commanding General for Air Defense Systems at the Missile Command.



CHRISTMAS BONUS—Horace M. Walker, equipment specialist in the Field Operations Division of the U.S. Army Metrology and Calibration Center, receives a commendation and \$1,000 for a suggestion he submitted more than three years ago from Lt. Col. Peter L. Horne, Jr., chief of the Center. By borrowing equipment from one installation where the equipment was often idle instead of buying a separate set for a second installation, Walker saved the Government an estimated \$76,000.



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