



**YOUNG MAN ON THE MOVE**—Billy Barnard, left, Program Analyst, checks with Sam Branch who is operating a printing calculator. Branch, a senior at Oakwood College, works in the Army's Air Defense Control and Targets Product Office, assisting in program management. But he also is active in the Huntsville area in social and religious activities.

# Sam Branch Plans Triple Career After Graduation

If hard work and dedication pay off, then Sam Branch of the Army Missile Command's Air Defense Control and Targets Product Office, should start drawing some healthy dividends.

The 21-year old Army employee, student and social worker, is a veritable whirlwind in motion.

Branch, who works with Billy Barnard, Program Analyst, is a senior at Oakwood College, majoring in theology and history and minoring in education.

When he started work at Redstone in March 1969, Branch was carrying 12 quarter hours of subjects at Oakwood, working 16 hours per week with the Dean of Students and working 16 hours each week at the Arsenal. In addition to this heavy schedule, he was able to drive to Montgomery, Ala., one day each week to per-

form religious field work as a volunteer.

Even before joining the government at Redstone, however, Branch was a busy young man. Working with a church organization, he traveled around the country talking to young people on problems that ranged from drugs and LSD to personal problems dealing with delinquency and poverty situations.

Though much of his time now is taken up studying and working at his job, Branch has become proficient in dactylogy (the art of communication with deaf people), and has worked with deaf people in the Huntsville area.

A native of Memphis, Tenn., Branch is the son of Mrs. Minnie Branch, 3147 Hilda Road. Mrs. Branch, a parochial school teacher in Memphis, is currently attending

Oakwood College during the summer session.

Facing a tough schedule in his senior year, Branch credits Mrs. Rebecca Ashcraft Warren of Memphis, connected with the Ashcraft Foundation, for encouragement and financial assistance.

Despite his busy schedule with college work, government work and religious activities, Branch has still found time for romance. He is planning to marry Bertha McKinney, a student at Oakwood, later this month.

After graduation, Branch indicated he wants to follow educational, religious and governmental work. Although any of these fields is a full career, Branch plans to challenge all three. If present performance is any criteria, he'll make it too.

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**COL. JOHN G. REDMON**

## Col. Redmon Adds Cluster To Legion Of Merit Medal

Col. John G. Redmon, who has retired from active military service was presented Thursday the First Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit Medal by Brig. Gen. George H. McBride, Deputy Commanding General for Air Defense Systems.

Col. Redmon has been assigned at the Missile Command since March 1967 as manager of the Hawk/NATO Hawk Project Office. The citation which accompanied the award reads in part:

"Col. Redmon was instrumental in assuring the continued Army emphasis on development and production of the Improved Hawk System. He was also instrumental in completing the development, testing and production of the Self Propelled Hawk System. These two programs will materially assist the Army in providing the improved air defense capability desperately needed to counter the current tactical threat.

"Col. Redmon's emphasis on the timely development of contingency plans resulted in logistical support of the Vietnam units being at the highest level of material readiness of all Hawk deployment. He displayed exceptional diplomacy, fore-

sight and logistic expertise in the management of the NATO Hawk Program and the Hawk European Limited Production Program.

"Under his direction, the Japanese Co-production Program for the Hawk System was implemented. As a result of his personal initiative, mature judgment and selfless devotion to duty, he earned the respect and admiration of all with whom he was associated."

The Colonel is a native of Hawaii, a graduate from the U. S. Military Academy and he earned a Master of Science Degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has attended a number of military schools including the Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He also has been active in Boy Scout programs, amateur theatrical groups, and has directed a number of church choirs during his duty at Redstone.

The Redmons came to Huntsville from Korea and now plan to live in Huntsville.

Married to the former Miss Marjorie Mulleady, Col. Redmon is the father of two sons and a daughter.

## Organizational Luncheon For Gold Star Wives At Officers Open Mess Today

The formation of a local chapter of Gold Star Wives of America moves a step closer today with a luncheon for eligible women at the Officers Open Mess. Approximately 15 wives are expected to attend.

The feature speaker at the luncheon is Mrs. Deidre DeGroot, of Birmingham and regional president of the Gold Star Wives. She will explain the functions of the organization and formation of local chapters.

Others participating in the program include Mr. Walter Eigenbrod, President of the Tennessee Valley Post of the Association of U. S. Army which is sponsoring the luncheon; Brig. Gen. George H. McBride, Deputy Commanding General, U. S. Army Missile Command; Mrs. Sieglinde Spiegel, a Gold Star Wife member in charge of formation of the local chapter; Mrs. Dolly Flowers, AUSA board member representing the chapter's women membership; Lt. Col. William W. Owen, Chaplain; and AUSA board members.

Gold Star Wives membership is formed of widows of servicemen who died while serving in the Armed Forces, or as a result of service incurred disabilities, regardless of rank. Remarried widows remain eligible for membership.

## 325 Procurement Packages To Be Offered At Fair

Officials of the Army Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate have announced that approximately 325 procurement packages, valued at more than \$1 million, will be available at the Aug. 27 Procurement Fair.

The event will be held at the same site as previous fairs, Building 4488, Redstone Arsenal and will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Packages will cover requirements for missile repair parts and related items which support Army missile and rocket programs.

Potential contractors are invited to attend and learn of current procurement needs. Procurement and Production personnel will be available at the Fair to discuss the packages with interested industrialists.

## Combined Campaign Has Austere Program In '69

A simple metal fold over lapel pin will be given to federal employees in the Huntsville area who contribute in the annual Combined Federal Campaign beginning next month.

Use of the readily available emblem, replacing a more costly pin used in previous campaigns, will slash administrative costs of the 1970 campaign by more than 50 percent.

Printed red, white and blue on soft metal, the new emblem can be obtained in quantity at a cost of less than a cent each. The standard pin given donors in previous CFC drives was custom made and cost about nine cents. On an order of more than 20,000 pins, drive officials estimate savings of more than \$5,000 by adopting the new design.

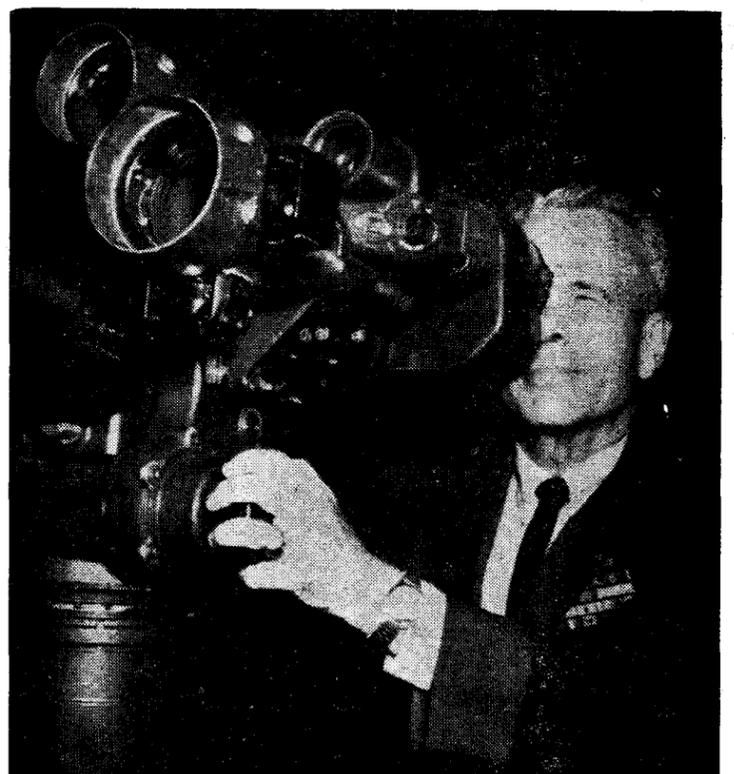
"We feel the decision will be supported by all federal workers

as being in keeping with the spirit of the campaign," Robert Malone, chairman of the steering committee, said. "Five thousand dollars will buy a lot of milk for children or do any of a number of things for the charitable agencies depending upon us for support."

Less than two percent of the record half million dollar contribution made by local federal employees in last year's CFC drive went for pledge cards, literature, the lapel pins and other administrative costs. The cost of the pins was more than half the total.

Administrative costs for CFC are underwritten by the Huntsville-Madison County United Fund and pro-rated to all of the receiving agencies at the close of the campaign.

CFC includes an annual on the (See COMBINED on Page 3)



**ZEROING IN**—Maj. Gen. Herbert G. Sparrow, Chief, U.S. Army Audit Agency, Washington, D.C., looks through the rangefinder of a jeep mounted TOW anti-tank guided missile system, during a recent tour of the U.S. Army Missile Command. During his stay, General Sparrow visited laboratories, looked at weapons systems on display and toured Redstone Arsenal facilities.

# The Redstone Rocket

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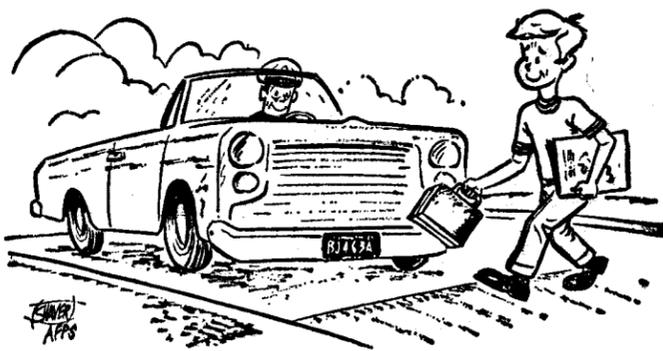
## Rocket Ruminations

Our federal union, it must be preserved.  
—Andrew Jackson

## Back To School Safety

Across the country and around the world children will be going back to school and exposing themselves to the usual, if not increased dangers of traffic as well as other school hazards. Here are a few suggestions from the Federal Safety Council how the vehicle operator, parents and students can work for a safer school year.

When driving, always be prepared for a child to dash unexpectedly into the street, especially in residential and school areas. Be ready for the unexpected when there



is a group of children near the street. When driving near school grounds keep in mind that they may be teeming with shouting and racing children who do not watch where they are going.

Parents should teach their children proper traffic safety, caution them to take the safest route, to cross streets only where they are monitored by patrolmen or only at marked crosswalks. If they must walk on a road without a sidewalk they should walk on the left side, facing the traffic.

If bicycles are ridden to and from school children should be cautioned to always walk their bicycles across busy streets in marked crosswalks. Before permitting them to ride bicycles to school, be sure they can handle their bikes with skill, and know and observe bicycle regulations.

Above all, parents should make sure their children understand never to accept gifts or rides from strangers. (AFPS)



MAJ. NORMAN SCHULTZ

## Warrant Officers In Land Combat Take Oath Friday

Through a new specialized career opportunity, nine soldiers became the first Army-wide to be appointed to the rank of warrant officer by completing school training on the Land Combat Support Missile System at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The men were sworn in on the Post Theater stage immediately after graduation ceremonies Friday by Col. Paul B. Schuppener, commandant of MMCS.

Taking the oath from the LCSS class were Richard Hutzler of Huntsville, John Foster of Pryor, Okla., James Farris of Garden City, Mich., Thomas Hargrave of Tucson, Ariz., Garrett Roberts of Cincinnati, Ohio, Stanford Lindquist of Wood River, Ill., John Arnold of Cranford, N. J., James Bolan of Cumberland, R. I., and James Gittins of St. Louis, Mo.

The course was the final step in qualifying the soldiers for the CW-1 bars.

At the graduation, Arnold was also cited by the Association of the U. S. Army (Tennessee Valley Chapter) for achieving a 97.8 grade average in the 34-week training.

Also earning that distinction were PFC. Johnny Cox of Knox-

## Fewer Custodians Have Tight Security Check Rein

Fewer secret documents on file and fewer people to act as custodians of this material are the prime results of a project recently completed by the Missile Command Research and Engineering Directorate.

Last year, the Directorate started centralizing their files of secret documents in 14 locations instead of having each of the offices keep those of interest to them.

As a result, one of the unexpected benefits has been a 9,364 drop in the number on file. When the material was reviewed for transfer to the central files, it was found that some could be downgraded to a lower classification, some destroyed because they were obsolete, and others could be retired.

On the first of January, 1968, there were 22,098 secret pieces, on January 1, 1969, 18,040, and with the completion of the effort, only 12,734 remained.

The number of custodians required to record secret material dropped from 98 to 14.

"We feel we can place better individual responsibility in case of loss," R. E. Gattis, the Directorate's security officer, said. "Also, there will be less turnover in personnel with fewer people, and it will ease the task of training custodians," he added.

To guarantee that no excess material builds up in the new files, there will be a review monthly of 10 percent of the documents on hand, thus insuring that the entire file contents pass review annually.

"We expect this review will be more impartial," Gattis said. "since the custodians who do it are very careful to keep only items absolutely necessary."

Under the new system of centralized files, persons needing

ville, Tenn., in Pershing electro-mechanical training for 96.4 and Pvt. Curtis Easley of Columbus, Ohio, in ammunition storage for 96.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Maj. Norman Schultz, senior administrative officer in the plans and operations division of MMCS, who addressed the 52-man class on the subject of Army tradition and discipline in light of the changing times.

secret material may check it out daily and return it by 4 p.m. or check it out for 30 days. An individual may check out as many as 25 documents at one time to keep for a 30-day period.

## AOA MEMBERS, SONS HEAR CARL PINYERD

Carl A. Pinyerd, Deputy Project Manager of the Pershing Missile System, addressed the Tennessee Valley Chapter, American Ordnance Association, last Friday during a luncheon at the Redstone Officers Open Mess.

Pinyerd told AOA members that the Pershing missile system had undergone two important modifications since it went into production.

Wheels have replaced the less efficient tracks on ground support vehicles, and Pershing now has a complete computerized countdown system which is more reliable than the former manual method, he said.

In a final remark Pinyerd expressed his appreciation to AOA members for their interest in the Pershing system and in the security of the country.

Members and their sons were participating in the Tennessee Valley Chapter's father-son field trip. During their visit to Redstone, they toured the Army Munitions Center and School, the Army Missile Command and the Marshall Space Flight Center.

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## Pershing Awards \$1.49 Million

The U. S. Army Missile Command has awarded a \$1,493,800 contract to Martin Marietta Corporation for additional system component test stations for the Pershing missile system.

Work under the contract, a modification to an existing contract, will be done at the company's Orlando, Fla., facility.

Pershing is the Army's most powerful land combat missile. The Pershing program is managed by the Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, under Col. Rutledge P. Hazzard, Project Manager. Martin Marietta is prime contractor.

Negotiating the contract for the Army was the Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate.

## MANLEY RECEIVES ADVANCED DEGREE

Bob Manley, Chief, Special Contracts Division, Contracts Office, Safeguard System Command, recently received his Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1967 Manley enrolled in the University's Advanced Programs course which is open to qualified Federal civilian employees. He completed the normal three year course in a little less than two years.

The Montgomery, Ala. native received his BA degree in english from Athens College, Athens, Ala., in 1957.

He is married to the former Joyce Watson and they have one daughter, Linda.

The Manley family lives at 2017 Sewanee Road, Huntsville.

## Federal Salary Rates Adjusted For 75,000 Employees Receiving Special Pay

The U.S. Civil Service Commission has informed Federal departments and agencies of the action it has taken, in light of the general pay raise in July, to adjust salary rates for employees in the large occupations for which special higher-than-usual pay rates have been authorized on a worldwide basis. Over 75,000 employees are affected by these adjustments.

Engineers, patent examiners, accountants, and auditors, Internal Revenue Agents, and medical officers will receive increases fully equivalent to the increases authorized for employees paid at statutory rates because of continued recruitment and retention difficulty and because of the level of salaries paid by private employers for the same or similar jobs.

Lesser increases have been au-

thorized for various physical scientists such as chemists, physicists and meteorologists, and for mathematicians, geologists, and psychologists, because for these categories there either has been some easing of recruiting and retention difficulties or the regular pay scale is becoming more competitive.

Special rates of pay are established when the Commission finds that Government recruitment or retention of well-qualified employees are clearly handicapped because non-Federal rates in the area are substantially higher.

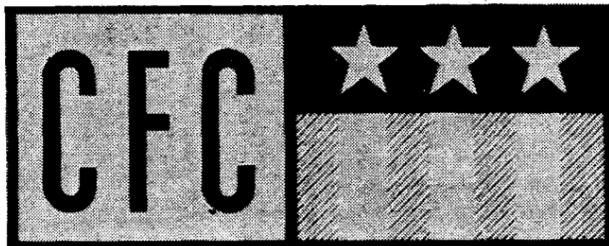
The special rates are reviewed regularly by the Commission, and also at the time of a general pay adjustment, and may be continued at the same general level of pay, adjusted up or down, or cancelled at any time the recruitment-retention situation or the salary competition picture changes significantly.

The Commission said the primary objective of the reviews has been to overcome or prevent further staffing difficulties by assuring that Federal rates for the occupations covered are sufficiently competitive to meet agency manpower needs.

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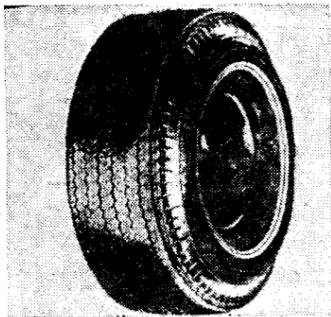
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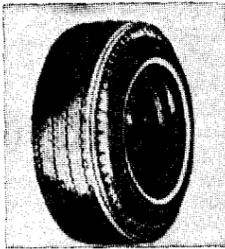


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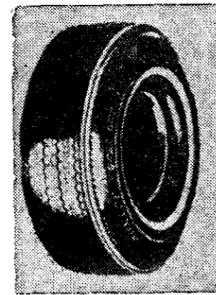
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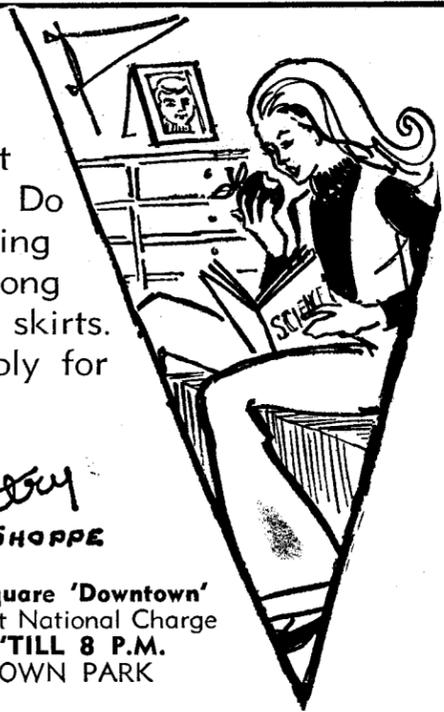


MRS. DOOLEY HONORED—Mrs. E. M. Dooley (r.) and her mother, Mrs. Frieda Petry (second from r.) are shown with Mrs. R. C. Marshall (l.) and Mrs. J. W. Walters (seated) during a reception Wednesday honoring Mrs. Dooley at Mrs. Marshall's home. Mrs. Dooley is the wife of newly-promoted Brig. Gen. E. M. Dooley, Director of RDT&E for the Safeguard System Command.

**DECATUR, PICNIC, SWIM**  
 A tour to the Tennessee River picnic area and Lake near Decatur for swimming and picnic is scheduled Saturday by the Service Club.  
 Enlisted men wishing to make the trip are required to register at the Club.  
 The bus will leave at 11 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m.  
 The tour is for military personnel only.

**STAGE SHOW**  
 Tani's Variety Group will be at the Service Club on Sunday at 8 p.m.  
 Three new performers have been added to the show. Miss Cathrine Jones, singer and dancer, James Edgar from Nashville, music and comedy, and a trampoline act by Dunn and Webster. Linda Grose and Tani will team up in a song and dance number.

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**Wives Honor Mrs. Dooley During Morning Reception**

A reception honoring Mrs. Edward M. Dooley was held Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs.

Robert C. Marshall, 7123 Circle Drive, Redstone Arsenal.

Mrs. Dooley is the wife of Brigadier General Edward M. Dooley, Director of the RDT&E Directorate of the U. S. Army Safeguard System Command, who was promoted to brigadier general on Aug. 1.

Mrs. Dooley greeted guests at the door and was joined in the receiving line by her mother, Mrs. Frieda Petry and Mrs. James W. Walters, Jr., wife of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army Safeguard System Command.

Invited guests included Mrs. Charles W. Eifler, Mrs. George H. McBride, Mrs. Ivey O. Drewry, Jr., Mrs. Robert P. Young, Mrs. Bryan Jinnett, Mrs. William J. Macpherson, Mrs. Robert J. Proudfoot, Mrs. Charles E. Richardson, Mrs. O. H. Lange, Mrs. A. G. Lange, Jr., Mrs. Paul O. Phillips, Mrs. E. A. Rudd, Mrs. S. H. Abernathy, Mrs. B. E. Adams, Mrs. W. W. Crum, Mrs. D. A. Rodeman, Mrs. R. L. Coon, Mrs. Alfred Holston. In addition, wives of the officers of the U. S. Army Safeguard System Command and the U. S. Army Safeguard Logistics Command were invited.

Assisting Mrs. Marshall in the arrangements for the reception were Mrs. James W. Walters, Jr., Mrs. Cecil W. Hospelhorn, Mrs. William R. Wray, Mrs. Robert J. Bennett, Mrs. Glenwood W. Flint, Mrs. K. W. Gooch, Mrs. W. S. Hamilton, Mrs. R. V. Low, Mrs. C. C. Moses.

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Number One

**'I Will Prepare Myself - Carnegie'**

By **MIKE ROTHENBERGER**  
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We have all heard the story of the lad who was born in Kentucky a little over a century and a half ago. He spent his youth in poverty. When he was about seven years of age his family moved to Indiana where, for the first year, they lived in a three sided shed. A buffalo skin was hung across the open side to keep out the sleet and snow. His formal education amounted to a total of about one year. He learned to write, using an old wooden shovel for a slate and a charred twig served as his chalk.

One day he bought a barrel of junk for fifty cents. As he browsed through the barrel he found a couple of old law books. Even though his education was limited, he began to read and to study law. He became intensely interested. In the evening he read by the light of the crackling flames in the fireplace, and in the early morning hours he read by the light that shone through the cracks between the logs of his modest cabin. He made a steadfast resolution. He said, "I will prepare myself and some day my time will come." It is said that he often walked as far as fifty miles to get his hands on a book that he hadn't read. He didn't have the public library downtown, on the corner, as we have today. But more and more, as he became an avid reader, his resolution dominated his mind, "I will prepare myself and some day my time will come."

When he was in his early twenties he moved to New Salem, Illinois, where he worked in the Post Office and in a general store. But he never lost sight of his goal.

He persistently kept on preparing himself and his time did come. He became the 16th President of the United States. Because of his keen insight, his profound character and his compassion for humanity, he endeared himself to the hearts of countless thousands of people throughout the world. His remains now rest in a magnificent tomb, in a beautiful cemetery, in Springfield, Illinois. Hundreds of people from around the world go there to visit the place each year. His name will always appear high on the list of the immortals and, of course, we know that his name was Abraham Lincoln.

This story of success against great odds should be an eternal source of inspiration to each of us. Perhaps we don't aspire to be President, but most of us would really like to make more of our lives than we have. The opportunity for success is far greater now than it was in his day. But it requires something of us. Do we have the desire? Do we possess the tenacity to prepare ourselves, to search out and discover some of our hidden talents and abilities, to develop them to the extent that they will enable us to achieve? So many of us are inclined to sit back and wait for opportunity to knock. But, have we equipped ourselves to even recognize the opportunity and then to make good use of it? It was Samuel Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives for so many years, who said, "Readiness for opportunity makes for success. Opportunity often comes by accident but readiness never does."



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# Missile Command Economy Champions Cited

Talmadge H. Moore, a writer-editor in the Supply and Maintenance Directorate, has been designated as the Missile Command nominee for the title of Army Economy Champion of the year.

Moore earned the nomination by submitting the suggestion that was implemented during Fiscal Year 1969 with the greatest first year savings.

The Economy Champion program was instituted by the Army to give added impetus to incentive awards activities by encouraging civilian and military personnel to seek more efficient and less costly ways of performing their jobs.

Each installation selects its own Roll of Champions and designates one member to compete for Army Economy Champion of the year.

Eleven Missile Command civilians, including Moore, and another from the Missile and Munitions Center and School earned places on the Redstone Roll for FY-69. Their cost reducing suggestions will net total savings of \$627,507.

The eight individual suggestions and two team efforts netted cash awards totaling \$7,815 for the economy champions.

Moore was paid \$1,485 for suggesting that depot repair of electronic assemblies be performed by using instructions contained in existing direct and general support manuals, and in the Field Maintenance shop set, rather than preparing special manuals for this purpose.

The suggestion was adopted in December 1968 and implemented with first year dollar benefits estimated at \$430,287.

Another S & M employee, John W. Mitchell, was named for suggesting that federal stock numbers be researched for needed repair parts and the parts procured from other service sources rather than by sole source procurement.

An equipment specialist, Mitchell received a cash award of \$890 for his suggestion that will result in savings of \$47,733 during the first year.

The Procurement and Production Directorate was represented on the Redstone Roll by Grady Gaston, an engineering technician, and Charlie Ferry, who is a contract negotiator.

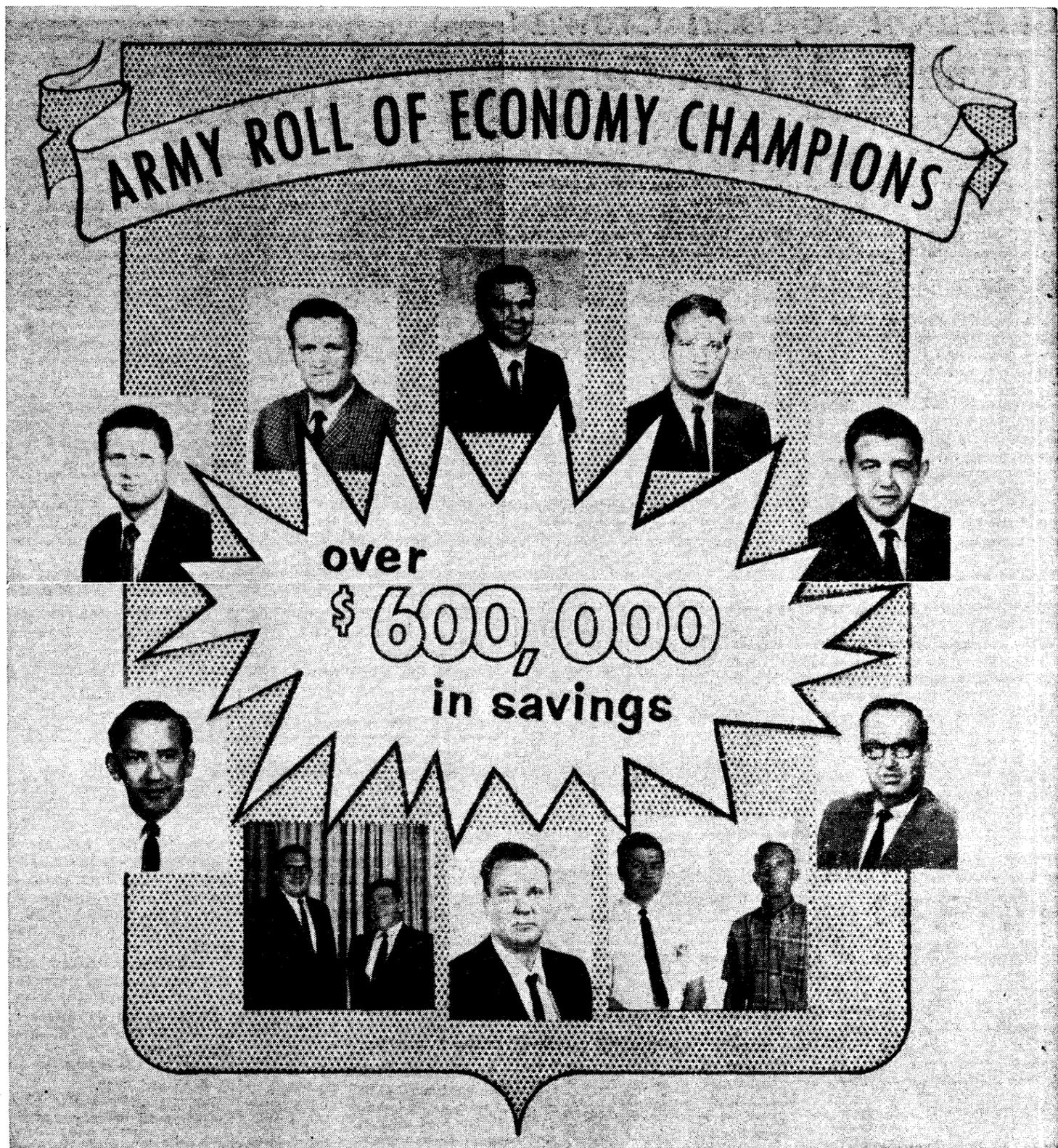
Gaston received \$800 for proposing that required documents on Pershing Technical Data Packages be microfilmed. The suggestion will result in first year benefits of \$29,607.

Ferry suggested an improved procurement method for processing repair parts. He was awarded \$755 for savings estimated at \$21,000.

David Hawthorne is the MMCS employee named to the Redstone Roll. He is employed as an electronic fire control installer and repairman.

He eliminated the hazards of radio frequency radiation by modification to built-in test equipment radars. Hawthorne received a cash award of \$660 for savings of \$16,392.

Two Shillelagh Project Office



Howard Gates      Grady Gaston      Charlie Ferry      Johnny Bunn      Talmadge Moore  
 David Hawthorne      Arthur Sims (r)      William Pence      Arthur Barnette      John Mitchell  
 Donald Bollenbacher      James Stoner (r)

engineers, Arthur Sims and Donald Bollenbacher, shared a \$700 award for a jointly submitted suggestion that will net first year benefits of \$18,000.

They proposed an alternate procedure for heat treatment of the Shillelagh motor case using a vacuum or inert gas technique.

The Arsenal Support Operations Directorate produced the remaining five economy champions. They are, Howard Gates, Johnny Bunn, William Pence, and the team of Arthur Barnette and James Stoner.

A motion picture production specialist, Gates enabled a savings of \$11,869 by revising editing procedures for exposed footage. He earned \$550 for his useful suggestion.

Bunn suggested a method of recovering silver from plate materials used in printing plants. An offset photographer, he was granted an award of \$650 for suggested benefits totaling \$15,925.

A bindery worker in the Reproduction Division, Pence is \$780 richer for a suggestion that resulted in savings of \$25,200. His proposal dealt with a new method of preparing plates for the press.

An electrical engineer, Barnette, joined forces with Stoner, an electrician, in suggesting an improved procedure for the maintenance of generators.

They split a \$545 award for the suggestion that provides for first year savings of \$11,674.



WILLIAM E. HILL

## Rohm And Haas Employee To Study In Scotland

William E. (Gene) Hill, a chemist at Rohm and Haas Company's Redstone Research Laboratories, will leave Huntsville August 31 to begin a year's study at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, under a British Fellowship. Gene expects to complete residency requirements at Strathclyde for a Ph.D. degree in Chemistry under Professor D. W. A. Sharp, Ramsey Professor of Chemistry. Gene holds B. S. and M. S. degrees in Chemistry from Florida State.

The Army Missile Command Research and Engineering Directorate's Army Propulsion Laboratory and Center has commended Gene for his personal contribution to the Army's exploratory research

program in solid rocket propellants as carried out by Rohm and Haas Company under Army contracts. The commendation reads, in part:

Your scientific contributions have advanced propellant burning rate technology and added signifi-

cantly to our chemical knowledge in the field of boron and carborane chemistry . . . I extend our best wishes for success in your educational endeavors, and hope you will again in the future become a part of the Army's research team.

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# Accountants Add New Chapter To Winning Story

## Civilian Softball Crown Remains At F&A Center

When it comes to winning softball games the Finance and Accounting Center has apparently developed an almost unbeatable system in the CWF Slo-Pitch league play.

The Accountants extended their domination through another season last week when they scored wins over the best of the rest of the league on three consecutive nights.

Singles and doubles paved the way to a 10-2 win over DASO on Monday and the long ball got the job done against Missile Intelligence, 12-11, on Wednesday.

In between the two offensive shows, the Accountants showed their versatility in taking the previously unbeaten Pershing team into camp, 13-5, with a superior defensive effort.

Only an early season setback doled out by Data Processing marred an otherwise perfect season for the Accountants as they wrapped up their fifth consecutive title. F & A won 25 out of 26 games in winning both rounds of the schedule.

Every member of the F & A lineup contributed to the 16-hit attack that gave Bill Owens the working margin for the win over DASO.

Jack Willis collected a trio of hits while Hal Jacobs, Fred Smith, Duane Kidd and Charles Harper each hit safely twice.

Pershing pushed across a pair of first inning markers and nursed the lead through four innings of

play by matching the always brilliant Accounting defense. But a pair of misplays at the start of the fifth opened the flood gates and nine Accountants raced across the pay station.

Jacobs and Danny Franklin collected three hits apiece and each scored twice during the winning rally.

Elliott Agee and Russ Ward delivered two four-baggers apiece and Buddy Lewis added another as the Accountants came from behind to shade Missile Intelligence.

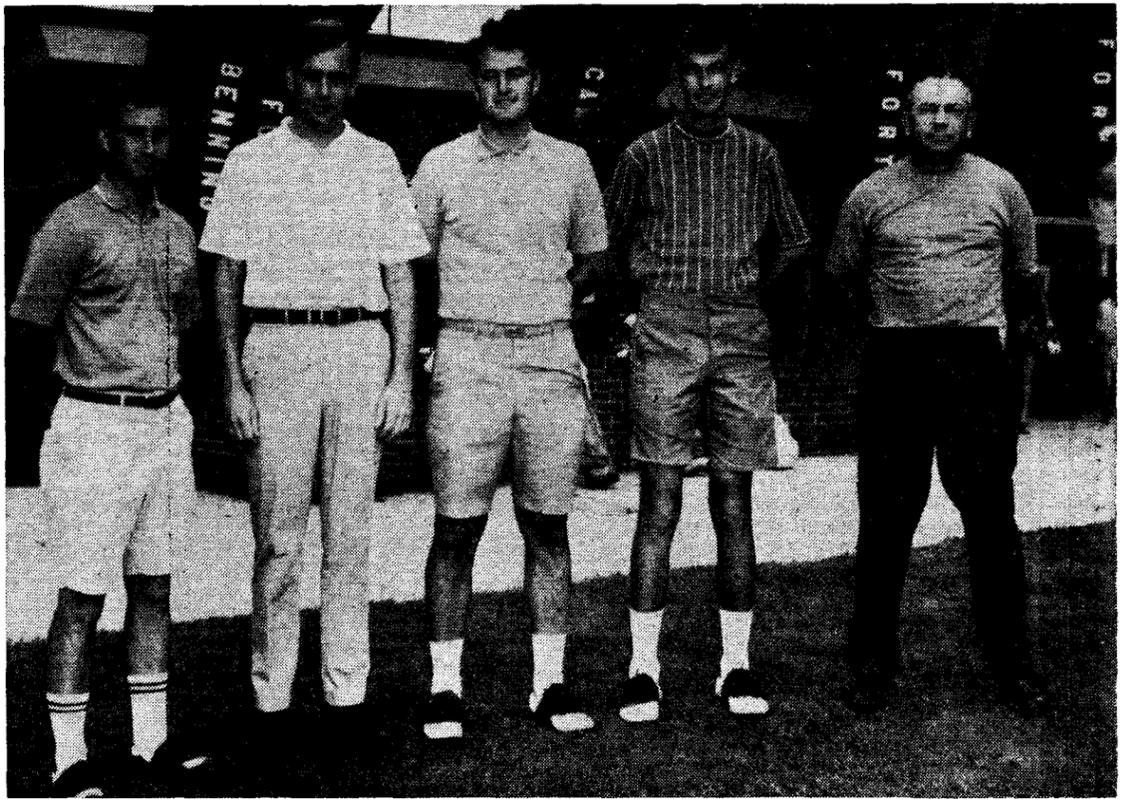
Ward homered with a mate aboard for a 2-0 lead in the second and after MID matched that, Agee and Lewis connected in a four-run third. But MID drove Charles Amos out and took a 7-6 lead with five runs in the fourth.

In the bottom of the fourth Agee drove another shot over the fence in right with the sacks loaded and Ward homered to left as F & A moved out front 12-7. MID scored twice in the sixth and again in the seventh but fell a run short when Owens pitched his way out of trouble twice.

DASO came back to strengthen their bid for a playoff berth by taking MID, 6-5, and Financial Management, 25-8.

The Comp Center clinched one of the four spots in the series with Marshall with two wins and a loss as Johnny Roberts smashed five home runs.

DPO was victimized, 8-3, and the Metrology Lab fell before a 20-7 Comp Center attack. Pershing closed out the second round at 12 and 1 by taking the measure of the Comp Center, 16-12.



**REDSTONE LINKSTERS**—Five of the six Redstone Arsenal entrants in the Third Army golf tournament are pictured just prior to teeing off at the Ft. Bragg, N.C., course. They are, left to right, Ted Beattie, Steve Swindle, Sheldon Proctor, Jim Bolton, and Houston Pelham. Albert Porta joined Pelham in the tournament's Senior Division with the other four competing in the Open Division.

## Civil Service Has Openings

There are several types of openings in Civil Service in the North Alabama area covering dental hygienists, dental laboratory technicians and medical radiology technicians, and technical aids in science and engineering.

Medical and dental salaries range from GS-4, \$5,522 a year to GS-7, \$7,639. Persons already on the register need not reapply because the new announcement is being made to cover some minor changes in qualification.

The technical aids in science and engineering will be required to take a written test and to have one year of education above high school or experience on a related job. Aids support or technically assist staff members in research, development, testing, surveying, drafting, mapping and similar activities.

The starting salary is \$4,917 a year. Applications will be accepted until further notice. Details can be furnished for all these positions by the Federal Job Information Center, 806 Governors Drive, Huntsville.

## Arsenal Golfers Place Seventh In Third Army

Albert Porta, an Air Force major at Redstone Arsenal, brought home first place in the second flight of Senior Division play at the annual Third Army area golf championships held last week.

The 72-hole tournament attracted 80 military entries from 11 bases in the Southeast to Ft. Bragg, N.C. Porta carded consistent rounds of 86-85-87-83 during the rain-plagued action to earn medalist honors in his flight of players aged 45 and over.

Houston Pelham also played in the same flight representing Redstone and totaled 405, well behind his teammate's winning 341.

In the Open Division, the Arsenal four-man team finished seventh in overall standings for 54 holes of play.

Individually, Ted Beattie turned in the lowest aggregate score, 308, to place fifth. His rounds were 82, 77, par 72, and 78.

In the same flight Steve Swindle recorded 319, and that same total for Sheldon Proctor in the second flight was good for third place.

Jim Bolton rounded out the Redstone contingent and scored 373 in second flight action.

Winner of the first flight, six strokes ahead of Beattie, was Tony Greaon of Ft. Campbell, Ky., who fired three 78's and a brilliant 4-under 68.

The championship flight was won by Jim Conace of Ft. Jackson, S. C., by four strokes over Ft. Rucker, Ala., ace Jim Stinebaugh. Conace's team, however finished 18 strokes behind host Bragg in the team race.

## GE Takes MICOM In Tennis, 6-3

The General Electric Tennis Team proved too tough for the Missile Command team and scored a 6-3 win in the fifth round of play in the C Division of the Huntsville Industrial League.

The CWF-sponsored MICOM team is pitted against IBM in the sixth round match starting this week.

Jim Dailey and Jim Burt captured points for the Missile Command in individual play against GE with Jim Patterson and Ed Falkowski accounting for the third point in the No. 2 doubles set.

Dailey turned in a 6-4, 6-0 win in the No. 4 match while Burt, playing the No. 6 slot, was victorious, 11-9, 6-4.

Falkowski, the team captain, named the same players for the match with IBM.

This will mean a singles lineup of Joe Mitchell, Patterson, John Cook, Dailey, John Veeneman and Jim Burt.

Mitchell and Burt are paired in the top doubles match with Veeneman teamed with Jerry Pitts as the No. 3 duo.

## Grider Perfect In Skeet Match

Kelly Grider became the first member of the Missile Command skeet team to turn in a perfect score when he led the CWF-sponsored shooters to a 2 to 1 win over the Boeing No. 1 team in Pine Bluff Industrial Skeet league competition last week.

The win enabled MICOM to retain first place although the NASA shooters earned a share of the lead by sweeping a match from the Boeing No. 2 team.

League competition will continue through September.

Grider, the MICOM team captain, said that there is a possibility that a winter skeet and trap league will be formed to shoot on alternate Saturday mornings starting in October.

He said that anyone interested in trying out for a skeet or trap team may call him at 6-3160 for additional information.

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**GETTING READY FOR STATE MEET**—Greg Bogue, manager of the Missile Command girls softball team, discusses hitting with a pair of the Big Orange players during a practice session prior to the state meet opening this week in Sheffield. Barbara Willems (left) has played several positions in a utility role while Kathie Leeth is an outfielder and one of the top hitters.

## Double Dip Ends Hopes For Championship Sweep

The badly upset Missile Command girls softball team will be seeking to regain some of their lost composure this week when they travel to Sheffield to compete in the Alabama State Slo-Pitch championship tournament.

The regular season champions of the Huntsville Industrial Women's League opened play in the state-wide tournament last night. Seven contestants are entered in the double elimination meet.

It is going to take a big improvement over their performance of last week, however, if the MICOM girls hope to play more than two games.

After winning their first three post-season playoff starts, the Big Orange went completely stale and dropped consecutive decisions to IBM and the Marshall Center to drop out of the series.

IBM dealt out the first setback

with an 8-3 win and NASA added insult to injury with a 12-5 victory the following evening.

Barb Furlough had gotten the Big Orange off to a 2-0 first inning lead against IBM with a 2-run homer but from there on everything was down hill.

IBM, held scoreless by Gladys Hill, through three innings, broke loose to score four big runs in the fourth. Three more fifth inning scores sealed the win.

The NASA girls, three-time losers to MICOM, got their revenge in the Wednesday night encounter with a big six-run rally after two were out in the seventh.

MICOM only trailed by a single run, 6-5, going into the final inning.

The two losses gave the Big Orange a record of 21 wins and three losses in league play.

## Four Teams Seek Berth In Post Tourney

The playoff to determine the American Division championship for the second round opened on Monday evening with the co-leaders, Co. D and UTC pitted against one another in one game and SOC taking on the 522nd Ordnance in the other game.

The four-teams resume their round-robin playoff tonite with UTC taking on SOC and D testing the Ordnance nine. Tomorrow evening D will go against SOC while UTC is meeting the 522nd.

All games are slated for 6:30 and if an additional game is required, it will be played at the same time on Friday.

The overall post-season championship tournament begins next Monday evening with the Missile Command, Co. D, and the Military Police entered along with the winner of this week's tournament, if other than Co. D.

The 522nd Ordnance forged its way into the playoff picture and knocked the UTC out of the unbeaten banks in the final league action last week.

UTC had knocked off MICOM 4-3, to make its record 8-0 before the 522nd—an 8-5 loser to B Co.—upset the leaders, 12-2.

As a result UTC had to share the regular season title with D Co., which had ended its regular season play the week before.

The win also vaulted the Ordnance nine over MICOM and assured them a berth in the divisional playoff and a chance for a spot in the post wide tournament.

The Missile Command, unbeaten first half champions, lost to Co. A, 8-7, to miss a chance to tie for

fourth place. Sandwiched between the co-leaders and the 522nd is the SOC nine which split a pair—beating the Medics, 21-13, but losing the UTC, 7-3, in a battle for the lead.

In the National Division the MP's had the title sewed up a week ago, but the 6th ETC survived a 11-10 loss to the 2nd ETC to capture second place on the strength of two forfeit wins.

### UNIT LEVEL SOFTBALL Final Second Half Standings

American Division		National Division			
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Hqs. UTC	8	1	Mil. Police	9	0
Co. D	8	1	6th ETC	7	2
SOC/HHC	7	2	Marines	6	3
522nd Ord.	5	4	2nd ETC	5	4
MICOM	4	5	4th ETC	5	4
8th ETC	4	5	9th ETC	5	4
Co. A	4	5	7th ETC	3	6
Co. B	3	6	3rd ETC	2	7
Co. C	1	8	5th ETC	2	7
			1st ETC	1	8

### Spray Adhesive Saves 20 Lives In Vietnam Combat

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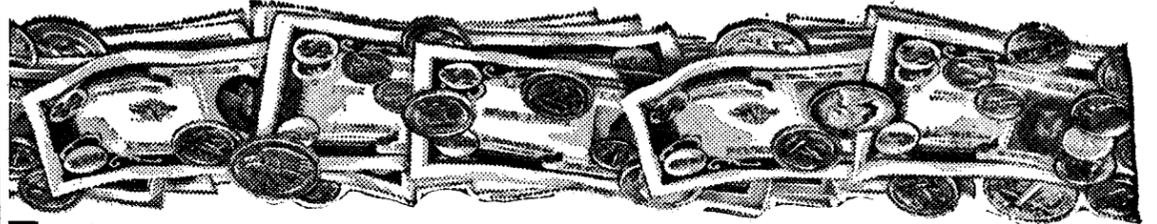
In use only by the Surgical Research Team of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, the n-butyl cyanoacrylate monomer spray is credited since mid-1966 with saving at least 20 lives at the Army's Third Surgical Hospital at

Dong Tam.

Scientists who have been involved in the development of the adhesive consider its application "potentially dangerous" and stress that it should only be used in an emergency situation as a "life or death" surgical procedure.

**Q. Is medical care and hospital service available for prisoners of the Viet Cong or North Vietnamese?**

A. Some individuals who have been released or escaped have reported that elementary and quite crude medical facilities are available on occasions. (AFPS)



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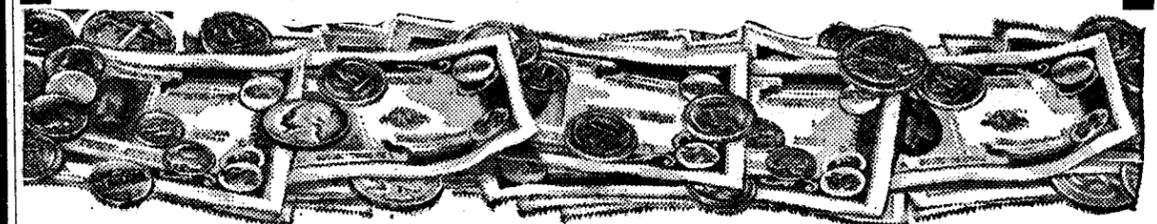
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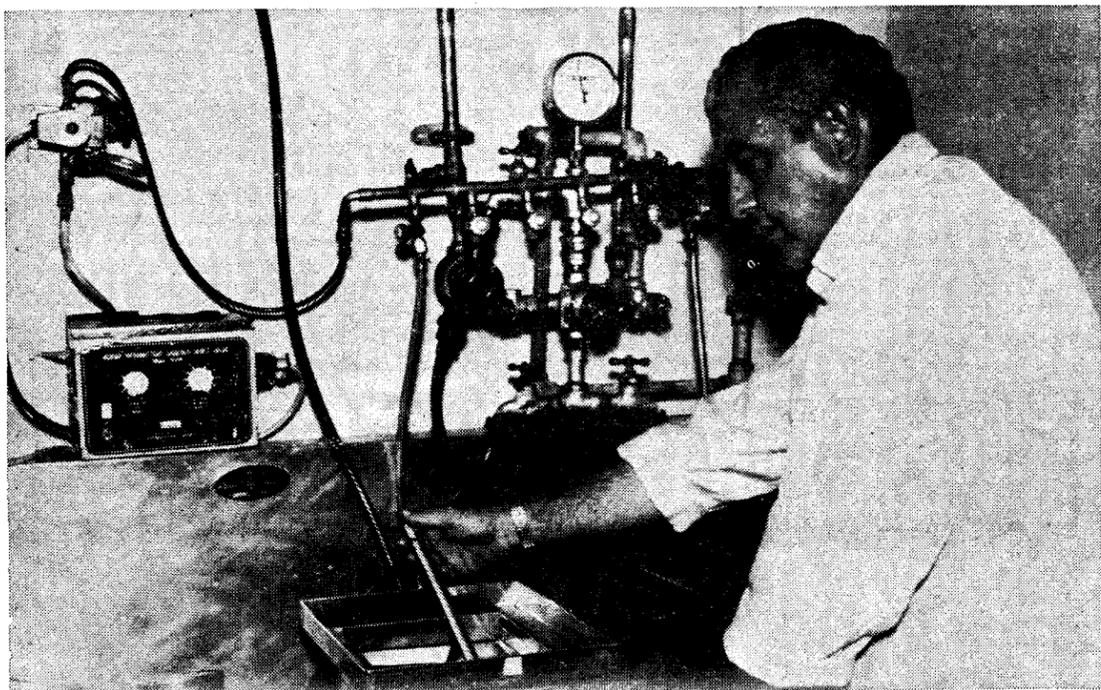
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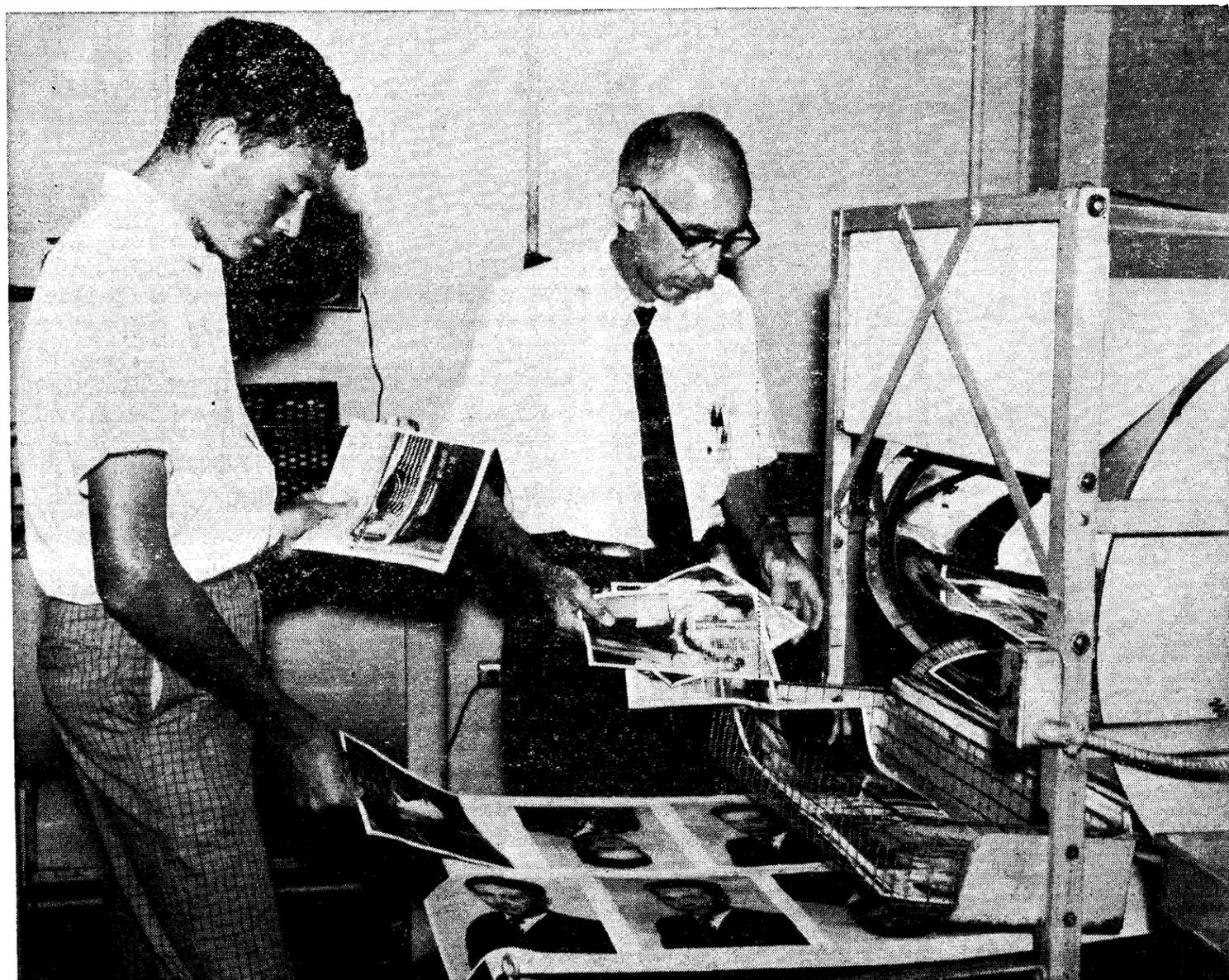
# MANY ASSIGNMENTS HOLE



**WORK ORDERS EVERYWHERE!**—Gladys Wiley, left, and Helen Gibson, of the administration section go through stacks of work orders that have been processed, as Harvey McCrary, Chief, Photographic Branch, watches. The lab receives approximately 800 work orders per month.



**TEMPERATURE RIGHT?**—James Judkins checks the temperatures of his chemicals as he makes a "setup" to process film that has been taken on assignments. Over 1,000 negatives a week are processed through the photo lab.



**PRINTS BY THE HUNDREDS**—Butch Atchley, left, places black and white prints on the dryer as Donald Godwin, Lab Chief, checks

print quality. Approximately 500 black and white prints a day are turned out by the Lab.

Whether it is the filming of a rocket in flight or a laser beam shooting water hyacinthes, no job is too large or too small for personnel of the Redstone Photo Lab.

Providing photographic coverage of research, development, testing and evaluation of weapons systems for the Army Missile Command has created many unusual situations for Redstone cameramen.

It is not unusual for a photographer to be scheduled to cover field tests of a weapons system in Alaska . . . in the winter time. With winter gear packed and camera equipment stowed it's off to the land of snow and ice. Bundled up like an Eskimo, the photographer takes pictures of soldiers testing weapons systems under arctic conditions with temperatures that sometimes reach 60 degrees below zero.

His next assignment may be to cover a system during tropic tests in the Canal Zone or in Florida where the temperatures soar over the 100 degree mark, the humidity is heavy and the weather tests men as well as equipment.

Sometimes these assignments provide surprises and thrills. In such a case, two Redstone photographers were sent to the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, to photograph Army planes testing flares. The cameramen were in two separate planes shooting away when one plane developed engine trouble. The pilot and photographer had to eject and parachute to safety. During the emergency the other cameraman recorded the incident on film. The photo lab now has one photographer with documented proof, eligible for membership in the Caterpillar Club. (A club whose members have had to parachute to save their lives.)

All of the excitement does not occur on the traveling jobs. Not long ago a camera crew set up their equipment on the Redstone test range to record a test firing. Everything went fine until a malfunction occurred and the missile headed back towards them. They got their pictures and a few more gray hairs.

Everyday photographers are assigned to take pictures of awards, presentations, visitors and special

events happening on post. Though these may sound like simple projects, don't bet on it.

Take a simple awards ceremony. The cameraman reports to the designated office where one of the workers is due to receive recognition for one of his ideas. As he is just about to snap the picture, the supervisor calls out and wants to get Joe in the picture. Joe recalls that Sam had a hand in the project too. Sam remembers someone else, and soon the simple presentation ceremony turns into a mob scene with the photographer backed into the hall trying to get everyone in the picture when he can hardly get them all in the room. Then comes the decision, who is he going to ask to step aside and get out of the picture?

There are other assignments that are strictly cold scientific jobs involving hardware. An engineer brings a valve in to be photographed as part of his report on the efficiency of this important item. Cameras and lights are set up and the valve is photographed from every conceivable angle to show all its features.

This procedure is followed by many of the laboratories on Redstone Arsenal, where experiments, tests, equipment and hardware are photographed and documented continually.

Aside from the fact that there are many interesting and varied assignments, there's always the processing and printing back in the lab. Approximately 500 black and white prints come out of the lab every day along with 200 color prints and over 100 vue grafs and color slides.

More than 1,000 negatives a week are processed through the lab and this only accounts for miscellaneous assignments and copy work.

In addition to the still photography, motion picture coverage is an important function of the lab. More than 7,000 feet of movie film is shot each month covering tests, static firings and launch activities.

Many times it is vital that engineers and scientists be able to see films and documentation of a test immediately. There is a special lab set up near the test ranges where films are taken immediately after the tests. A specialist on duty processes the movie film in a matter of minutes and then the engineers and scientists have a "quick look" at the data and make their decisions.

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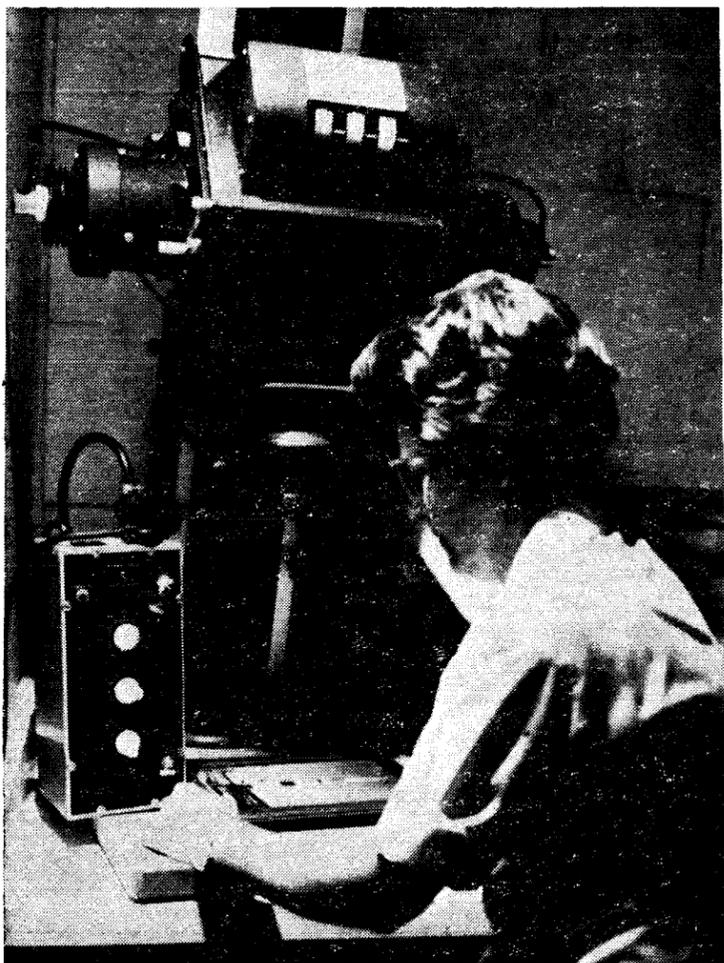
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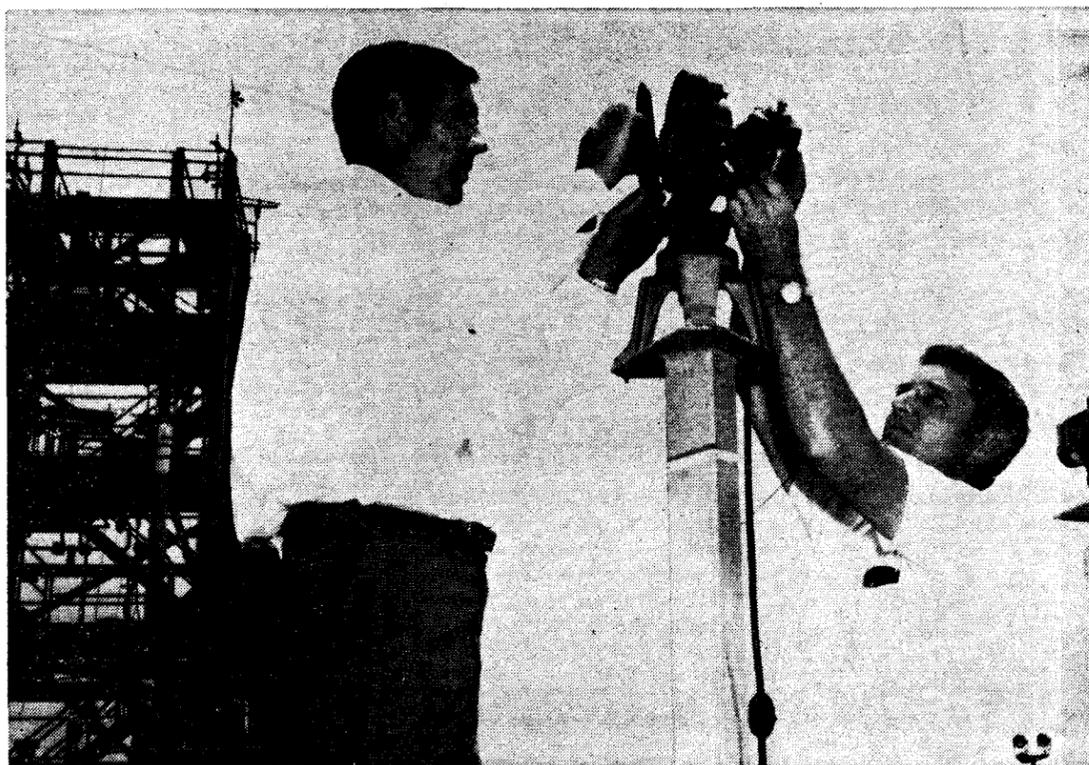
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Regardless of the title used, the Photo Lab tackles each new assignment with one thought: Get the picture!



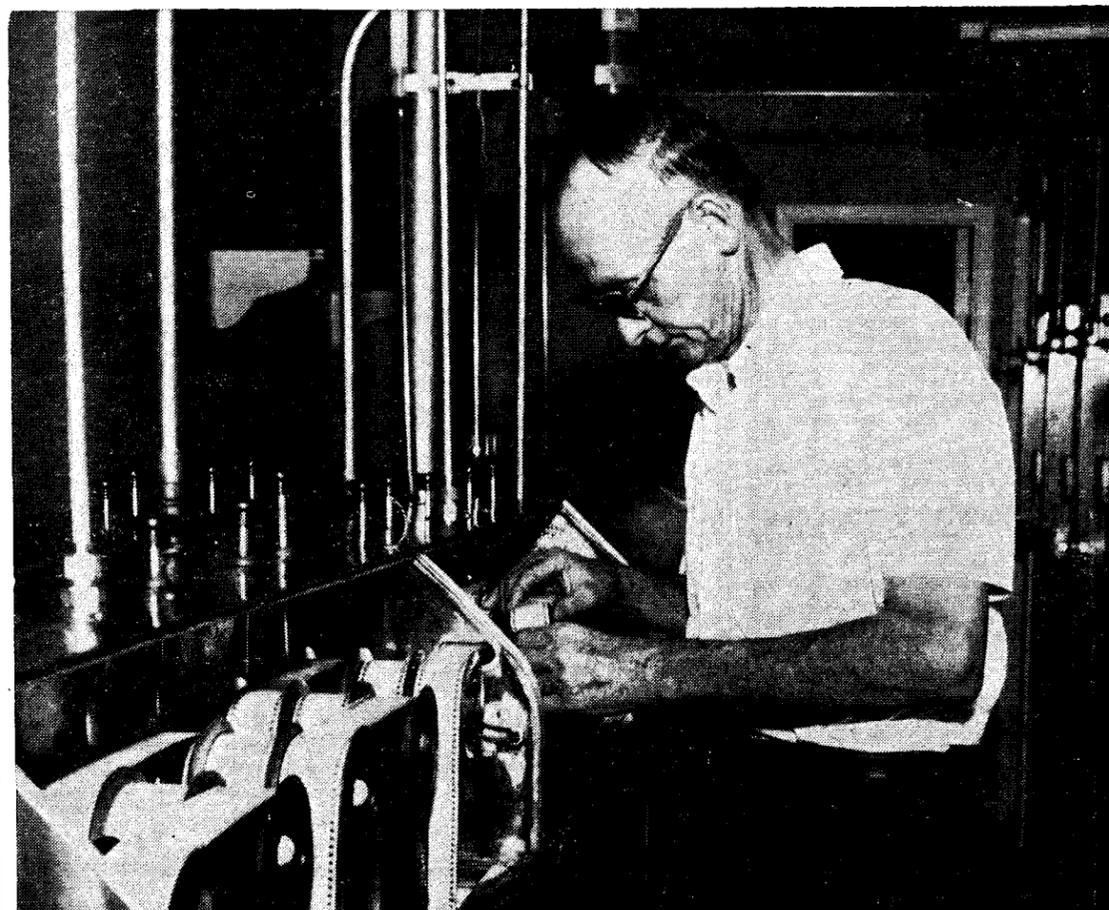
**COLOR PRINTS ON THE WAY**—Jean Walker checks over her color enlarger anticipating the day's workload. Approximately 200 color prints a day are turned out by the lab as well as 100 vue grafs and color slides.



**GETTING READY TO ROLL**—M. T. Abernathy, left, and Hayden Warden, set up motion picture cameras to record and document the testing of weapons systems components on the test stand in the background. Cameras cover the firings from angles all around and on the test stand.



**SMILE PRETTY**—This is one worry that photographer Charles Hendley doesn't have when he is taking pictures of hardware used on weapons systems and in the laboratories. Photo documentation of tests, parts and equipment is an important function of the photo lab.



**WANT A QUICK LOOK?**—Dave Manley checks the motion picture processing machine to see that it is threaded right. After a test, films can be developed immediately so that engineers and scientists can have a "quick look" to see the results of the tests. More than 7,000 feet of movie film is processed each month by photo lab facilities.

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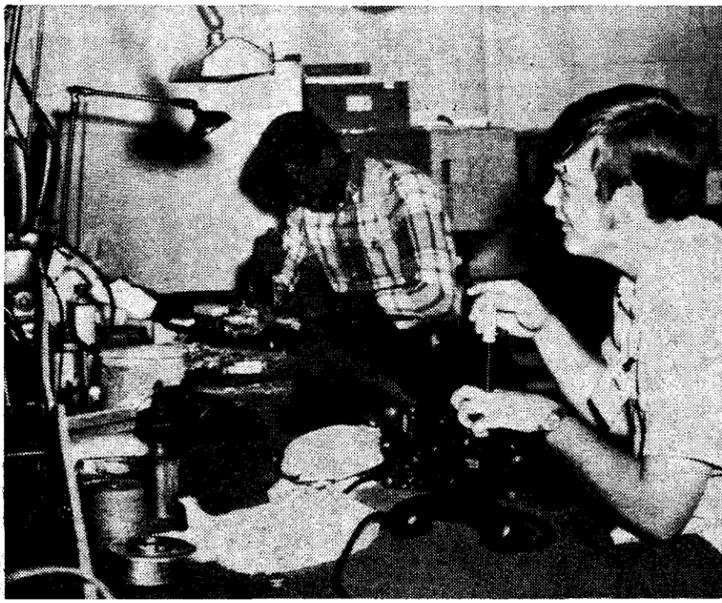
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**TECHNICAL AIDES**—Leon Moore (left) and Jerry Guthrie keep their hands busy while they discuss the coming athletic season at their high schools, Leon at Madison County and Jerry at Lee. As summer aides they have learned to repair telephone instruments and have helped deplete the backlog of work in the Maintenance Support Division where manpower is short.

## Aides Learn To Repair Telephones On The Job

Willing hands, working to help themselves stay in school, have repaired more than 2000 telephones during the summer at Redstone Arsenal.

Four pair of the hands belong to students, one to a young soldier recently returned from Vietnam.

The students are Marsha Readus who will attend Drake Technical School this fall to study an executive secretarial course; Leon Moore, an 11th grader at Madison County High School; Ralph Small, a senior at Sparkman; and Jerry Guthrie, a 10th grader at Lee High School. The soldier is SP5 Steve Grissom, who will return to college in Texas when his term of enlistment expires.

The students have received on-the-job training under the watchful eye of Edith Deever (Mrs. Walter) a maintenance technician, and the supervision of Photographic and Office Supply Repair, Harvie B. Kimbrell.

Lack of trained repairmen caused the backlog of faulty telephones to pile up.

With no relief in sight, Kimbrell and Sherman Clay, chief of the Support Maintenance Division, agreed that training summer aides to repair the instruments might diminish the backlog. Since June 17, the five repairers have almost completely abolished the backlog.

Plans are to keep Mrs. Readus on the job part time while she goes to school. She is arranging

her school program so that she can work, a plan that Kimbrell wholeheartedly endorses. He is enthusiastic about the manner in which his crew has dispatched a problem with alacrity and is pleased with the enthusiasm with which they learned a new skill in a labor shortage area.

The youngsters all find the work satisfying if not earth shaking. Moore and Guthrie both hope to enter the athletic programs at their respective schools in football, and Moore also hopes to make the basketball team. Guthrie is not planning too far into the future, but Moore has his eye on college when he finishes high school.

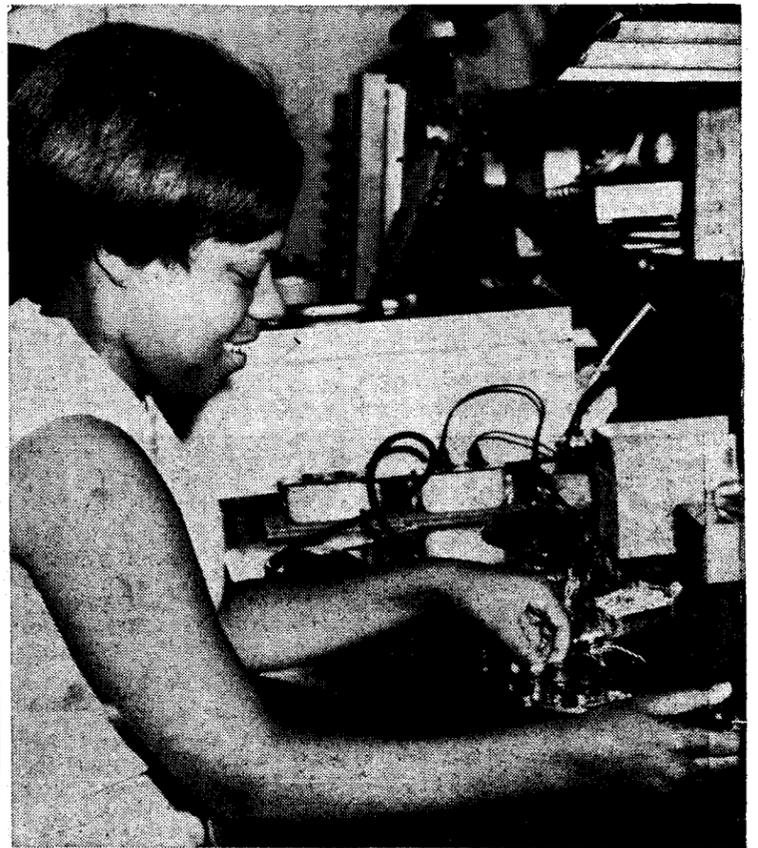
SP5 Grissom has already been accepted at McMurray College in Abilene, Tex., when he completes his enlistment in six months. He is considering a switch from physical education to business. He went from Redstone to Vietnam and returned to Redstone to finish his duty tour.

## White-Collar Salary Hikes Set Record

Salary increases from June 1967 to June 1968 were the largest recorded in the eight years that the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics has surveyed salaries of selected white-collar occupations in private industry.

Preliminary information from the annual nationwide survey of professional, administrative, technical, and clerical occupations averaged 5.1 percent over the year ending June 1968, compared to 4.6 percent the previous year and an average annual increase of 3.1 percent from 1961 to 1967.

Although originally designed to compare Federal with private pay, the survey is also used as a benchmark by business, labor unions, professional societies, trade associations, schools, state and local agencies. It is a basic reference source for salary administrators, recruiters, educators, career coun-



**READY FOR COLLEGE**—Marsha Readus has spent her summer working as an aide technician in telephone instrument repair. She graduated from Butler High and will attend Drake College this Fall. She will also continue to repair telephones part time in the Maintenance Support Division of the Arsenal Support Directorate.

### EXPO 70 TRIP

The Redstone Recreation Association is planning departure for Japan and Expo 70 next July 22,

including tours to Tokyo, Nikko, Kamakura, Hakone, Atami, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka (Expo 70 site), Beppu, Hiroshima and Kobe.

The intinerary has been planned so that individuals will also have free time to explore and shop on his own.

Billie James, 852-6103, has details about the trip. There are 150 spaces altogether and approximately one-third have already been reserved.

selors, employee placement workers, and planners. The definitions used in the survey were graded by the U.S. Civil Service Commission in accordance with the standards established for each grade under the Federal Classification Act.

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# Multiple Artillery Rocket Systems Subject Of Study

Concepts and studies on the Multiple Artillery Rocket Systems (MARS) have been the subjects of two weeks of conferences at U.S. Army Missile Command Headquarters.

Representatives from the Department of Defense Research and Engineering Division; the Department of Army; the U.S. Continental Command; the Army Combat Development Command; and the

Army Materiel Command, listened as Contractor personnel presented results of MARS conceptual design studies for the last six months.

Presentations were made by The Boeing Co., Space Division, Huntsville; Chrysler Corp., Missiles Division, Warren, Mich.; LTV Aerospace Corp., Missiles and Space Division, Warren, Mich.; Martin Marietta Corp., Orlando (Fla.) Division; and Northrup

Corp., Nortronics-Huntsville.

MARS, a multi-round artillery rocket system capable of providing quick reaction, high intensity, anti-material and anti-personnel fire is designed to compliment the firepower provided by heavy cannon systems.

Results of the Contractor's studies are to be evaluated during the next two months by a working group composed of personnel from the Army Combat Develop-

ment Command and the Army Materiel Command.

This group has the task of establishing the MARS concept which will be the base line for development of the weapons system.

Management of the MARS program by the Army Missile Command is under the direction of Lt. Col. Wayne B. Miller, Product Manager.

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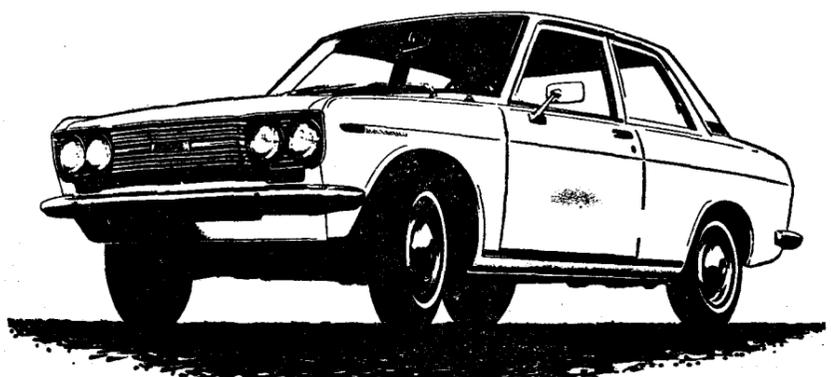
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# Arsenal People Studying At Sites Coast To Coast

Arsenal personnel are scattered across the country this week for advanced career training programs at government schools, contractor facilities and leading colleges located in nine states and the District of Columbia.

Twenty-nine civilian employees of Army agencies are participating in the training activity under the Missile Command's career development program administered by the Training and Development Division of Civilian Personnel.

Seven of the Redstone civilians are remaining in Huntsville for classroom work at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, and the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Orville Miller, Richard Cross, William Mayhall, Wesley Clark, Hershel Godsy and Charles Davis (all of S & M) began a 20-week course for Pershing 1-A Missile Maintenance technician at MMCS while James Studdard (Lance) is spending the week at UAH for Principles of Contamination Control.

James Dickerson (P & P) is in Palo-Alto, Cal., for a Programming course at the Hewlett-Packard Co., Albert Honneger (Metrology) is in Philadelphia for Optical Theory at Frankford Arsenal, and Carlo Cvitan (Lance) is attending the Advanced Nuclear Weapons Orientation at the Defense Atomic Support Agency, Albuquerque, N. M.

Robert Greene (S & M) is attending the Land Combat Missile course at the AMC Ammunition School, Savanna, Ill., and James Bacchus (C & DP) is at the Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Cal., for Defense Management Systems.

Another five went to Ft. Lee,

Va., for advanced career training at the Army Logistics Management Center.

Edgar Taylor (Hawk) is enrolled for R and D Management along with John Clark and Billy Harbin (SAFSC) while Mel Tack and Frank Daniels (S & M) are studying ADP Systems and Logistics Management.

Eight others are attending classes offered by the University of Oklahoma in three locations.

Larry Daniel (P & P), Donald Bollenbacher (Shillelagh) and Hubert Ford (SAFSC) are at the March AFB, Cal., facility for Problems in Human Behavior, William Floyd (SAM-D) is at Offutt AFB, Nebr., for Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory while Walter Tribble and Thomas Patton (SAFSC), John Peters (P & P) and Kenneth Jones (R & E) are studying the New Public Administra-

tion at the Washington, D. C. facility.

Two Missile Command civilians are in New York City for classes at New York University. William Leonard (R & E) is enrolled for

Factory and Depot Test Equipment while Joseph Buck is studying Automation in Electronics Test Equipment.

Another pair went to Cambridge, Mass., for short courses at Mas-

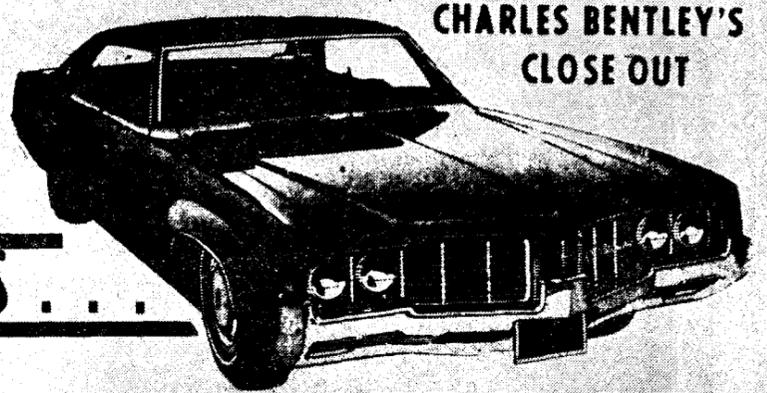
sachusetts Institute of Technology. Howard Polin (R & E) is taking Communicating Technical Information while James Papadopoulos (CRDABH) is enrolled for Physical Measurement Analysis.

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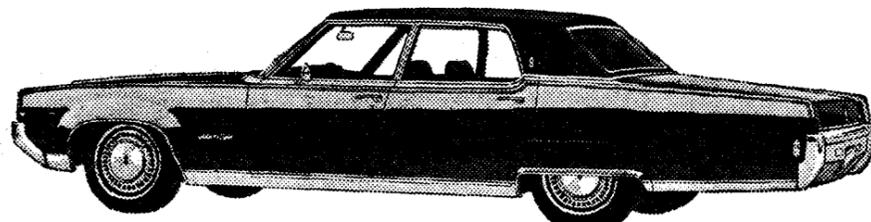
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The VA's breakdown of veterans in civilian life shows that the average age of World War II veterans, of which there are 14,660,000, is 49.3 years, and for the 1,705,000 who served in World War I the average is 74.3 years.

There are 7,000 surviving veterans of the Spanish-American War and their average age is 89.9 years.

The original force of Indian fighters numbered 106,000, but today there are only two surviving veterans of those wars—Reginald A. Bradley of Grass Valley, Calif., who was 101 years of age last Oct. 25, and Fredrak W. Fraske of Chicago, who was 97 years old on March 8 of this year.

Viet-Nam Era veterans (those who served in the Armed Forces after Aug. 4, 1964) average 26.1 years, the VA notes, pointing out that there are 2,760,000 men and women in this classification.

Veterans who served in the Korean Conflict number 5,840,000 and have an average age of 39.5 years.

The biggest group of veterans, about 9.5 million, is in the 40 to 49-year range, while the smallest (some 14,000) group has an average age of 85 years and over. VA statistics also reveal that there are 30,000 veterans under 20 years of age.

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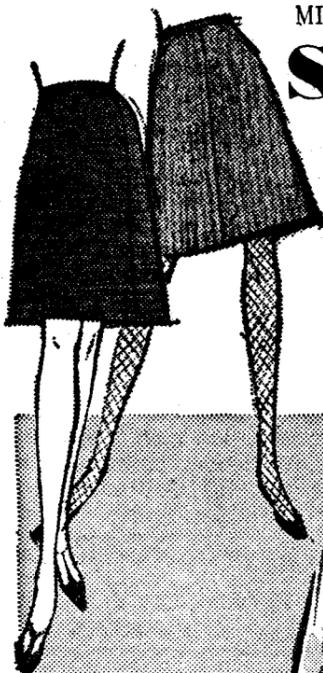


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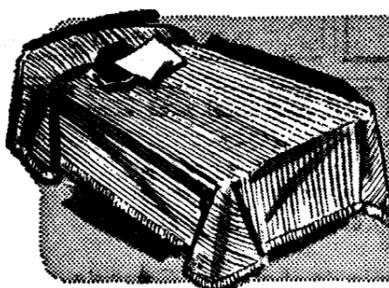
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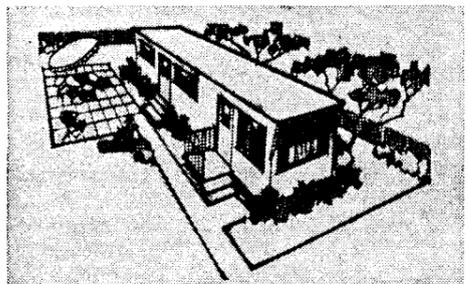
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**NAMES IN THE NEWS**

by SP5 Ted Beattie

Delta Company walked off with all the honors Thursday afternoon during the 1st Battalion Awards Ceremony held in the letter company quadrangle.

Capt. D. Brent Pope, D Company's CO, and 1Sgt. Herbert H. Newell accepted the Commandant's Trophy on behalf of the Delta soldiers. The Commandant's Trophy is presented to the unit for the most active and successful participation in the post intramural program during the fiscal year.

Company D captured championships in all major sports starting with the flag football title last fall, followed by the post basketball crown this past winter and first half champs of the National League softball division last month. The men of Delta are hoping for a clean sweep as they are presently engaged in playoffs to determine the post softball champion.

But the laurels didn't stop with the Commandant's Trophy as Delta received the 1st Battalion Honor Company award. Charlie Company had dominated the award for the past three months. 1Sgt. Newell stepped forward and accepted a Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding contributions as "Top" of Delta. He will be leaving next month for a year's tour of duty in Thailand.

Other awards included Certifi-

cate of Achievements to SP4. Ronald R. McLaughlin (D Company) and SP5. Steven L. Gustafson (B Company). Bravo's Spc. William J. Shadel received a Bronze Star while the 1st Battalion August Soldier of the Month plaque went to Sp4. Robert P. Cullinain. The new SOM moves on to represent the battalion in the MMCS soldier of the month competition. A Company won the Blood Donor Trophy for July.

**RE-UP NEWS**

After last week's big pay day, activity at the MMCS reenlistment office cooled off some. With SSG. George W. Bremer collecting his \$10,000 VRB check for a six-year reenlistment, many interested and eligible soldiers are checking their chances of receiving a large bonus.

Sp5. Arthur J. Heidleberg, assigned to D Company, reenlisted for five years and an assignment to Thailand. He also picked up a tidy little check for over \$4,000. Reenlisting for a tour of duty in Europe, SSG. General Smith (D Company) took another four years of service to add on to his eight years of duty. An 8th ETC soldier, SFC Leroy Thompson, signed on the dotted line for another three. The 11-year Army veteran is presently enrolled in a missile course in the Land Combat Department.

SSG. Byron J. Bernath, assigned to Charlie Company, added four years to his present tour. A Company's SSG. Nat W. Wade took



**SUGGEST! SUGGEST!**—It's pay day for these four lucky gentlemen. Col. Paul B. Schuppener holds four checks totaling more than \$1,600. The Commandant presented the Suggestion Award winners with their checks last week. From left to right—Kenneth K. Keplinger (\$130), Vincent D'Antonio (\$250), MSG. Charles W. Thompson (\$420) and David W. Hawthorne, Jr. (\$860).

another six. With seven years completed, SSG. Wade works in the Maintenance Department of the Hawk Division.

**RETIREMENTS**

MMCS will lose its Assistant Commandant next week as Col. John R. Henderson retires from active duty after 29½ years service. Col. Henderson arrived at MMCS in July 1966 to assume the deputy position at the school. He plans to remain in Huntsville with his family.

SSM. George R. Abreu, assigned to UTC, retires after almost 32 years service. Also retiring this month are 1Sgt. Harold L. Kilgore (21 years), SFC. Dale H.

Cowley (22 years), SFC Edison McCurtain (23 years) and MSG. Elmer M. Nickerson (32 years).

**MMCS HAPPENINGS**

A family Protestant retreat, sponsored by the Post Chapel, will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-14 at Camp Cha-La-Kee near Lake Guntersville. Single servicemen are also invited while children must be accompanied by their parents. Recreational facilities will be available at the camp. For further information contact Chaplain George Hattle at the post chapel (6-2409) or at the school chapel office (6-7733).

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit the Arsenal on

Aug. 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Service Club. This visit is primarily for MMCS personnel (both military and civilian).

**FIRST AGAIN**—An MMCS soldier has done it again. SP5. Win-scott G. Stokes, assigned to Delta Company, graduated first in his class Friday morning at the Third Army NCO Academy, Ft. McClellan, Ala. He topped a class of 45 NCOs in academic and military excellence.

The 9th ETC commanding officer, former 1Lt. Charles R. Gillespie, Jr. received his new captain's bars during ceremonies Monday morning. Cpt. Gillespie arrived at MMCS in May, 1968.

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