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TEARING APART LANCE VEHICLE—Taking out the "innards" of a nine-ton Lance vehicle are soldiers from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, who are conducting a three-month maintenance evaluation at Redstone Arsenal on Lance production ground support equipment. Lance equipment is being evaluated to verify maintenance procedures and associated logistics documentation.

Wreckers Study Lance's Durability, Maintenance

They aren't playing demolition derby but soldiers at the Army Missile Command are wrecking a nine-ton Army vehicle.

Tearing the vehicle apart—literally, bolt by bolt—is part of the Army's maintenance evaluation plan to verify maintenance procedures, and associated logistics documentation on Lance production ground support equipment.

Being dismantled is a Lance Loader-Transporter, a tracked vehicle that carries two missiles and readies them for firing.

Information from the evaluation will acquaint members of the Lance development team with hardware characteristics as well as maintenance required for each system component.

This information will go into a "maintenance test package" for delivery to the Test and Evaluation Command, the Army said, before Lance Engineering-Service tests begin.

Soldiers from the Artillery Board at Fort Sill, Okla., are conducting the three-month evaluation under direction of the Missile Command's Supply and Maintenance Directorate, which is supporting the Lance Project Office. Also participating are representatives from the Combat Developments Command, Continental Army Command, Army Maintenance Board, Tank-Automotive Command, and LTV's Missiles and Space Division Michigan, Lance prime contractor.

Work is underway in the Maintenance Test and Procedures Branch, Arsenal Support Operations Directorate, with facilities and service being supplied by the Maintenance Support Division.

Lance is a highly mobile and accurate weapon system designed to place strategic fire on enemy troop concentrations, supply depots, transportation routes and similar targets.

The Lance program is managed by the Missile Command under Col. A. F. Pottle, Jr., Project Manager.

Never Ever Look Directly At Sun

The commander of the Redstone Arsenal Medical Department, Col. Ernest M. Bralley, Jr., has issued a strong warning against trying to view the March 7 eclipse directly—especially not with sun glasses as protection.

Partial blindness due to permanent damage to the central visual area of the eye can be produced by looking at the sun. The visible light is screened out by sun glasses, but the invisible light will burn the retina and cause either permanent or temporary blindness.

The safe method for watching the phenomenon of an eclipse is by poking a pinhole in one card and letting the light reflect on a second card held at arms length with the person's back to the sun.

There are other safe methods, but the Medical Department does not recommend them. A double thickness of opaqued film will do the trick, but the danger lies in the surface not covering both eyes, thereby exposing the uncovered eye to sun burn.

WORKSHOP ON ECLIPSE SET AT PLANETARIUM

Tonight the Rocket City Astronomical Association will present a workshop covering the eclipse that will be visible in the Redstone Arsenal area March 7.

The workshop will be conducted by Richard Hill, a member of RCAA, at the Planetarium atop Monte Sano on Observatory Drive, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Hill has chosen the title "The Solar Eclipse." He will cover astro-

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Gen. Donley Discusses Missile Command Future

(Editor's Note: Maj. Gen. Edwin I. Donley, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Missile Command, addressed the Huntsville Rotary Club yesterday. His speech contained a discussion of trends within the Department of Defense and Department of the Army which could affect the future of the Missile Command. The full text of General Donley's address follows.)

"Your invitation to speak today and to tell you what the future holds for the Army activities at Redstone and the Missile Command quite honestly has me in a box. Some things are known or are taking shape. Others we can sense but cannot really get a solid handle on yet. Prophecy and fortune telling are not among my strong points. It would take a little of both to tell you with any certainty what the future holds.

"I'm going to stick with facts,

adding a few personal observations.

"The most obvious fact of all is that defense spending is coming down. That reflects a shift in national priorities of major consequence. So far there has been little local impact, a situation that you and I both instinctively feel cannot continue much longer.

"The downturn began about this time last year when the new administration cut outlays of 2 billion dollars from the Defense budget that had been drawn up by the outgoing administration for the fiscal year that began July 1, 1969, FY 70. The FY 71 budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1st of this year has just been sent to Congress. Proposed outlays in it are \$5.2 billion below the current year and \$7.2 billion—12 percent—below the last defense budget proposed by the outgoing administration.

Reduced Budget

"The new defense budget with total outlays of \$71.8 billion represents the lowest percentage of the gross national product since 1951 and the lowest percentage of the total federal budget since 1950.

"More facts: Military personnel are programmed to drop 299,000 men during the current fiscal year and an additional 252,000 in the next for a total cut of 551,000 by June 30, 1971.

"Likewise, civilian personnel of the Defense Department will drop 72,000 in the current fiscal year and 58,000 more in the next for a total of 130,000 by June 30, 1971. That's a cut of 10 percent.

"The reductions in Defense programs are also estimated to cause a drop in contractor personnel of about 600,000 in the same two year period.

"Now consider the Army's share of the new budget.

"In FY 69, the Army was budgeted for \$26.1 billion. The FY 71 budget provides \$21.6 billion for the Army, a drop in two years of \$4.5 billion or 17 percent.

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Brace Yourself

Army civilian Earl Bracey might not be superstitious but he'll tell you unequivocally: "When it rains, it pours!"

Look what happened to him last week.

Bracey, a position classification specialist with Civilian Personnel, finished adding on to his house a den and laundry room.

On Wednesday, he got a pin recognizing his 30 years of Federal Service.

Saturday evening, Bracey gave his daughter Judith in marriage and, believe it or not, acted as best man at his son's wedding on Sunday! (There were pre-nuptial parties and rehearsals galore).

And, oh yes, Friday was the THIRTEENTH!



TWO GOOD REASONS—Elizabeth Garrett and Ira Light proudly display a Special Award presented to the Supply and Maintenance Directorate by the American Red Cross in recognition of their voluntary participation in the blood donor program. The Directorate led all Category I organizations, those with over 1,000 civilian personnel, in participation in each of the last two quarters of 1969. Mrs. Garrett expects to visit the Blood Bank today working toward her fifth gallon while Light, who has passed the nine gallon mark in donations, expects to resume his regular visits to the Blood Bank soon.

Rocket Deadline

Absolute deadline on all copy for next week's Rocket will be noon Friday since Monday will be observed as a National Holiday commemorating George Washington's Birthday. The Rocket will be distributed, as usual, on Wednesday.

The Redstone Rocket

The Redstone Rocket is published weekly, on Wednesdays. The publisher will receive editorial content for publication in the Rocket only through the information Office, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35809, Bldg. 5250, Room A-136, Extension 876-1400 or 876-1500.

All advertising copy and payments therefor are received by Mrs. Vergie Robinson, P. O. Box 346, Huntsville, Ala., 35804, telephone 534-4701, as representative of the publisher. Advertising deadline—both display and wanted—is 10 a.m. Monday before publication.

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Rocket Ruminations

He will hew to the line of right, let the chips fall where they may.
—Roscoe Conkling

Little Things

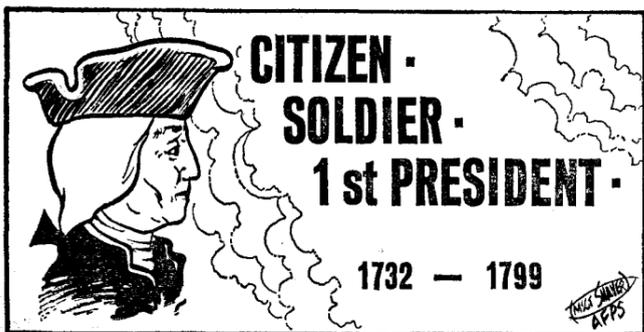
When was the last time you threw a silver dollar across the Potomac? Probably there was no last time. But it is a rare person who does not know who did: George Washington.

At least it is said he threw a dollar across the Potomac . . . or was it the Rappahannock? And remember the incident with the cherry tree? Mom, dad or the school teacher told us about that, and how young George never told a lie.

Did those incidents really happen? Perhaps. But mention the first President of the United States and they immediately spring to mind. True or not, we remember them.

However, the memory starts to fog up when we sail a little deeper into other incidents in the life of George Washington.

Valley Forge—that rings a bell doesn't it? And General Cornwallis. Wasn't he involved somehow? Mount Vernon. That comes to mind, too.



Perhaps it is not so odd that we do not remember everything about George Washington and his time. After all, momentous events were taking place in those days when the nation struggled off foreign rule and took its first steps as a democracy.

Unfortunately, we tend to forget some of the small things, too.

When George Washington was 15 years old, he copied in an exercise book certain rules of behavior which he thought were important. The copy book is now on display in the Library of Congress. Some of the rules Washington considered "decent behavior in company and conversation" are listed here, with the spelling and capitalization of Washington's time used:

- Sleep not when others Speak, Sit not when others stand, Speak not when you should hold your Peace, walk not on when others Stop,
- Use no Reproachful Language against any one neither Curse nor Revile.
- Gaze not on the marks or blemishes of Others and ask not how they came. What you may Speak in Secret to Your Friend deliver not before others.
- Treat with men at fit Times about Business and Whisper not in the Company of Others.
- Be not Curious to Know the Affairs of Others neither approach those that Speak in Private.
- Labour to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire Called Conscience.

The actions of George Washington in later life proved he never forgot his rules of behavior from his youth. For us, maybe it is all right to occasionally forget the big things. But let's NOT forget the little things (AFPS)



SAVES MONEY—Lowell A. Anderson, SAFEGUARD System Command Electronic Communications Office, receives a personally assigned parking space at the SAFSCOM headquarters building as a part of his recognition for cutting almost \$85,000 in costs through reduction or discontinuances of facilities. Maj. R. D. Vento, Communications and Electronics Staff Officer, made the presentation. Brig. General R. C. Marshall, CG, SAFSCOM, presented Anderson with a desk nameplate in ceremonies held earlier.

Alabama Vehicle Laws Will Apply On Installation

Civilian and military motorists operating vehicles on Redstone Arsenal are now subject to vehicle laws and regulations of the State of Alabama as well as the Federal Government.

Personnel guilty of violations, negligent driving and infractions of motor vehicle laws within the limits of Redstone Arsenal, will be reported to the Office of the Director of Public Safety, State of Alabama, under the provisions of a reciprocal agreement signed by the Commanding General, Army Missile Command and the Public Safety Director.

Written notification of such offenses could result in the assessment of point values against the individual's driving privilege, record or license.

According to LTC Dale Hamilton, Jr., Redstone Arsenal Provost Marshall, "You have no worries if you obey vehicle rules and regulations on the post as well as in the civilian communities."

Contract Managers Plan Conference March 19-20

March 19 and 20, at the Gold Key Inn in Orlando, Fla., the Sixth Annual Southeastern Symposium on Government Contracts, presented by the Mid-Florida Chapter, National Contract Management Association will be held. The theme is "Government Contracting in the 70's".

Lt. Gen. Earl C. Hedlund, Director, Defense Supply Agency, is principle speaker at the symposium and will discuss "Trends in Procurement and Contract Management."

Representatives of Harbridge House, Inc., will present a program on subjects related to developing changes in defense procurement practices, procedures, and concepts.

Detailed information may be obtained by contacting the sponsor of the two day event, the Mid-Florida Chapter, National Contract Management Association, Box 1161, Orlando, Florida 32802.

MSG Johnson's Son Will Teach Recruits Army Drill

SGT Willard G. Johnson, III, son of MSG and Mrs. Willard G. Johnson, Jr., 3200 Cerro Vista Street SW, Huntsville, was among 49 graduates of the 3rd U. S. Army Drill Sergeant School, Fort Jackson, S. C. on February 13, 1970.

SGT Johnson, who has had almost 3 years active duty, attended Butler High School. He is presently assigned to Company "A", 1st Battalion, 1st Basic Combat Training Brigade, Fort Jackson.

He previously served in Vietnam with the 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division and Advisory Team 90, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

His awards and decorations include the U. S. Army Commendation Medal for valor, the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with four battle stars. His father, MSG Johnson, a recent U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam returnee, on his fourth assignment to the U. S. Army Missile and



SGT WILLARD JOHNSON

Munitions Center and School is assigned to the Office of Information.

Army Purchases Rocket Launchers

The U. S. Army Missile Command has awarded a \$1,249,485 contract to Brunswick Corporation for helicopter-mounted launchers capable of firing the 2.75 inch rocket.

Called the XM-200, the 19 tube launcher is repairable and can be used with a variety of other weapon systems aboard Army aircraft.

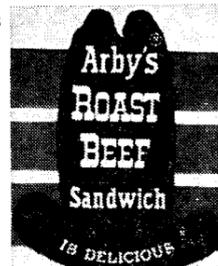
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The Aircraft Weapons Commodity Office at the Missile Command is responsible for development, procurement and deployment of the XM-200.

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GEN. DONLEY

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"Army military manpower will drop by 262,000 in the same two years, a cut of almost 18 percent. **Civilians Cut**

"During the same 24 month period ending in June 1971, Army civilian manpower will fall to a total of 415,856, a cut of 39,792 jobs, almost nine percent.

"In the first round of personnel reductions announced last October, the Missile Command was directed to cut 198 jobs by June 30th of this year. We absorbed that cut by attrition, by not hiring to fill vacancies created by resignations, retirement and transfers. It is possible in a large organization, and with more than 9,000 civilian employees, the Missile Command qualifies under that definition, to take one cut of that magnitude without laying off anyone.

"We could do that once, but we've used up that cushion."

"The Defense Department identified a total of 27,000 civilian jobs for elimination at specific installations in October. A second round of cuts, announced by Defense last month, identified another 7,310 civilian jobs for elimination. None of those announced in January were at Redstone Arsenal or in Huntsville.

"So far, then, in this fiscal year a total of 34,310 civilian jobs in the Defense Department have been specifically identified of a total projected cut of 72,000. That leaves 37,690 civilian jobs yet to be cut from the Defense establishment during the remaining four months of this fiscal year and 58,000 more during the following 12 months.

Rumors Persist

"All this, I know, adds up to plenty of uncertainty and rumors.

"We find ourselves in a situation where the doctors have completed their examination and are conferring in the next room. We can't hear everything that's being said but every once in a while the word: "Surgery" comes floating over the transom loud and clear.

"My guess is, insofar as this community is concerned, the waiting is worse than the knowing."

"Closure of Redstone Arsenal is so unlikely we can rule it out. The Army investment at Redstone in land, buildings, and equipment, bricks and mortar, if you will, is well above \$300 million dollars. The Army agencies here are too diversified in mission and capability and their products are clear-

ly oriented to the future, not just the demands of today. Other than a modest increase at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School to accommodate an increased troop training load, the growth of Army activities here in the past five years has been in spite of rather than because of the war in Vietnam.

"In that respect, what has happened here has been most unusual. Other Army agencies elsewhere in the country, indeed most agencies of the Department of Defense, have substantially increased their employment since 1963. The increase has been due almost entirely to the War in Vietnam.

Safeguard Buildup

"Most of the rise in Army civilian employment here in the past few years, on the other hand, has been as a direct result of the decision to proceed with production and deployment of the first phase of the Safeguard ballistic missile defense system.

"President Nixon now has said he will seek authorization from Congress in FY 71 for a second phase of Safeguard deployment. While that decision and the entire FY 71 defense budget, must be approved by the Congress, it seems unlikely that personnel reductions are in store for the three Army agencies directly involved with Safeguard.

"When the Chief of Staff of the Army visited Redstone last month, a reporter asked him about the Arsenal's future. Gen. Westmoreland's reply should have been reassuring to the community. He said with absolute candor that in a time of sharply decreased defense manpower and funding he could not rule out the possibility of some future reductions but he went on to say that he foresaw no change in mission for the Army activities here."

"The FY 71 defense budget as submitted to Congress bears him out. I won't go down the list of all the Missile Command systems explaining to you why funding for some of our missile systems is up and some down. The point of real importance is that all our major systems are included in the budget and the total funding is about the same.

"Clearly the Army wants and needs our products, even when the defense dollar is being squeezed as it has not been squeezed in 20 years, no one has come up with

a substitute for missiles.

"Quite the reverse is true. There are more operational missile systems deployed throughout the world today than ever before. That is certain assurance of a continuing mission.

O&MA Funds Cut

"When money gets tight, however, something has to give. One budget area where this is apparent is in the line item titled 'Operation and Maintenance.' In FY 71, the Army budgets for \$6.6 billion for O&MA, a drop of \$1.1 billion—14 percent — from this year. That's a significant cut because that account pays the salaries of a majority of the Army's civilian employees. More than half of the Missile Command's civilians, for example, are paid from O&MA money.

"The impact of the five major Army commands here at Redstone and in Huntsville on the local economy is most clearly reflected in our payroll. Right now it stands at its highest point—about \$180 million dollars annually—the majority paid to civilians, most of them working for the Army Missile Command. That figure is significant too because at a time when the Army is cutting its fighting strength to economize by reducing the number of its active divisions, \$180 million dollars a year is just about what it takes to maintain an infantry division overseas in a non-combat situation for one year.

"That is the short term outlook for the Missile Command. Our job is to find better ways of doing our continuing job with fewer dollars and fewer people."

"No one I know is prepared yet to put a definite number on just what 'fewer' means.

Contracting Discussed

"I believe it would be unrealistic to rule out the possibility of some adverse impact on our local contracting as a result of the reduction in defense spending. There simply will be fewer dollars available for contractor work. I doubt that this will have any major effect on the community as a whole, however, since Army missile contracts have never provided a major source of local aerospace employment.

"I foresee a real need for a continuing close working relationship between the Missile Command, the University of Alabama/Huntsville and the other institutions of higher learning in this area. Our research and engineering efforts will be aimed at applying the knowledge we have gained to the solution of problems, the meeting of requirements, on which the Army will be placing first priority. There is an obvious continuing need for advanced education, both for the people in our work force, as well as those we will be adding to it in the future.

"When he spoke here in December, Gen. Ferdinand J. Chesarek, the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command, told us that in the future: The resources will flow to the areas of greatest opportunity for the Army. Your challenge is to continue to create those opportunities as you have done so well in the past."

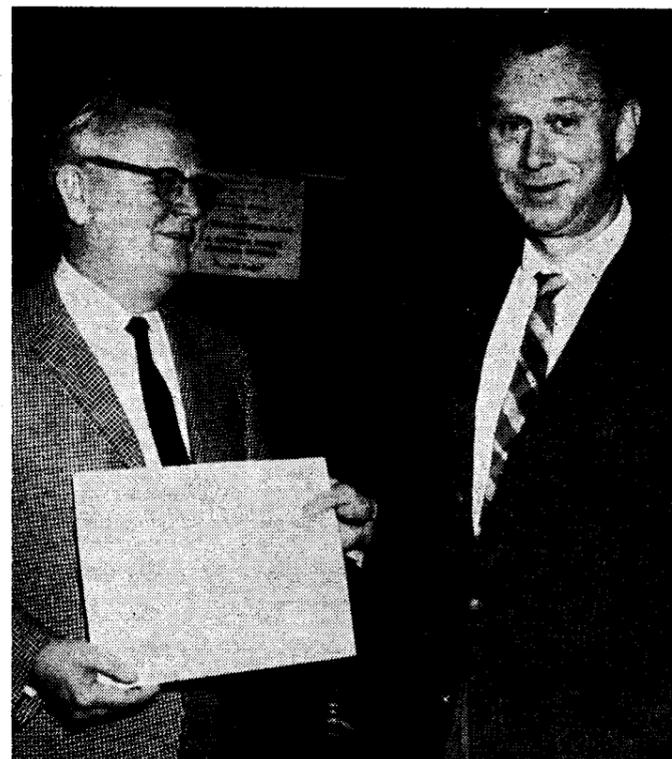
"As you know the Missile Command has a solid reputation within the Army and Defense establishment for competence, not just in hardware but in its ability to do things. I have great faith in my organization and its people. I know they will take this period of adjustment we face in stride and go on. We are competitive in every sense and we'll be creating those opportunities for the Army in the future.

"In the next few months we'll be giving first priority to getting in shape to assume new responsibilities and perhaps new missions as well. We'll probably do some internal realigning to use our resources, our people, to better advantage. In a time of change throughout the defense establishment, we are willing and able to change too.

Speaks Frankly

"I have chosen to speak frankly to you today because this community and the Army are bound closely together. What affects us must affect you in some degree.

"I say in some degree because that relationship, it appears to me, has been drastically altered in the past decade. Ten years ago Army employment at Redstone Arsenal was the principal factor in this



REDUCES COSTS—Wendell Hester, an Inventory Management Specialist, in the Supply and Maintenance Directorate, is the recipient of a Special Act or Service award being presented by Don Brown, his supervisor in the National Inventory Control Point. The award resulted from a savings of \$570,700 realized from extra ordinary management action by Hester on the MQM-33 Target Missile System. His efforts revealed that a Gyro used on absolute target, managed by another NIPC, could be modified for use on the MQM-33 at four per cent of the cost for procurement of new Gyros.

community's economy. Today that is no longer true.

"Community leaders, many of them men sitting right in this room, I am sure, long ago sensed that heavy dependence on Federal spending in defense or space, would tie the community's future too close to programs that might change more rapidly than the community could accommodate that change. Thus began the campaign for a diversified industrial base that continues to this day.

"That, we can all agree today, was the smartest move Huntsville made.

"When space spending did slow down during the last three years, new plants were coming, new jobs were being created in other industry, and Huntsville kept right on moving ahead."

"It might be worthwhile study for James Record or some other local historian of note to see if he could look back and find that particular day when Huntsville became a good deal more than a lucky town with two big Federally financed payrolls.

"You have made your own luck in the past few years.

"I recall reading some far fetched news accounts last year in Germany. They dealt with the sad future in store for Huntsville, Alabama, now that space spending was in the decline. I have been told since I returned that those stories angered a lot of people here.

"I can see why, because tremendous growth and change have come rapidly to this community and to the entire valley in the past few years.

"I am sure we'll read the same stories again only the gloomy predictions will be based upon a downturn in defense spending.

"I'll ask you in advance to remember that those who looked then, saw a temporary setback coming and chose to call it a disaster were wrong.

"I believe the future is sound for both the Army Missile Command and this community, because I believe we've both got the kind

Army Spends \$2.1 Million For SWAP

Two U. S. Army contracts totaling more than \$2.8 million have been awarded to Martin Marietta Corporation for work related to the Pershing missile system.

Larger of the awards, for \$2.1 million, calls for extension of the SWAP program being conducted for the Army from Cape Kennedy Air Force Base. SWAP is a logistics effort to place improved Pershing 1-A ground support equipment in the hands of troops overseas and in the United States.

A smaller contract, for \$695,000, represents funding of a series of assessments to insure the longest life-cycle for Pershing equipment.

Work under both contracts will be performed by Martin's Orlando Division.

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

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

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nomical league activities, totality coverage of the eclipse location of the primary stations from which the phenomena will be observed, and how much camera coverage is planned for the event.

As always at the Planetarium, the meeting is open to all interested in attending.

of people and leadership that it takes to face up to the challenge of change."

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Meme Warren To Board Ship For South Seas

Meme Warren, formerly the only woman Civilian Personnel Management Specialist at Redstone Arsenal, made up her mind she was not going to have an 8-5 job one day beyond age 65. She turned in her resignation to coincide with her 65th birthday. That was Dec. 26, 1964.

Now, Meme lives in Atlanta, Ga., with an aged aunt, Miss Amy, whose real name is Mrs. Alma Jackson. They share a spacious apartment overlooking the front yard of the Hall of Bishops attached to the Episcopal Cathedral of St Phillip on North Peachtree Road. Everything that Meme does is planned ahead.

Atlanta was chosen because this placed her in the same city with one of her brothers. The apartment was chosen because it was close to her church and a shopping center.

Meme didn't retire to retire, however. The first summer she was free, she spent touring Europe; and because she didn't see it all on the first trip, she returned the following year. Since, she has visited Montreal to see Expo '67; visited Chicago where she studied dress design as a girl; sailed aboard a Lake Erie ship, the S. S. Salem, partly because her nephew was serving as radio operator last summer, and she has travelled the Natchez Trail as far north as Cincinnati and Detroit. Meme isn't a loner. On the Natchez trip, she chose three "bridge-player-eaters" as companions.

Meanwhile, back in Atlanta, Meme works in the Cathedral Book Store one day a week, serves on the Altar Guild, and is chairman of the wedding committee for Job's Daughters at the Cathedral. The energetic little lady manages the Thrift Shop operated by the Episcopal Churchwomen, a big operation involving 130 women and doing \$25,000 worth of business last year.

Diversification and good health

are two reasons for Meme's apparent agelessness. Before she quit the 8-5 ratrace, she amassed 2500 hours of sick leave.

In Huntsville, Meme is a charter member of the Huntsville Toastmistress Club so she was prepared to help two clubs in the Atlanta area when they petitioned for charters.

Sandwiched among her various activities, Meme finds time to devote to her family. A nephew in Atlanta is a part time boarder and oft-time visitor who borrows her car. In Meme's words, "He takes it away with a full tank and returns it with an empty one." He also keeps her life full of surprises. On his way to school at the University of Georgia with his cousin, they were stopped for speeding and needed \$500 bond on a Sunday night.

They called Meme who hesitated at writing a check that big, but he explained the situation required only ten per cent of the total and she complied. "Whenever he gets in trouble," she confided, "he comes to me instead of his father who would give him a lecture." Meme enjoys the role of confidante.

On the job, Meme had used dolls as visual aids for a lecture to young, new employees on the fine point of being well-dressed for the occasion. Now, she has a real live doll to dress—a 17-year-old niece. Meme designed a ball gown, making it a creation to glitter with silver and crystal beads and sequins. The glowing report to Meme after the ball was that it not only rivalled the expensive gowns of her niece's classmates. They assumed that it "cost a fortune."

"With my income cut neatly in half," she said, "I find that the character of living hasn't changed a bit." She visits friends scattered about—in Huntsville, in Augusta where she was the last person she "Riffed" at the Augusta Army De-



SHEAF OF AWARDS—Meme Warren looks over some of the credits she earned during her days in the Civilian Personnel Office at Redstone Arsenal. Left is Luther Adams and right, Stuart Jones, two of her former bosses. Among the sheaf is a certificate for 2500 hours of sick leave she amassed before retirement.

pot after World War II and where she now enjoys playing bridge in the club house while her more energetic friends follow the golfers around the course during the annual open.

Meme's apartment is big and comfortable, ideal for entertaining. She once chose a silver coffee service instead of a stone martin neck piece because "I'm the kind of a girl who would rather give a party than go to one."

And when nobody but Meme is home, she can sit on her screened front porch and watch the old trees in which chipmunks play, the birds which she feeds, and a cat who plays games with the other fauna. In season, the yard is colorfully edged with flowers.

Meme chose an apartment instead of a house because she doesn't have time to mow the lawn. She sails for South America in the Summer of '70.

America's tradition of providing for disabled veterans dates back to England, nearly two centuries before the United States became a nation.

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RETIREMENTS

Five MMCS soldiers will soon say good-bye as retirement fever slowly approaches. Scheduled for retirement this month are CW2 Leamon C. Jarmon, Log.; CW3 Charles D. Swick, Log; MSG William L. English, Co. D. SGM William A. Gillespie, Ofc. of Opns.; SFC Harold T. Jarrett, Ofc of Opns.; and SSG Hardy L. McDonald 522d Ord. Co. Good luck gentlemen in your future endeavors.

PROMOTIONS

Sixteen received a raise in pay last week via the promotion route. Receiving the promotions were: to MAJ—James L. Osborn, 3rd Bn. to CPT—Terry Blackburn, SOC; to 1Lt—William M. Honea, 563d Ord. Co. and Gregory Holland, SOC. to SP5—Jackie Waggoner, Herbert Stewart, Jr., Jonathan L. Vasas, Randolph Zimmer, Jose A. Rosario, Charles G. Haberle, Larry G. Pederson, Bobby Burkes, John E. Polk, Sheldon Davis, James Simpson, Jr., and William J. Fary, all from 1st ETC.

AWARDS

"By direction of the Secretary of the Army . . ." was heard at battalion awards ceremonies this week as well as citations from local awards.

At 2nd Bn., SCF James E. Thompson, 1st ETC, received the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding service as Chief Instructor, Fixed Station Receiver Repair Course while stationed at Ft. Monmouth, N. J. From 4th ETC, SP5 Thomas B. Moss received the same medal for meritorious service as reenlistment

er, 3rd ETC, was cited as 3rd Bn. Soldier of the Month. Both received letters of commendation from their respective commanders.

Trophies and guidon streamers were presented to the 5th and 3rd ETC as the best companies in their respective battalions. 5th ETC is part of the 2nd Bn. while the 3rd ETC is assigned to the 3rd Bn.

And finally the MMCS Blood Donors Trophy for the month of January was presented to the 7th ETC. The unit had 104 participants in the program during the month.

WELCOME

The School personnel section was slightly busy this week processing new arrivals. among other activities. Joining the staff of the \$100 million training center were: MAJ Joseph Salmon, CPT Vincent Mikiel, CW4 Fleming Butler, Ofc of Opns.; CW3 Everett White, DIT; MSG; J. D. Latham, DIT; MSG George Brandon, DIT and SFC T. G. Green, UTC.

GRADUATION SPEAKER

MAJ. Hezekiah Richardson, D&NM, has been selected as the graduation speaker for Friday's



MAJ. RICHARDSON
 Graduation Speaker

graduation ceremonies at the Post Theatre. MAJ Richardson received his commission in 1968 through ROTC from Florida A&M Univ. He holds a BS degree in chemistry and mathematics and is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Theater Schedule

WED, Feb. 18
 "Hard Contract" (R)
 THUR.-FRI., Feb. 19-20
 "Viva Max" (G)
 INCREASED ADMISSION: adults 50c, children 25c
 SAT., Feb. 21
 "Angel in My Pocket" (G)
 SUN.-MON., Feb. 22-23
 "Gaily, Gaily" (M)
 INCREASED ADMISSION: adults 50c, children 25c
 TUE., Feb. 24
 "Who's Got the Black Box?" (M)
 Two shows nightly at 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m.



SSG HARRIS
 Outstanding Instructor

clerk while assigned to the 5th Eng. Bn., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Letters of commendation and plaques were the order of the day at the Air Def. Dept. for Outstanding Performance as instructors. Receiving the award for the fourth time was SSG Robert C. Harris of the Nike Div. First awards went to SP5 Michael Kalina, Nike Div.; David H. Mitchell and Thomas A. McClure, Hawk Div. Third Awards—Kenneth W. Cutler and Richard V. Moore, Nike Div. and John W. McCulloch, Hawk Div. The instructors are selected by the students.

Soldier of the Month were cited at 2nd and 3rd Bn. Representing 2nd Bn. is PFC Bruce P. Barham, 7th ETC while PFC Ronald J. Bak-



GETTING ACQUAINTED—Maj. Gen. Edwin I. Donley, Commanding General of the Army Missile Command, chats with three representatives of the Community Equal Employment Opportunity Council during a recent meeting at Redstone Arsenal. With the general from left are Leonard Gurley, Mrs. Katie Byrd and Marvin Carroll, all army employees.

Reassignment Policy Changed For Soldiers Wounded In RVN Combat

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Service-men wounded in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) under hostile fire conditions and hospitalized outside of that country for 30 or more days will not be returned to RVN but will be reassigned elsewhere under a new Department of Defense (DOD) policy which became effective Jan. 14, 1970.

In the past, soldiers in this category generally were returned to duty in RVN upon recuperation unless medical evacuation to the United States had occurred.

Soldiers wounded in RVN, like all others who have received RVN tour credit, are eligible for subsequent RVN tours. Soldiers also may volunteer in writing to return to RVN provided they are medi-

cally qualified. The new DOD policy does not apply to servicemen hospitalized because of accident, injury or illness not attributable to hostile fire action. Forthcoming change to AR 614-30 will incorporate this policy revision.

FLORAL ARRANGING SEMINAR—This seminar will appeal to all who wish to increase their flair and ability to create attractive floral arrangements whether it be for use in the home, church, business or social functions. The seminar will run for three days, April 7, 8, and 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., with Bobbie Loudermilk instructing the seminar at UAH.

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Military And Civilian Cagers Open Tourneys

D Company Ace Grabs Scoring Lead

Double-barreled tournament action got underway at the Post Gym this week with the top eight teams in each division of the Unit Level league scrapping for the 1970 Redstone Arsenal basketball crown.

Regular season play ended last week with MICOM (I) atop the National Division race and SOC/HHC ruling in roost in the American Division. MICOM won all eleven of their league starts while SOC/HHC came on top in ten of eleven games.

Both division winners got their first taste of tourney action on Monday with SOC/HHC clashing with the 563rd Ordnance in the opening game. MICOM (I) met the 6th ETC following an American clash between D Company and MICOM (II).

Each Division will play a double elimination meet with the two winners clashing for the league championship on March 2.

Ed Morgan scored 94 points in two games last week to grab the individual scoring leadership. The D Company sharpshooter fired 59 points in one game and came back with 35 more for a 22.9 point per game average in ten games.

Dallas Jones ranked second in the American Division with a 17.6 per game output, for the 563rd Ordnance. Steve Gustafson, of B Company, was third followed by John White, 5th ETC, and two members of the SOC/HHC quintet, Dale Sharples and Tom Smalls.

A pair of MICOM stars, Dave English and Tommy Glynn, and the 6th ETC's Robert Harris, were the scoring leaders in the National. English scored 173 points in nine games for the best per game average while Glynn scored

180 in ten games. Harris scored 170 points in nine outings for an 18.9 per game average.

Other high scoring performers

in the National Division were Glenn Merryman and Charles Hunter, of the 249th Ordnance, and Tom Hurt of the 8th ETC.

UNIT LEVEL BASKETBALL

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division			National Division		
W	L	Team	W	L	Team
10	1	SOC/HHC	11	0	MICOM (I)
8	3	D Company	8	3	249th Ord
8	3	9th ETC	8	3	8th ETC (I)
8	3	B Company	8	3	522nd Ord
7	4	5th ETC	7	4	Mil Police
7	4	7th ETC	7	4	C Company
6	5	MICOM (II)	6	5	A Company
4	7	563rd Ord	5	6	6th ETC
3	8	95th Cal	3	8	200th Ord
2	9	218th Ord	2	9	MICOM (III)
2	9	8th ETC (II)	1	10	Marines
0	11	1st ETC	0	11	3rd ETC

Clean Sweep . . .

Nike Track Deals Stern Blow To 94-Plus Hopes

All eyes were focused on lanes 13 and 14 last Tuesday night where Nike Track and 94-Plus were doing battle. Nike Track is not in contention for the championship, being 36½ points off the pace.

AMC Rivals Fail To Catch Bandits

Three to one decisions with a minimum of individual heroics highlighted the action in the AMC-Civilian Welfare bowling league last week and only minor changes to the standings resulted.

The Bandits maintained their four-point margin atop the league by winning three out of four from the Tigers while the runner up All-Sports were enjoying a similar victory spread against the Voyagers.

Seven of the eight matches ended with one of the contestants taking three points. Only the Sprinter Avenger scrap that ended in a deadlock had a different decision.

Al Rossi was the most productive individual with a 588 that got the Lancers three points from the Rejectors. Fred Helmer was next in line with a 576 that topped the Bandits cause.

The All-Sports got another hot night from Red Totten and Harold Madry with 550 and 533 respectively and the Bombers forged a tie with the Voyagers for third by taking the Metro Cals. Bob Brand shot a 558 for the winners and Joe Brewer hit for 546 in the losing cause.

Karl Bayer felled 564 maples and Bill Wickett added 536 more as the Alley Cats got into the first division at the expense of the Jokers, and the Raiders were another three point winner against the Travellers as Jim Goodman rapped a 554 count.

series total with a 568, five pins better than Jerry Keefe was able to muster for the Lucky Strikes.

Charles Richards' 213 (532) for the Loggers was the best game of the evening followed by a 203 put together by Bill Hicklin for SAFSCOM's Wheezers. Hicklin toppled 552 sticks for the series.

But 94-Plus was battling to keep its hold on first place in the loop. Battling? You're right!

Nike Track, which had not beaten a top team, was in command of the match from the moment the pins hit the deck and the first 16-pounds of rubber went rumbling down the lanes.

Frame after frame the Track continued to attack the maple. At the end of the first game, 94-Plus was behind by 80 sticks. But, everyone who witnessed the shallacking thought for sure that the one-two punch of Harry Kretlow and Mike Katz would put 94-Plus back in the contest for the remainder of the set.

But, in the second and third games Nike Track rambled on scoring 1,017 pins in the second contest. When the final ball rumbled down the 60 feet of maple, Nike Track had whipped 94-Plus, 4-0.

Ron Wetzel hit the mark for 546 sticks to lead the Track attack while Floyd Garner and Katz scored for 94-Plus.

The Delta 88s and Co. A rejoiced in the 94-Plus downfall as both teams managed to take three points from their adversaries. The 88s racked UTC while Co. A knocked off Co. C Stan Baker continued his attack on the pins with a 548 series. Buddy Creek and George Mitchell were the mainstays in the Alpha victory over Co. C. The 88s now lead the loop by six and one-half points over Co. A as 95-Plus slumped to third seven points off the pace.

Elsewhere Don Fogle rolled a 632 series in leading his team, the 522nd Ord. Co., to a four point win over Retired. In scoring his first honor roll series in the league Fogle hit the pins for a 208 and 247 game. His other score was 177. Bill Price notched 536 sticks for the Ordnance specialists while Larry Makaanai was high for Retired with a 492.

In other action Low Balls and Nuclear Weapons split their set; Co. B, with Bill Kirkpatrick and Bob Shaw, leading the way, stomped 1st ETC, 4-0 ETC blasted Half 'n' Half and Five Aces swept four points from 200th Ord. Det.

HOLIDAY ON ICE

The Service Club will sponsor a tour to the Holiday On Ice Show in Birmingham on Saturday.

Tickets for the matinee performance are on sale at the Service Club at a reduced rate for Enlisted Men only.

The bus will leave the Service Club at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The tour is for Enlisted Men only.

Feb. 23—Dateline 1778—Baron Von Steuben arrived at Valley Forge, Pa. to train the Continental Army.

CFW Season Concludes In Three-Way Deadlock

A wide-open scrap is promised in the Civilian Welfare Fund basketball tournament that gets underway at the Joe Bradley School Gym tonite.

Three games are on tap tonite and another triple header is scheduled for Friday evening as all twelve of the league entries put in their bids for spots in the Arsenal-wide playoff against the Marshall Space Flight Center in March.

The tournament schedule has the first six teams going against the bottom half of the standings in reverse order, but that is about as far as it is possible to go in listing games at this time.

This is due to the three-way tie that developed for first place between Engineering QA, Finance and Accounting and ICO. As a matter of fact, the latter quintet still had the possibility of a makeup game before qualifying for the first place tie.

QA and the Accountants ended with nine wins in eleven games apiece while ICO has been victorious in eight of ten with the earlier contest against Metrology yet to be decided.

A drawing was to be held to determine the lineup of teams for the tournament and a decision will be made later as to a determination of the regular season champion.

The twelve teams will play a

double elimination meet with the last four survivors winning the right to compete against the best four from the Marshall league for the Arsenal title.

The Army-Marshall playoff will be played at the Evangel School, home of the Marshall league, and will be followed by an All-Star game between the two leagues. This game will be played at the Huntsville Community Center on March 21.

The possible three-way tie for the regular season crown came about in a couple of encounters involving the Accountants during the last two weeks of the schedule.

Engineering QA dealt out an 81-67 beating to the F & A that deadlocked the contestants for second place behind ICO. But the Accountants came right back to hand ICO a 69-62 defeat in the final game of the regular schedule.

Two other teams that blossomed late in the season promise to make the playoff meet a wide open affair.

They are Safeguard and the Research and Engineering fives. Safeguard scored consecutive wins over QA and ICO recently while R&E holds a victory over the Accountants.

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D-2 Challenges For Lead In RSA

MICOM's D-2 captured second place by taking three games from SAFSCOM's Five-Splits to pace last week's action in the RSA Officers Bowling league.

Another SAFSCOM entry, the Lucky Strikes, remained atop the standings despite dropping three games to the MICOM Jawbreakers. However, their lead over D-2 was pared to two games.

Meanwhile the Huntsville Engineers' Hard Hats lost all four games to the SAFLOG Loggers and slipped from second behind the Jawbreakers.

Individual scoring was down somewhat from the lofty totals posted a week ago. The 5-Splits' Bob Weinberg rolled the high

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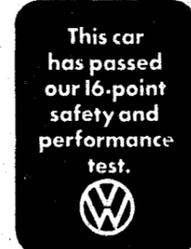
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MICOM Gals Fall Before GE Again

Almost, but not quite—is getting to be an old story for the Missile Command girls basketball team in their efforts to sidetrack the strong General Electric team.

The two sextets have met three times this season and each time the GE girls have come out on top after hard fought contests. Two of the games were played during the regular season and the third one came last week in the second round of the post-season playoff tourney.

In the latter contest the two teams fought through three and a half periods of play on almost even terms before GE was able to forge into the lead and hold one for their twelfth win in as many Huntsville Industrial League games.

The lead changed hands no less than 15 times and the score was tied on 11 occasions. GE was on top by three, 34-31, at the half.

Gladys Hill continued her torrid scoring pace with a 35-point outburst to set the pace for MICOM while Peggy Clark tossed in 30 for the winners. Joyce Ingram and

Ranger Training Required for New RA Arms Officers

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Department of the Army has announced that all Regular Army (RA) lieutenants commissioned in the combat arms and combat support arms after Jan. 1, 1970 will be required to take Ranger training.

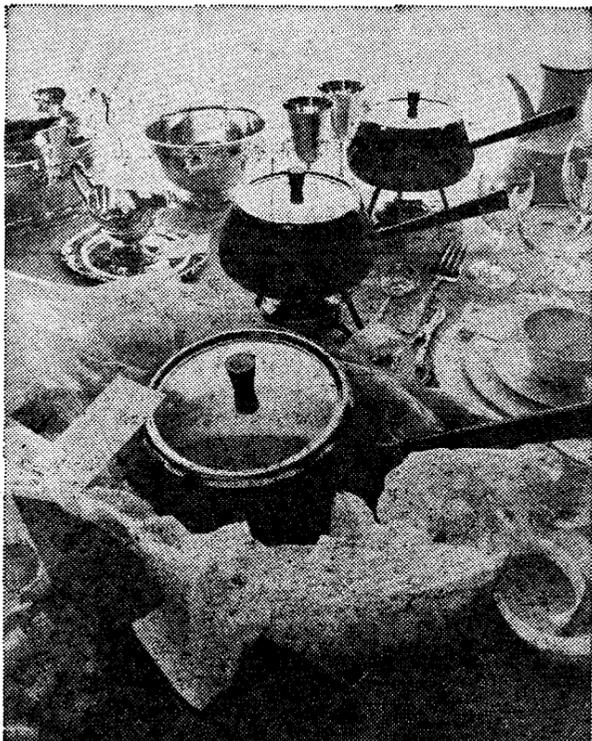
The new training requirement not only includes Infantry, Armor, Field Artillery, Air Defense Artillery, Engineer and Signal but also has been extended to include Military Intelligence and Military Police branches as well.

Wyonelle Pennington split the remaining 24 points equally for the Arsenal girls.

Edith Benson, Helen Smith and Carole Bissinger played most of the game in the backcourt for MICOM.

The loss dropped MICOM into the loser's bracket of the tourney where they were scheduled to meet RCA this week. GE met Fashion Two-Twenty with the loser going against the MICOM-RCA winner next week for the right to compete in the championship game.

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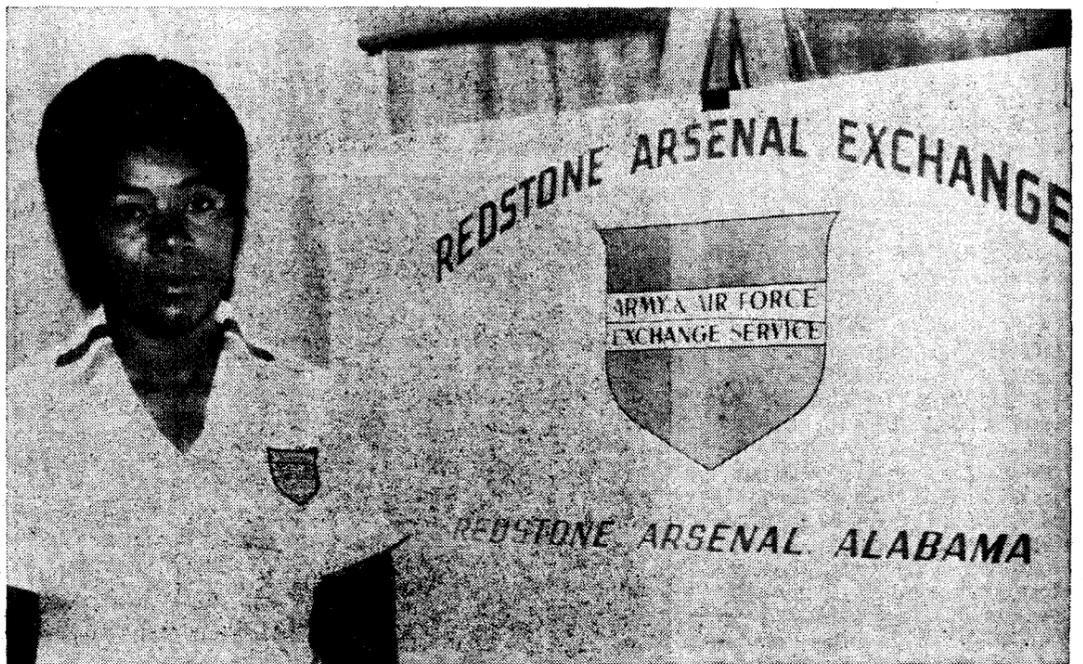
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He is Dr. Raymond Stanley Jones, born in Liverpool, England, and reared more or less as a nomad. His father is an overseas representative of the British Overseas Airways Corporation. The family lived in Newfoundland and in the West Indies. Dr. Jones' education was at University College in Jamaica where he also interned in the University Hospital.

He decided to come to the U. S. for further study because he considered the American schools the best. There was some indecision, because he considered Canada.

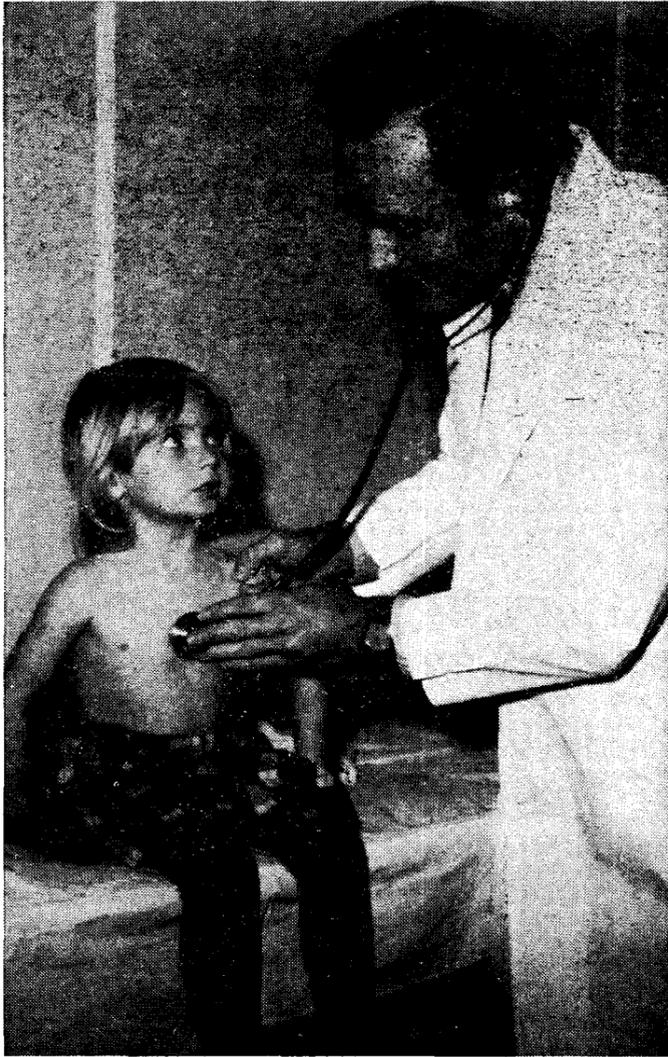
Dr. Jones was accepted on the staff of the Boston City Hospital and the Boston Floating Hospital which moved ashore in the late 1930s. The floating hospital for children was begun on a ship in Boston Harbor and is now one of the principle places for teaching.

The doctor concentrated on gastro-enteritis in babies and its possible cause. Most of those he has treated in the clinic at the Redstone Arsenal Medical Activities pediatric clinic this winter have either had the flu or respiratory problems. Approximately 1000 patients visit the pediatric clinic each month, many for well-baby checkups, but a percentage with serious illness.

Dr. Jones became a U. S. Citizen three months ago. When he was drafted, he had his own practice in Fredericksburg, Va.

At home he has a chance to observe well babies, too. The Jones' have three children.

Some day he'll have a chance to expose them to the recreation he rates highest: scuba diving, swimming, fishing and boating.



TRUST—Nita Etter, watches her pediatrician, Dr. (Maj.) Raymond S. Jones, during a checkup at the Pediatrics Clinic maintained by the Redstone Arsenal Medical Department. The doctor is one of two pediatricians on the staff. Nita, daughter of SSG and Mrs. George Etter, is one of 1,000 well baby and sick baby patients the doctors see each month.



RETIREES FROM USAR—U.S. Army Reserve Col. Joseph E. Peters, left, receives a handshake and a plaque from Huntsville USAR School Commandant Thomas M. Phillips as Col. Peters retired after 30 years service. He has been an instructor in the Command and General Staff Course at the local Reserve School.

1970 ROTC Summer Camps To Be Commanded By Brig. Generals

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Each of the six Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) summer camps scheduled for 1970 will be commanded by a brigadier general.

This shifting of direct responsibility from the installation commander to a brigadier general especially appointed as full-time commander means that the camp will receive the complete attention of a general officer. The deputy camp commander of each advanced camp will be a senior professor of military science.

Preparation for leadership is the theme and primary purpose of the ROTC advanced camps. Emphasis will be placed on cadet leadership development. Skill-level instruction, which pertains to performing a specific military job, will be limited to that essential for meaningful cadet participation in tactical exercises. Satisfactory completion of the advanced camp is a prerequisite to a cadet's commission.

CDC FM Writers Seek Suggestions

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Have a suggestion to improve a field manual (FM)? Then tell it to the publications officers at the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command (CDC), Ft. Belvoir, Va.

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MOBILE, ALABAMA, Feb. 11, Col. R. E. Snetzer, Army District Engineer at Mobile, Alabama, announced recently the award of a \$688,171 contract to Mabry and Parker Contractors, Inc., of Chattanooga, Tenn., for the construction of a burning area and for general site-work for acid storage and loading facilities at the Volunteer

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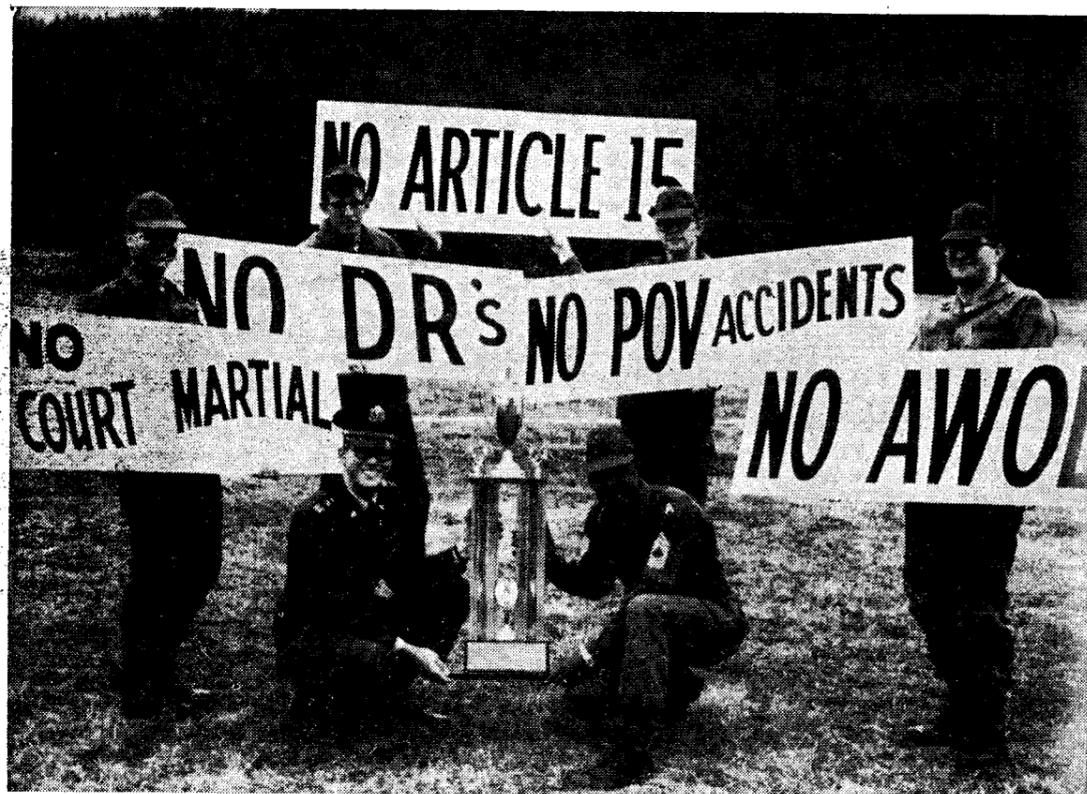
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Maybe it is impossible to comprehend, but the 200th Ordnance Detachment which supports the HAWK air defense weapon at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School has compiled a fantastic record.

In addition to NO courts-martial, Articles 15, AWOLs, delinquency reports and privately-owned vehicle accidents, they have also achieved superior standings in the areas of re-enlistment, cost reduction, and annual technical training results as well as the savings bond and blood donor programs.

It is not uncommon for any one company to compile an exceptional record in three or four areas; but when a company manages to take top honors in 10 different categories, certain questions become evident. Of these, the most prominent appears to be: What is the level of morale, both unit and individual, in such a high-standing company?

After conversing with the personnel of the 200th Ord. Det., the final conclusion is: Excellent. The primary factor which brings about this rare level of spirit was attributed to the "open-door policy" that has been extended to the enlisted men by the commanding officer and the First Sergeant. It was also observed that the men had a true sense of equality among one another.

CPT Douglas R. Baker, commanding officer during the period of "meritorious achievement," defined the open-door policy as being a direct and personal communication with each and every enlisted man at any time that the man felt it was needed, day or night.

"Each man is aware of the contributions of his fellow workers and his own," he added. "By utilizing a man to his full individual capacity, we can insure a policy based on the philosophy that 'success builds success.' Because of this policy, we lost a man to another unit. The Army gained a tremendous source of untapped potential."

When asked what his position was as the commanding officer, CPT Baker emphasized that the detachment belongs to the men. He then stated that he and the First Sergeant are there to guide

the men, not to rule them. "We use a firm hand when necessary, but never over-extend our authority. Thus, we are able to achieve military decorum and maintain high morale."

AWOL, a serious problem in some companies, does not exist in the 200th. The reason can be summarized by saying, "Each man is made to feel everything he does, on the job or during his free time, is important to the final image." If any problems or questions arise, the men voice them. Each man is encouraged to contribute his knowledge and skills to better the unit and himself. "In this way," said SP5 Richard A. Piroso, a supply specialist, "everyone is extended an invitation to participate. Each individual realizes a true sense of belonging. If you feel left out, you are vulnerable to thoughts of AWOL."

In areas under military jurisdiction, the men are involved in a framework of togetherness. As SP4 Terry L. Miller, a generator repairman phrased it, "Nobody pushes us into making mistakes that would subject us to punishment. We are told what our individual duties consist of and what part they play in the unit as a whole. As a result, all the sections work together. The final output is the product of a smooth, highly-efficient team."

It is the consensus that the men do work as a team. Many said at GI parties or on KP it is common to have a fellow soldier help. As one man said, "This is the most workingest together unit I've ever seen, I'm really proud to be a part of it." He further stated that it was the first company he had ever seen where vocal urging by NCO's was unnecessary.

From observations made among the men and judging from conversations held with a good cross-section, it is easily surmised that their "esprit de corps" is also superior. Duties that must be performed which usually irritate are taken lightly by men of the 200th. KP, bane of the Army, as a change from daily routine; Charge of Quarters a perfect time to write long overdue letters; and barracks orderly, a good time to think.

Then men "stick together" in off-duty activities. Such as flag football. The 200th has held top-division standing in post competition for three years.

SSG Douglas R. Pruitt, a HAWK Continuous Wave radar repairman, is sure the reason for success on the gridiron is to "total participa-

tion." "If a man doesn't participate in

Minorities Hold More VA Loans To Buy Property

Participation by minorities in the purchase of property owned by the Veterans Administration increased during the past year, Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson reported today. Johnson said minorities accounted for 35 per cent of the sales throughout the nation in December of last year, compared with 26 per cent in December 1968.

Johnson further reported that during 1969, sales of VA-owned properties totaled a little more than 17,000, with just under 6,000, or nearly 33 per cent, of these purchases made by minorities.

The VA chief also revealed the extent of participation of Negroes in the sales of VA-owned properties in major urban population centers with large Negro populations in December 1969.

He said that in Baltimore, Jersey City and Newark, all of the

properties sold by VA in December were purchased by Negroes.

Other cities with high rates of sales to Negroes were Los Angeles and San Diego, 89 per cent; New York, 83 per cent; Gary, 75 per cent, and Chicago, 66 per cent.

In New Orleans, Detroit, St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo., approximately one half of all VA properties were purchased by Negroes.

Some of the factors which influenced increased participation of minorities in the sale of VA properties, Johnson said, are stepped-up emphasis generally, and particularly in VA loan guaranty service, of the nondiscrimination aspects of the program.

Johnson further commented on the improved economic conditions of minorities, as well as others, which he said contributed to greater participation in the buying of VA-owned properties.

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The well known Bob Crosby and his orchestra are booked to perform twice at Redstone Arsenal. He opens next week at the NCO Open Mess Thursday, and finishes at the Officers' Open Mess Friday.

Bob Crosby is a talented master of ceremonies, singer, recording star, and television personality. He served 18 months in the Marines during World War II, organizing and touring bands throughout the Pacific Theatre. He retains a lieutenant's commission in the Marine Corps Reserve today.

On the top of current music trends, Mr. Crosby doesn't quite "Dig" the rock 'n roll situation. "My 'Bobcats' played it 15 years ago in a dim night club where the lights were so dim we couldn't read the music," he says. "So what's all the excitement about."

Music starts at 8 p.m. Feb. 26th at the NCO Open Mess and begins at 8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Officers' Open Mess. Members of the Officers' Open Mess can make reservations by calling 837-5984 weekdays from 8 am. to 4:30 p.m. Cancellations close Feb. 25th. NCO Open Mess members and their guests can reserve a seat by calling 837-0750.

Stronger EEO Guidelines Asked By Civil Service

Federal departments and agencies have been directed by the US Civil Service Commission to develop stronger action plans for the achievement of equal opportunity for Civil Service employees.

Action plans must provide for: Establishment of adequate organization and resources to administer the agency EEO program in a positive and effective manner.

Clear definition of recruitment objectives designed to reach and attract job candidates from all sources.

A plan for full utilization of present skills of employees.

Identification of the opportunities that will be extended to employees for improving their skills, performing at their highest potential, and advancing in accordance with their abilities.

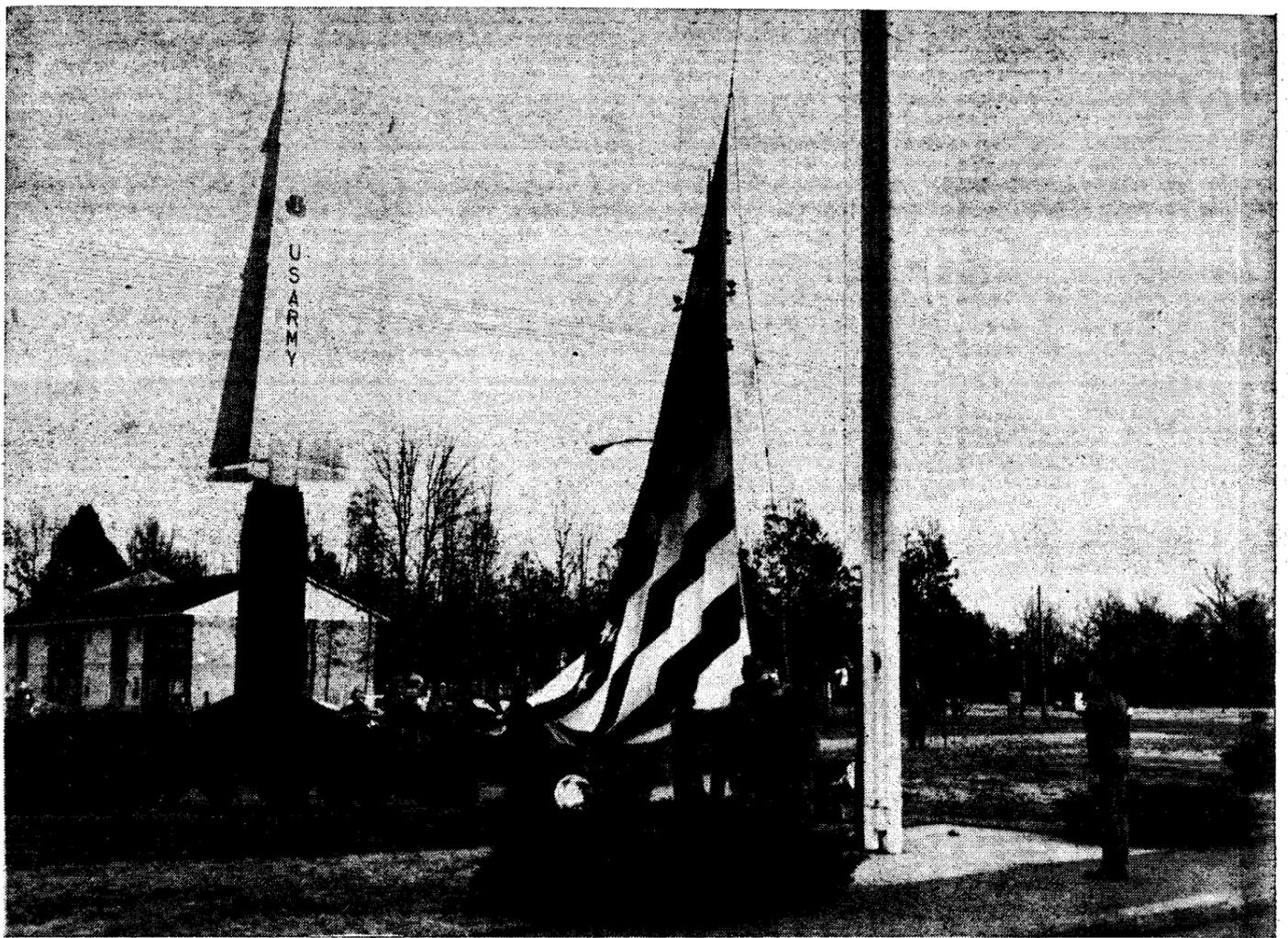
Specific plans for offering training, advice, incentives, and performance evaluation to achieve understanding of the program and support by supervisors and managers.

Agency objectives for taking part in community efforts to improve conditions which affect employability.

A system of internal program evaluation to guarantee continuing review by top agency managers, and periodic reports of progress to the Civil Service Commission.

Built-in guarantees that discrimination complaints will be processed promptly, fairly, and impartially, and that provisions will be made for EEO counseling.

Action areas contained in an outline furnished by the Commission are intended to apply to Federal employees and to applicants for Federal jobs. The action plan also applies to the Federal Woman's Program which will now be incorporated into the total EEO program. The format of the outline was designed to encourage changes which will improve, update, and expand on action items listed.



COLORS OF THE SEASON—St. Valentine's Day—are red and white; but to the members of Boy Scout Troop 234, they are red, white and blue: Old Glory. To conclude Boy Scout Week, which officially ended on St. Valentine's Day, the members of Troop 234

lower the flag during Retreat at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. They are handling the garrison flag, the largest flag flown at any Army installation.

Civil War Widows Receive Extra Pay

The veterans Administration recently completed interviews with some 450 Civil War widows on its rolls to see if they might not be eligible for the \$50 extra monthly pension provided those who require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

A total of 437 such widows now receive the VA's "aid and attendance" allowance compared to 110 before the interviews.

The United States provided for payments to disabled Union veterans and widows in 1861-62 even before President Lincoln said, in his second inaugural address, March 4, 1865, "Let us strive . . . to care for him who shall have born the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan . . ."

Confederates were added to VA compensation and pension rolls in July, 1958 and today 51 per cent of the widows on the VA rolls are from the South.

Widows of Union and Confederate soldiers range in age up to 107.

The last Confederate veteran, Walter W. Williams, Houston, died Dec. 19, 1959, at the age of 117. The last Union veteran, Albert Woolson, Duluth, died Aug. 2, 1956, at the age of 109.

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Four Graduates Earn AUSA Scholastic Honor Plaque

Friday the 13th might be unlucky for some, but for Fackler resident Doyle K. Ledbetter and 126 other MMCS graduates it was indeed lucky.

SP4 Doyle K. Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Plessle D. Ledbetter, Rt. 1, Fackler, Ala., was graduated Friday in the Nike Radar and Computer Repair course. He is a 1967 graduate of Scottsboro High School, Scottsboro, Ala. and holds a degree in computer programming, granted in 1968 from the Alverson-Draughn Business College, Huntsville. Prior to his entering the Army in March 1969, SP4 Ledbetter was employed as a computer operator by the Central Service Association.

Heading the "lucky 127 class" were 10 honor graduates. For exceptional performance in their studies, J. W. Monger presented Association of the United States Army (AUSA) awards to Danish Sgt. Poul Bekker-Hansen, with a 97.1 in HAWK Pulse Radar Repair; PFC Richard C. Wiedmeyer of Milwaukee, Wis., having a 97.7 in the Nike Launcher Repair course; and Pvt. William R. Mueller Jr., Minneapolis, Minn., with a 98.3 in the Ammunition Storage course.

The AUSA award is presented only to those students who compile an average of 96 or higher in their studies.

Certificates of recognition went to SP4 Kerry D. Scott, Charleston, S.C., with a 92 in the Nike Radar and Computer Repair course; PFC Gary O. Dahlgren of Hazel Park, Mich., compiling a 92.5 in the Nike Launcher Repair course; PFC Daniel R. Hankins of West Point, Miss., with an 86.1 in Hawk Continuous Wave Repair and PFC William J. Morris, Jr., having an 88.9 in Combat Missile Systems Repair and hailing from Ft. Riley, Kan.

PFC Richard J. Rakowski, Florham Park, N. J., achieving 95.4 in the Pershing Electric Mechanic Repair course; Marine L/Cpl George T. Smith, Jr., from Newton, N. C. with a 89.7 in the HAWK Fire Control Repair course; PFC Loren C. Sullivan, Justice, Ill., having a 92.9 in the Light Air Defense Missile Repair course and Pvt Dennis R. West of Thomaston, Al., who compiled an average of 92.2 in the Sergeant Electro-Mechanical Repair course.

Maj. William B. Whipple, Commanding Officer of the second battalion, was guest speaker. He gave the students a recipe—not for baking, but for living. In his words, "Individual enthusiasm and initiative are the necessary additives, to the ingredient knowledge, that finally complete the mixture known as proficiency—and ultimately the result which is the final proof, performance."

SIERRA GETS AWARD

The Department of Defense Natural Resources Conservation Award was presented to the U. S. Army Materiel Command's Sierra Army Depot for its outstanding program conducted during CY 1968.

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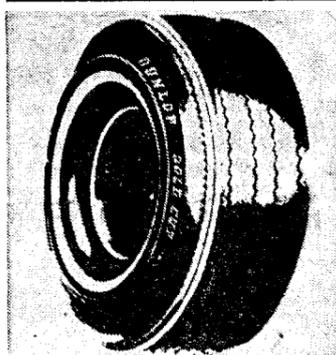
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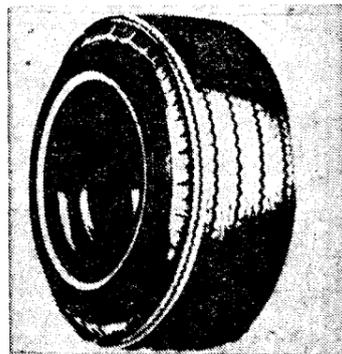
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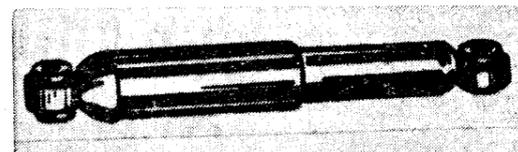
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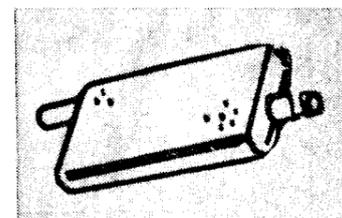


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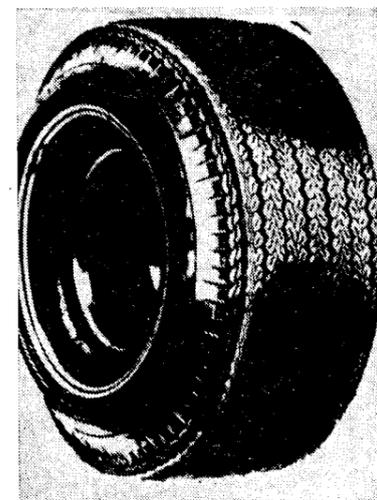
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Civil Service Allows Involuntary Retirement

(Editor's Note: This is another in the series of articles the Rocket is carrying to acquaint its readers with current policy of the Civil Service Commission on various subjects of interest to Civil Service Personnel.)

In order to reduce the impact of large-scale job cuts in Government agencies, the Civil Service Commission is allowing employees to retire involuntarily and to receive immediate annuities, according to information received by the Missile Command Civilian Personnel Office.

Heretofore, this type of retirement has been used in relationship to adverse actions and specific reduction in force actions when the employee is personally affected.

The concept now is that when a reduction in force generally affects an organization, it may elect to request the resignation of eligible employees to ease the impact of the reduction in force. In the past this has been used principally at the executive level of government. The new instructions make it possible for this to be used across the board.

Under the law, employees who have reached age 50 with at least 20 years of service, or those with 25 years of service regardless of age are eligible for immediate annuities if they are affected by a

reduction-in-force. Otherwise, they would wait until the regular retirement age in order to receive their annuities.

The Civil Service Commission stresses that involuntary retirement is strictly up to the individual. "Before an individual is requested to resign he must be fully informed of his retention rights under the reduction-in-force regulations and he must freely decide whether he wants to exercise them or to forego them and retire," the Commission said.

The following are questions and answers concerning the Federal Civil Service Retirement Law which applies in these cases.

1. Q. Who is eligible for 25-year discontinued service retirement?
A. Any employee who is separ-

ated involuntarily through no fault of his own after completing 25 or more years of service. In this kind of retirement the annuity is reduced by one-sixth of one percent for each full month (two percent a year) he is under age 55.

2. Q. When does the 25-year discontinued service annuity begin?

A. It begins on the day after separation from the service, or on the day after the employee's pay status terminated and he met the service requirements.

3. Q. Who is eligible for 20-year discontinued service retirement?

A. Any employee who is separated involuntarily through no fault of his own after reaching age 50 and completing 20 or more years of service. In this kind of retirement the annuity is reduced by one-sixth of one percent for each full month (two percent a year) he is under age 55.

4. When does this 20-year discontinued service annuity begin?

A. It begins on the day after separation from service, or on the

day after the employee's pay status terminated and he met the age and service requirements.

5. Q. When is an employee considered involuntarily separated through no fault of his own?

A. When he is separated against his will and without his consent except for cause on charges of misconduct, delinquency, etc. Some examples of involuntary separations are: reduction in force, abol-

ishment of a position, or liquidation of an office or agency.

6. Q. Is a resignation ever considered as an involuntary separation?

A. Yes, in a few instances such as when an employee resigns because his office is moving to a distant location and he is unable to move, or when an employee resigns after he receives a reduction-in-force.

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Foam utilized for the tests was provided by UNIROYAL, INC., and is similar to that available from a number of other US manufacturers.

Interest has been expressed by the USA Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Alabama, in use of rapid reaction foam for laying helicopter pads, since it appears to offer advantages over existing materials now being utilized, both in application and "curing" times.

Results of the recent demonstration are expected to assist AMCA and CDC's Institute of Land Combat in determining potential materiel options for Army Aviation during the next two decades. Use of rapid reaction foam could result in future Army aircraft concepts utilizing high disc loading, with resultant high downward vertical velocities.

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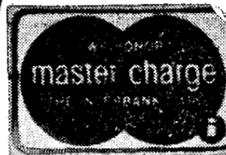
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The Redstone Research Laboratories of Rohm and Haas Company have received the National Safety Council Award of Merit for superior safety performance during FY 1969. The plaque was presented by Col. Preston B. Cannady, Director of Arsenal Support Operations to L. E. Winckler, safety director of the Redstone Research Laboratories.

Keeping On Top Of Personal Affairs

WASHINGTON (ANF) — YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS HANDBOOK, DA Pamphlet 608-2, is a soldier's guide to matters which affect him and his dependents. It covers the whats, hows and whys of financial, legal, medical and educational responsibilities and entitlements of active duty and retired personnel.

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Section I of the handbook discusses legal matters such as estates, federal and state income taxes, powers of attorney, wills, claims for loss or damage of personal property, naturalization and citizenship, and how to get legal advice and assistance.

Other sections focus on: procedures for registering a complaint with the inspector general, transportation of dependents and household goods, the Army Civilian Schools Programs, scholarships for dependents, pay, savings, insurance, social security, home financing, medical and dental care, veterans' benefits and other matters pertaining to personal affairs.

MAGIC ACTS

Johnny Evans, TV personality, will MC a Magic Show at the Service Club on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Members of the Magic Club of Huntsville will present the different acts in the show.

Enlisted men and their families are invited to attend.

VOLUNTEER COURSE

The Red Cross is offering a basic six-hour course Feb. 26 for all who are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Bloodmobile or one of the clinics at the Army Hospital.

Classes will be in the social room of the Post Chapel from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Volunteers have been requested to bring their own lunch.

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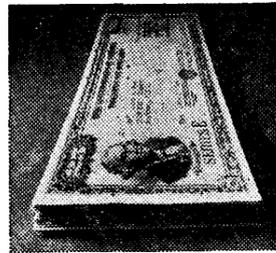
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5 In Career Development Program Will Remain At Redstone Arsenal

Twenty-three Department of Army civilians have been selected to participate in Career development training programs at government schools, and colleges located in four states and the District of Columbia.

The advanced study is available to locally employed personnel under the Missile Command's training development program administered by the Training and Development Division of Civilian Personnel.

Five of the civilians, all from the Supply and Maintenance Directorate, will remain on the Arsenal for lengthy courses of study at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

James Holder and William Nuckols will spend 13 weeks at MMCS for Basic Electronics and James Durham will be there until Oct. 23 for the Ballistic Missile Maintenance Technician course.

The other two, Pervis Herbert and Bobby Hogan, are enrolled for the LCSS Test Specialist course and will be attending classes for 16 weeks.

Another eight civilians left this week for Ft. Lee, Va., for career development classes at the Army Logistics Management Center.

John Wiggins and Louis Arcangeli are taking ADP for Logistics Executives, a one-week course, and Joseph Coffman will spend three weeks at the Virginia installation for Modern Analytic Techniques for Executive Decision Making. All are in S&MD.

The remaining five will spend this week at Ft. Lee for Advanced Inventory Management. They are Harwood Hayles, Lewis Pankey and Leonard Jones (S&M), and Douglas Driskill and Ronald Harris (SAFLOG).

Carl Estep (Metrology) is spending three weeks at the Army Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. He is enrolled for the Calibration Technician and Special-

ist course.

In Washington, D. C., this week for classes at the Naval Material Command are Grady Thrasher (P&P) and James Segraves (AD CAT). They are attending the Procurement Executive course.

Completing the list are seven civilians who are at the University of Oklahoma in Norman this week

for graduate level study.

J. Paul Schumann and Darrell Albert (Msl Intel), Frederick Varden (Hawk) and Thomas Patton (SAFSCOM) are enrolled for Comparative Administration.

Studying Methods in Political Science are Raymond Hase and Glenn Nicholas (SAM-D) and Carl Pinyerd (Pershing).

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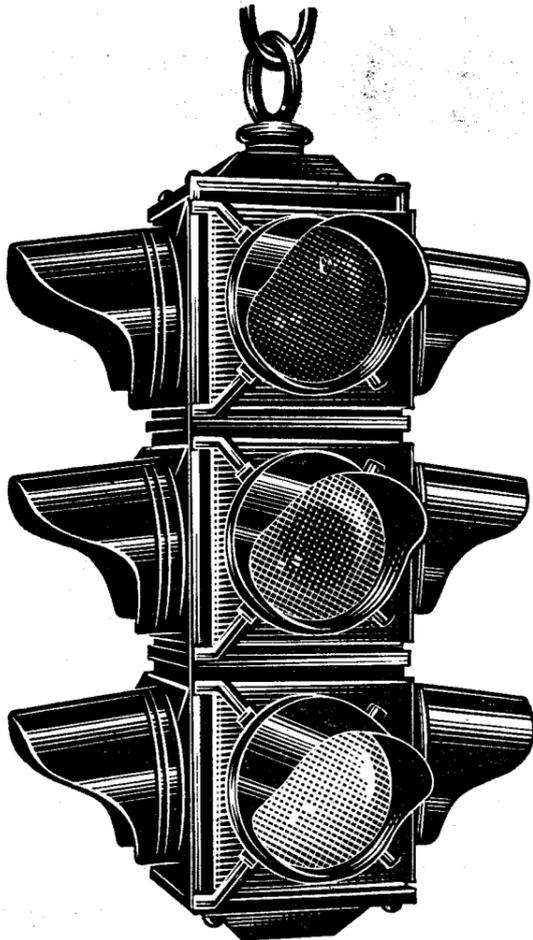
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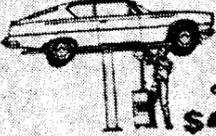
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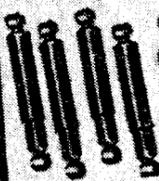
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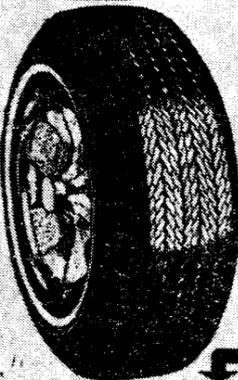
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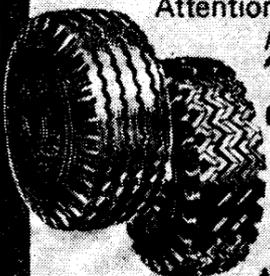
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