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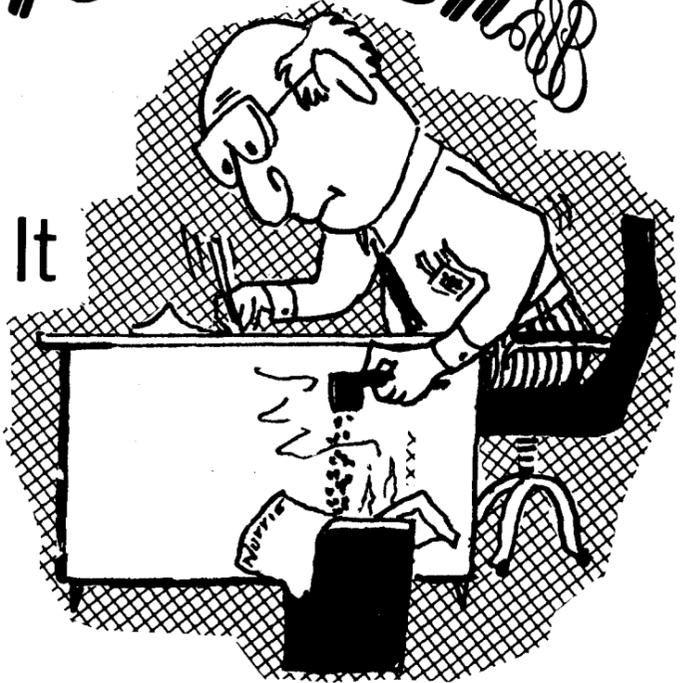
# Fire Prevention

## It's What You Make It

Not many fire departments are called to a fire before it starts, but it happens all the time at Redstone Arsenal.

Ed Carr, Acting Fire Chief, and his squads will probably get one or two calls like that this week which happens to be National Fire Prevention Week.

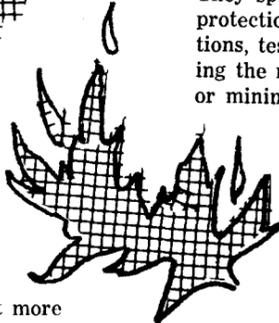
It's part of the routine of missile flight testing, particularly in the fall when a fire sometimes starts in dry vegetation on one of the ranges at the site of a missile impact. So the firemen stand by while the test is underway, just to make sure. That's a small part of the fire prevention program that occupies most of the time of the installation



includes vehicles capable of traversing rough terrain and that required for aircraft fires.

The fire department's records show that there is a greater danger of fire starting while people are at work than during off duty hours, but the off duty hours fires are the ones that have the best chance of getting the kind of head start that causes serious damage. Many off-duty fires occur because individuals leave heat generating electrical equipment plugged in when they leave their jobs. The consensus among firemen is that almost all fires are the direct result of carelessness.

The firemen average 20 years of experience. They spend most of their duty time inspecting fire protection equipment, conducting building inspections, testing hydrant and sprinkler systems and doing the many other things required to prevent fires or minimize loss when they do start.



fire fighters.

Contrary to popular opinion, there's a lot more to being a fireman than polishing a red truck.

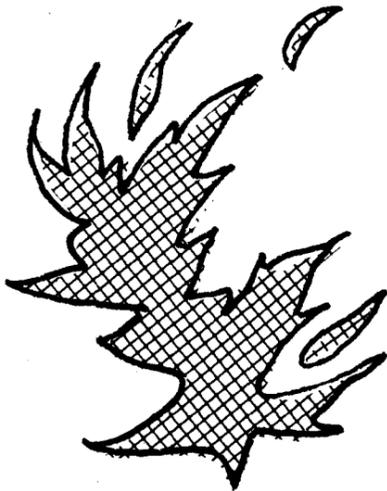
"Firemen don't just stand by," Carr said. "They spend fewer hours on fires and other emergencies than they do on 15 other jobs."

"In order to have a good record, there must be a good fire prevention program. Most fires are caused by careless smokers. Thoughtlessness in storing flammable liquids runs a close second."

Last year was one the firemen would just as soon forget. The installation recorded a \$98,950 loss, \$16,450 more than the combined total for the four previous years. Most of the loss came from a single blaze, a fire that gutted several trailers at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

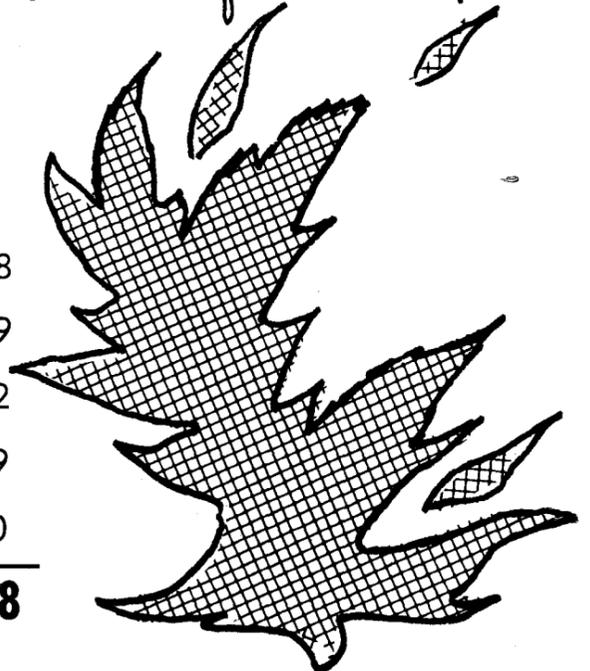
Most of the fires that occurred in Army-controlled operations happened in the family housing areas, but laboratories and administrative areas reflected too in the reports.

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## Rocket Ruminations

For secrets are edged tools  
That must be kept from children and fools. John Dryden

## Answers

**(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)**

**This column will not accept questions from individuals who refuse to give their name and return telephone number.**

**QUESTION: What is the difference between a letter of commendation and a letter of appreciation, and how do copies of these get to my 201 file?**

**ANSWER:** A letter of commendation is an official letter evidencing performance of official duties (or duties not under government control but related to performance of government service) clearly above the quality which is normally expected in performance of such duties.

Letters of appreciation are those issued to employees for accomplishments which do not relate specifically to the performance of official duties, such as bond drive participation, safety achievements, sick leave conservation or civil or religious participation.

The person's supervisor is responsible for forwarding one copy of these letters to the Civilian Personnel Office for inclusion in the 201 file.

## Survivor Benefit Talks End Friday

Friday the Missile Command conducts the last of a scheduled series of four briefings for retired military personnel of the Huntsville area on the new survivor benefit plan recently enacted by Congress.

The first two briefings were attended by more than 200 retired personnel and their dependents.

The new plan offers additional options and advantages that should be of interest of all retired military personnel.

Those unable to attend any of the briefings may obtain information on the plan from Mrs. Presnell at 876-1671.

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## Just Plain Careless

Some folks do not believe they are pyromaniacs. They would deny it even as they drop a cigarette into a waste basket or among dry grass and leaves.

Other folks know they are not pyromaniacs. They don't smoke or use matches. They just leave electrical appliances plugged in and go home for the weekend.

Most times, these thoughtless acts go unnoticed. The cigarette may smolder in the wastebasket or leaves for a time and go out. Typewriters don't generate much heat and seldom blow a fuse or cause a short. Heat generating equipment such as coffee pots and irons are more likely prospects to start the fire that sometimes results from a careless act.

Firemen find this happening in quarters, offices and laboratories with exasperating regularity despite constant building inspections with eyes trained to note potential hazards.

All the sprinkler systems and fire hydrants in the world cannot cover the great outdoors. Nature seldom fires a field or woods, but hunters and fishermen and picknickers do.

Most children don't smoke nor play with matches. But some of them turn on the back burner and forget to remove the pot or turn it off again.

Since cavemen discovered fire would keep them warm and make their food tastier, man has been guilty of carelessly leaving his fire untended, recognizing his mistake only after a pyromaniac imp fans a spark disastrous to life and property.

Theimps are everywhere, ready to spread the result of carelessness. They dance in the flames and dare man to extinguish servant gone wild.

Yes, it's Fire Prevention Week.

## Auto Insurance At Lower Rates

The Redstone Benefit Association is preparing to offer group auto insurance at lower rates than available under most plans, according to Bill Parker, Association president. All Army employees paid by the MICOM Finance and Accounting Division are eligible for membership in the program.

Notices explaining the plan and offering membership will be distributed to these employees Monday.

"We expect upward to 15 percent savings on premiums with this program," Parker said. "An ad-

ditional feature is no increase in premiums for up to six minor moving violations. Some insurance companies raise their premiums every time a person gets a ticket for any traffic violation."

Parker said the group plan will be handled by a local insurance firm so there will be a representative in Huntsville to give immediate service on claims and related matters. He also said those interested in entering the program can have their applications processed on an emergency basis if their present insurance is about to expire.

Persons joining the group auto insurance program have the guaranteed right to exercise an option to enter the Association's group life and accident coverage without a medical examination. This life insurance option should prove most beneficial to some employees who might otherwise be uninsurable.

Also optional with the auto insurance program is car financing at competitive rates.

## AIIE Conference Here Next Week

The Huntsville Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers has a conference and short course scheduled at the Sheraton Motor Inn next week.

Registration will be between 8-9 a.m. Thursday morning. S. J. Staner, chapter president will deliver the formal welcome.

Primal (first in importance) is the acronym for Pricing, Management and Labor, the theme of this tenth annual conference.

Several of the speakers are from the Army Missile Command, others nationally known authorities in their respective fields.

The conference is directed primarily at industry doing business with government and at government personnel dealing with labor, pricing or management.

## Robertson Tops Ten Pin Parade

Doug Robertson made his second entry on the Civilian Welfare Fund bowling Honor Roll last week and ended the evening without a serious challenge for weekly scoring honors in the two leagues.

The Parkway Lanes' star put together games of 215, 221 and 189 in passing 600 for the second time in three tries this season. His 625 came on the heels of a 631 rolled two weeks earlier.

The closest any of the S&M bowlers could come to Robertson was a 554 that Marshall White manufactured with the help of a 235 game. The two were pitted against one another with White's Lot-O-Pins mates earning a split with Parkway to hold onto a one point lead.

Scoring in the AMC league was pretty well restricted to two pair of lanes with the league leadership at stake, at each.

The Cobras vaulted past the T-Birds on the strength of a 3-1 conquest of the Alley Cats while the Birds were coming out on the short end of a shutout doled out by the Bandits. The sweep enabled the Bandits to jump from sixth into second.

Fred Helmer produced a 589 count and John Goltz added 568 more sticks to the Bandit attack while Ernie Rhodes tried to keep the Birds in the running with a 573 total.

At the other end of the house Joe Hyatt put together a 556 count and ended the evening two maples ahead of team mate Walt Finlay as the Cobras soared into the lead.

## STC Meets

The Huntsville Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication (STC) will hold a regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening at the Russell Erskine Hotel, starting at six.

James Routt of the State Unemployment Office will speak on General Services and the Technology Mobilization Re-employment Program.

All STC members, their friends and interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

Reservations can be obtained by calling Lindy Bell or Russ Hill at 895-5750, 852-1280 or 837-2021.



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# Old Ideas Hard To Overcome

Three views on the Army's efforts to help alcoholics:

**Supervisor:** "Once it was hard to get rid of a drunk. Now it is impossible."

**Civilian employee:** "If I admit I'm an alcoholic and ask for help, I've had my last promotion. They'll have me pegged for life."

**Soldier:** "That amnesty business is crap. They don't mean it."

Three views. All wrong, according to First Lieutenant Duane Cofer, MICOM Alcohol and Drug Control Officer, and Ed McDermott counselor.

"First of all," McDermott said, "the supervisor should be thinking about job performance and attendance. That's what is hurt by alcoholism. It's the supervisor's responsibility to identify employees and help them find ways to overcome this problem. Then keep with it until the person is rehabilitated."

"If counselling fails and the employee doesn't improve, then the supervisor should take disciplinary action. Letting the problem slide, by giving the employee a satisfactory rating won't help matters." Army Regulation 600-300 and MICOMR 690-42 are the guiding publications.

He said that some supervisors are reluctant to take the bull by the horns because if they do it now, it may look like they have been lax in the past. The fact is that now they have back-up programs to handle alcoholism that they didn't have before.

"Supervisors should realize that employees may have relapses in their rehabilitation and need encouragement. The problem wasn't created overnight and it won't go away overnight," McDermott pointed out. "There is no miracle cure."

The civilian employee who is an alcoholic, and admits to himself that

he has a problem, is often reluctant to do anything about it because he feels there's a stigma attached that will affect his whole career.

"This used to be true. But no more. Alcoholism is recognized as a disease just like tuberculosis or diabetes," Cofer said. "There are Army regulations that say admission to having the disease and seeking treatment will not affect promotion. The person who is rehabilitated has improved performance and attendance, among the main factors considered for promotion. We are doing a great deal in the education and training fields to revise some old-fashioned attitudes."

The soldier who doesn't want to come forward at his post and say he is an alcoholic can find help outside the military establishment, if he prefers.

"But bad things aren't happening to soldiers who turn themselves in.

You hear about a soldier once in a while who is an alcoholic and was sent to some isolated place, but the chances are you don't know the whole story. It's a good bet that it wasn't alcoholism that did it, but some misdeed," Cofer said.

"We realize the need to reach out to military personnel with alcoholism problems and we believe they're accepting this program better than they did at first."

The present occupancy rate at the Halfway House offers some proof of this. "It's full now and we have a waiting list," Cofer said. "More than half of those there now are alcoholics, the other have drug problems."

"We're anxious to explain the program to anyone interested—no strings attached. We are aware that it's a matter of credibility and we want to overcome any uncertainties people may have."

The phone number for Cofer and McDermott is 876-5705.

## Safeguard Cuts Back Production Contracts

The Safeguard System Command, in keeping with the intent of Congress, announced October 3 that it had terminated a portion of its production contract for radars, data processors and other equipment with Western Electric Company, prime contractor for the Safeguard Ballistic Missile Defense System, and contracts with other firms engaged in production of components for the system.

Secretary of Defense Laird had recommended to Congress that in view of cancellation costs it would be more desirable for the Army to be allowed to complete the work and stockpile the radar and data processing equipment for possible future use should a second Safeguard site (to protect the National Command Authority at Washington) be approved by Congress, but Congress decided that the work should be cancelled.

The number of Safeguard sites to be deployed was limited by the AMB treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union and the Fiscal Year 73 Authorization Bill. The treaty would have permitted two sites, one nearing completion in North Dakota and a second to be built at Washington. Congress refused to authorize a start on the Washington site. Congressional authority was given in prior years for advance procurement of long lead time hardware for Safeguard installations originally planned in Montana, Missouri, and Wyoming in addition to the first site in North Dakota.

SAFSCOM directed Western Electric to order a halt to production for the Montana, Missouri and Wyoming sites. Production will continue on equipment for authorized

Safeguard activities including the North Dakota site.

Also on October 3, the Huntsville Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, announced it had terminated three contracts totalling \$181 million for construction of the partially completed Safeguard site in Montana. Work on all three contracts for the Montana site was suspended on May 27 as a direct result of the treaty agreements between the United States and the Soviet Union to limit deployment of ABM systems.

SAFSCOM also directed Western Electric to terminate portions of its subcontracts with the four major subcontractors for Safeguard system components:

—Raytheon Company (Missile Site Radars)

—General Electric Company (Perimeter Acquisition Radar)

—McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company (Spartan Missile System components, launching and ground support equipment), and

—Martin Marietta Corporation (Sprint Missile System components, launching and ground support equipment).

SAFSCOM also terminated contracts it has with Raytheon for certain Missile Site Radar components and a contract it has with McDonnell Douglas for certain Spartan components. Also terminated were contracts or portions of contracts with the following companies:

—UNIDEV of Huntsville (Missile Site Radar rectifier assemblies)

—Forward Manufacturing Company of Ft. Worth, Texas (components of the Sprint missile launch equipment)

—Intercontinental Manufacturing of Garland, Texas (Spartan motor cases), and

—IPSCO of Decatur (launch tubes for Sprint)

A detailed evaluation of the exact impact of the termination must be made before the number of persons affected by the termination can be established.

The cost of termination and the savings to the government as a result of this action cannot be determined until after an audit of labor and material costs has been completed and the completion of negotiations with the contractor.



## Gen. Eifler To Retire Next March

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense last week announced the impending retirement of four Army Lieutenant Generals, among them Charles W. Eifler, former Commanding General of the Army Missile Command.

Eifler, now Commanding General, Theater Army Support Command, Europe, with headquarters in Worms, has been in Germany since October, 1969. He commanded MICOM from 1967 to 1969 during the last of three tours at Redstone Arsenal. He had been MICOM's Deputy Commanding General, Land Combat Systems, from 1963 to 1965 and had commanded the then Army Ordnance Guided Missile School from 1959 to 1961.

The Defense Department said his retirement would become effective March 1, 1973.

Other three star officers who plan retirement include LTG Joseph Heiser, January 1; LTG John M. Wrigth, January 1, and LTG Filmore K. Mearns, March 1.

## Army Secretary Here

Robert Froehke, Secretary of the Army, visited the Safeguard System Command last week to attend its Site Defense Semi-Annual Review.

Accompanying the Secretary were Lt. Gen. Walter P. Leber, Safeguard System Manager; Robert L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for R&D; Robert J. Weeks, Assistant for Ballistic Missile Defense in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for R&D; and Lt. Col. J. W. Shufelt, Military Assistant for the Secretary of the Army.

## German Families Depart

It was "auf wiedersehen, launch control repairmen, and 11 Alabama" for 50 men, women and missilemen trained in three children as they boarded a special aspects of the Hawk missile.

Luftwaffe flight at the Huntsville The departure of the German jetport last week to return to contingent does not represent a change in the overall student load of the German Air Force, according to Foreign Liaison Munitons Center and School, and Division.

The group included recent graduates from the Missile and Pershing missile digital equipment repairman, 10 Nike missile and calendar year.

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# Checker Now — CPA Later On

Ronald Jenkins was never one to appreciate famous works of poetry but one line from a Shelley ode could turn out to be goal in life for him.

The 18th century English poet in his "Ode to the West Wind, penned the line, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Winter came to Ronnie a couple years ago when a near-fatal auto accident left him paralyzed from the armpits down. He was nearing the end of his high school days at the time with nothing but a glowing future ahead of him.

The accident brought on several months in and out of hospitals and many more at home where he was totally dependent upon his family.

Long hours of enforced inactivity might have broken a less determined person, but Ronnie never completely gave up hope that in some way he would still be able to lead a productive life.

The first sign of spring dawned early this year when Ronnie completed a course of study at the North Alabama College of Commerce and then late this summer he was employed by the Redstone commissary as a checker at the identification window.

His plans for the future call for enrollment at Alabama A&M with an objective of obtaining a degree in accounting and eventually becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

"It's not much of a job," according to J. C. Bryant, the commissary manager, "rather, one that will give Ronnie a chance to regain his confidence. Later he will be advanced to jobs with greater responsibility."

Ronnie still relies on others for assistance in getting round and he commented, "These people at the commissary have got to be the finest anywhere. Not only have

they accepted me as a fellow worker, but they are constantly going out of their way to help me in every way possible."

Lester Himes, the Missile Command's handicap coordinator in the Civilian Personnel Office, said Ronald joins over 650 Arsenal employees who are performing regular assignments despite various handicaps.

## Astronomers Air October Program

Two programs open to the public with no admission charge are on The Rocket City Astronomical Association, schedule for October.

Dr. John R. Odell will present Airborne Astronomy at the Monte Sano Planetarium on Sunday, October 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

A film "The Violent Universe" which concerns the modern theories of origin and development of the universe will be shown during the program the following Thursday evening at 7:30.

This special program will be conducted in the Science and Engineering building, University of Alabama. The program is a joint venture with Sigma Xi at the University.

## Bronze Star

Major John H. Willauer, recently assigned as a project officer in the Air Defense Control and Coordination Systems Directorate of the Army Tactical Data Systems Project Office, has been awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star since he arrived at Redstone.

He was recognized for his part in making logistic plans supporting the withdrawal of more than 170,000 U. S. personnel from Vietnam while he was assigned there as a logistics staff officer.



## New Tags Must Be Registered

The 1973 license plates are on sale and personnel with their vehicles registered on Redstone Arsenal are reminded they must record their new license numbers with the provost marshal's office.

According to Judith Vaccaro, chief administrative branch, internal security division, "All license plate changes will be reported on form SMI 1190. In

filling out the 1190, vehicle owners should mark the block where change is indicated, show the new license number in the appropriate block, include social security number and decal number."

The card must be signed and forwarded to AMSMI-KGA, building 3421. Personnel are urged to keep a carbon copy of the form for their personal records.



**HIRE THE HANDICAPPED**—Ronald Jenkins is one of more than 650 handicapped persons who have found gainful employment at Redstone and are performing valuable services for the Command. J. C. Bryant, (right) manager of the Redstone Commissary, and his deputy, Richard Turner, are shown with Jenkins who has been working at the Commissary as a checker at the identification desk.

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# Noted Scientist, Writer Talks To AOA Thursday

Herman Kahn is coming to Redstone. The Director of Hudson Institute and father of a great deal of research done in this country, is to be guest speaker tomorrow night at a dinner meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter, American Ordnance Association. Activities begin at 6:30 in the



HERMAN KAHN

main ballroom of the Officer's Open Mess. His subject will be: "Possible Roles for Defense." Tom Burkett, President of the Tennessee Valley Chapter, said "We are fortunate to have a man of Kahn's stature as our guest speaker. He is truly one of the mental giants." Author of seven books and numerous magazine articles, Kahn is a renowned physicist and specialist in public policy analyses, and is a noted lecturer and consultant. Among his major interests at Hudson Institute have been studies on Latin American and other development problems, inquiries into alternative world futures and long-run political, economic, technological and cultural changes and research into strategic warfare and basic national security policies. Before he left in 1961 to found Hudson Institute, Kahn was associated for 12 years with the Rand Corporation. He has lectured at the Army, Air, Industrial and National War Colleges, University of Chicago, Yale, Berkeley, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, London School of Economics, the California and Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, and at universities and defense study centers in

France, Germany, Holland, Israel, Norway and Sweden. Kahn has served as consultant to the Gaither Committee on Civil Defense and Strategic Warfare, the U.S.A.F. Scientific Advisory Board, Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Office of Emergency Planning, Office of Secretary of Defense, the Army, Navy and Air Force, and to numerous industrial and scientific concerns.

Kahn has contributed articles to several books on defense and foreign policies.

Burkett said the local AOA club has launched a drive for new members.

Tickets to the dinner meeting may be purchased at the door or by calling R. L. Tibbs at 772-9646; H. R. Lowers at 876-8735; O. M. Hirsch at 453-2156; W. O. Turney at 895-3420.

## Survivor Plan Test Underway

Redstone Arsenal's annual Chez Pup, an exercise testing plans to survive and continue operations during a national emergency, got underway yesterday.

It's pronounced Shape Up. As last year, a surprise attack on the United States and rioters threatening security locally is presumed during the exercise.

The principal difference between Chez Pup '71 and '72 is that personnel assigned to emergency shelters on the Arsenal will not actually visit the shelters during duty hours this year.

"This places an additional responsibility on emergency action officers and their alternates to thoroughly brief all emergency action personnel on their shelter assignments, how to get there and what they are supposed to do," Harold Carpenter, the Missile Command's emergency mobilization action officer, said at a pre-exercise orientation last week.

However, as in past years, there will be an emergency shelter open house for personnel who have dependents assigned to shelters to bring them to the Arsenal and show them what one looks like.

This is scheduled for Sunday, October 15, Shelter No. 8717, 1 to 4 p.m.



TOW ON DISPLAY—A TOW missile, built by Chrysler in Huntsville, is the newest addition to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center. At the presentation last week were, from left, Col. Robert W. Huntzinger, TOW project manager, Walter V. Linde, who accepted for the Space-Science Exhibit Commission and A. E. Douyard, manager of Chrysler's Huntsville Space Operations.

## Service Club Lists Program

The exercise will close October 20 and the emergency telephone warning net will be used to pass action messages during the 10-day period.

Carpenter urged all organizational action officers and alternates to review applicable plans and brief personnel accordingly.

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The Service Club has an entertaining weekend lined up for Redstone enlisted personnel and their guests.

On Saturday a tour will be made to Cathedral Caverns, near Grant, Ala. The bus will leave the Club at 1 p.m., and a picnic lunch will be served to men signing up for the

tour. Freddy Roberts and the Ravens come to the Club on Sunday evening with their country pop show. Appearing on the card with the Ravens will be female vocalist and dancer, Brenda Roberts who recently returned to this country following an extended tour of South America with the Tess Shores Revue.



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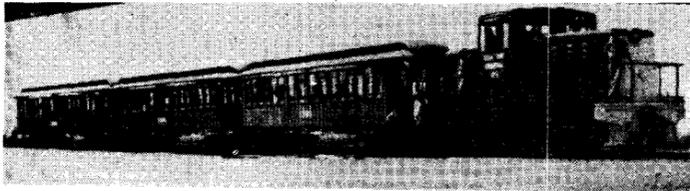
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## Language Classes Help In Easing Transition

For world travelers who make a new home in a new land, or even visit for an extended period of time, learning the host nation's language and folkways may be difficult.

But thanks to Baptist churches in the Huntsville-Madison County area, new arrivals from as many as 18 nations find it easier to get to know America.

"There are 35 or 40 churches involved in the program, though we use the First Baptist Church building because of its central location," said Mrs. Charles Rawls. Some students are referred to the language classes by the Huntsville Council for International Visitors (HCIV), Mrs. Rawls said.

"A large number of the military dependents are referred from the missile school," she said.

Included in the student body are about 35 dependents of U. S. and allied military personnel stationed at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. The language students are divided into 19 classes, geared to various levels of language skills, and covering grammar or literature—or both.

Weekly language classes at the First Baptist Church of Huntsville not only help foreign visitors with their language skills, but also offer

The Army train doesn't stop at Redstone Park any more. There's not much left on the site where the World War II housing project once stood north of Buxton Rd. Southeast of the Arsenal.

Tall grass, trees, crumbling roads. The houses have been removed, the land sold, but memories of another time are still there.

They came back quickly the other afternoon to Norene Brooks as she walked the deserted streets on a last visit prior to retiring on September 30.

"The Army inherited me along with 300 housing units when it took over Redstone Park as housing for enlisted families back in 1956," she recalled.

"I worked in the Redstone Park office then. It was operated by the Huntsville Housing Authority until the Army took over. When that happened, I came into the Post Housing Office and I've been here for the last 17 years.

"My husband and I moved into Redstone Park back in 1943. I was working on the ammunition lines at the arsenal. My husband was a dispatcher for the motor pool.

"We rode the train into work. There were three coaches pulled by a small diesel engine. We used to have to walk across the road to where the Automatic Electric plant is now, to catch the train. It was a 20 minute ride to work and everyone rode the train because there were only a few automobiles in the whole housing project and shortages of gas and tires," Mrs. Brooks continued.

When her husband went into the Army in 1943, Mrs. Brooks moved with him to Florida. At the end of World War II, they came back to Huntsville and moved into Redstone Park again. From 1948 until 1952, Mrs. Brooks ran the post office in the park. In 1952 she went to work for the Huntsville Housing Authority.

"I can remember when there were only 20 sets of living quarters on Redstone Arsenal. These were located down on Headquarters Circle in the 7100 area, some were around the hospital, and there were several old units down on the river," she said.



WE CAUGHT THE TRAIN THERE—Standing on the site where her house used to be in Redstone Park, Mrs. Norene Brooks points to the spot now occupied by The Automatic Electric plant where she and her husband used to catch the train to work on the arsenal back in 1943.

"Rental property was hard to find in Huntsville in 1956 and Redstone Park was about the only place you could rent on a regular basis. That was one reason the Army took it over," Mrs. Brooks said.

"One of our biggest problems in those days was housing for minority personnel. There was only one hotel with 16 rooms in town that would take minority families.

"To ease this situation I started contacting minority personnel working on the arsenal and people in the local community. I found a widow, a schoolteacher, a janitor and other people who were willing to take these families into their homes until we could get them quarters in the park.

"Even when we got them into Redstone Park we still had problems," Mrs. Brooks related. "We had a black master sergeant move into the park and when he tried to send his children to school, we had to bus them downtown to the Calvary Hills school because the Farley school was segregated then.

"One of the biggest areas of improvement I've noticed in the last 17 years has been the minority housing situation in Huntsville. On our referral lists we now have over 6,000 apartments that are open to everyone regardless of race, color or creed.

"Since Huntsville has grown and expanded, minority families have fewer problems renting or buying houses now.

"Housing on post has improved too. With the 200 new housing units that are now being completed, we will have 1172 family units on post. This is a far cry from the 20 units we had when I came in the office 17 years ago.

"It has been a wonderful 17 years," Mrs. Brooks said. "I have seen 20 housing officers come and go through the years. Sometimes I see them again when they come back to Redstone on another assignment. I have met a lot of wonderful people on post and in the community throughout the years and I treasure them all as friends.

"I plan to do more church work and raise roses now that retirement time is here," she said.

insights into American culture and history.

The program's been going on for four years.

"Some of our staff here are former English teachers," said Dr. Alvin H. Hopson, pastor of the church, "others are housewives. Regardless of their backgrounds, they all take a personal interest in their students."

"For instance, teachers or volunteer drivers will invite classes to their homes for a visit," said Sara Cherry.

Drivers get the students to their Thursday classes, and a nursery at the church takes care of the children during sessions.

There are flashes of American culture during the weekly sessions, too. For instance, the church ladies recently offered a display of early American home artifacts during the mid-morning refreshment break.

Among the items displayed and explained was a butter churn which produced groans from the audience, perhaps indicating that the laborious process is nearly universal.

Other items more unique to the American culture were the one-gallon coffee pot and railroad lantern.

There's all this, and music, too. Marjorie Jennings at the piano rolled off a few favorite selections during the break at a recent session. The songs, including "Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas" reflected the theme for the "Roundup" social October 3.

Though Dr. Hopson says the program is not unique nationally, it is the only one of its kind in Huntsville.

And it's another example of the Huntsville community saying "Welcome" to its international visitors.

### New Arrivals

Recent arrivals at the U. S. Army Hospital are:

SP6 and Mrs. Nathan B. Parrish, a boy, Michael Shane, Sep. 9.

SP4 and Mrs. James E. Clay, a boy, Antonious Jerrevonia, Sep. 9.

SP4 and Mrs. Wilson W. Nevels, a girl, Kellie DeeAnna, Sep. 10.

SP5 and Mrs. Gilbert Ramirez, a boy, Gilbert Ramirez, Jr., Sep. 16.

SP5 and Mrs. Terence L. Fassbender, a girl, Karen Diane, Sep. 17.

PFC and Mrs. Ralph J. Glapion, a girl, Shannon Michelle, Sep. 18.

SP5 and Mrs. Charles N. Howard, a boy, Charles Aaron, Sep. 19.

SP5 and Mrs. Curtis D. Muse, a girl, Michele Faith, Sep. 20.

SP5 and Mrs. William G. Kelly, a girl, Tammy Renee, Sep. 25.

### Drive Safely

## Cubs Dedicate New Quarters

Cub Scout Pack 234 moved into their new home last week following ribbon cutting ceremonies and held their first meeting in the new quarters.

The late Major Robert B. Moffitt, a former Committee Chairman of the Pack, played a significant role in the early quest for a new building to serve as a packhouse. As a result of his early interest in obtaining more adequate quarters, the new facility came into being.

In remembrance of his contributions to Pack 234, Major Moffitt's portrait has been placed in the new packhouse.

The dedication program consisted of posting of the colors and pledge of allegiance by Weblo Den Number 2 with comments by Colonel George Gregg, Director, RASA, a member of the Executive Council of the Tennessee Valley Council, BSA.

Colonel James Walsh, Director of The Metrology and Calibration Center and Institutional Representative of the Council, dedicated the packhouse. He was assisted in the ribbon-cutting ceremony by one member from each of the five dens who used special made, over-sized shears.

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Captain Video was the childhood hero of many men who are now young soldiers. The Missile and Munitions Center and School's own Captain Video is Don Gesner, who recently assembled and installed an audio control console with speakers at MMCS-TV.

MMCS-TV sound should be a lot cleaner from now on. Originally from Chicago, Don came to Redstone in October, 1958 as a contractor with a television service corporation. He's been here ever since, most recently as a DOD civilian employee.

Don is the assistant chief engineer at MMCS-TV, where television training programs are produced and broadcast to the missile school students, and where

the "Take 5" news program is broadcast each Friday to all MMCS personnel.

The new console Don assembled replaced a 14 year-old tube type audio control board which controlled only sound level, and was obsolete.

The new console uses integrated operational amplifiers throughout, and can control film and tape sound, turntables and microphones.

It can virtually tailor sound to various acoustical conditions in or out of a studio. The sound engineer operating it can filter out background noise, and sound quality is improved immeasurably, according to Gesner.

The unit is comparable to those used in the big commercial recording studios in Nashville, Los Angeles and elsewhere.

The replacement project was conceived about a year ago, when the system layout and engineering designs were drawn up, several by Don himself. By building the

console in kit form rather than buying it assembled, Don helped the government realize a substantial cost saving.

The console has 12 input channels, and each channel can control one of four sound sources, for a simultaneous total of 12.

Don's engineering career began back in 1948, when he graduated from high school. Television was just getting established in his hometown Chicago, and newspaper ads solicited young men to enter the glorious new field.

Don answered an ad for the American Television Institute, attended their school, and became a qualified engineer. During his subsequent career, he attended the National Radio Institute, and worked as station engineer for KSTP-TV in St. Paul, Minn., WSUN-TV in St. Petersburg, Fla., and WFLA-TV in Tampa.

Huntsville is his home now, and Don says his wife and their two children plan to live here permanently.



CAPTAIN VIDEO AT SPACE SHIP CONTROLS?—No, it's Don Gesner and instead of the conning board of the space ship "Galaxy" it's the audio control console at MMCS-TV. Don assembled the console himself, and the government realized a substantial cost savings by not buying the unit pre-assembled. (U. S. Army Photo)

## Some Rejected Blue Cross Claims May Be Reevaluated

Blue Cross-Blue Shield has agreed to pay room, board and related medical claims resulting from diagnostic admission to hospitals in 1971-72, according to the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

The government-wide service benefit plan denied claims for certain hospital costs connected with admission for diagnosis only.

Individuals who have had such claims rejected may submit a new claim if they do so by December 31, 1973. Information on such submissions may be obtained by calling 876-4546.

Federal employees who have reported rejected claims to CSC will be contacted by the commission on resubmitting their claims.

The question of benefit payments for diagnostic hospital admissions arose because a provision in the

contract was interpreted differently by CSC and Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

CSC said the provision would be clarified and that 1973 Blue-Cross-Blue Shield brochures will clearly state benefit payable for diagnostic admissions after 1972.

## Safeguard Wives

The Safeguard Officers Wives Club will meet for lunch at the Carriage Inn at 11:30 a.m., next Monday.

Mrs. John E. Sterling and wives of officers in the Site Activation Directorate are in charge.

The permanent reservation list is not in effect this month. Cancellations should be made before noon tomorrow with Mrs. Leo B. Mihas, 837-0922, or Mrs. William I. Robertson, 837-2212.

## Bar Assn. Cites Local Chapter

Outstanding Chapter is the honor bestowed on the North Alabama chapter by the Federal Bar Association, according to Ray Stephens, president of the local organization of government employed attorneys.

The award, covering a twelve-month period ending September 30, is granted yearly in recognition of a chapter's outstanding contributions in furthering the Association aims.

The North Alabama chapter was cited, among other things, for

involvement in community and public affairs, legal education, government procurement, procurement, Law Day involvement, and the Federal career system.

The local chapter also received an award for obtaining the greatest increase in membership among chapters of less than 100 members.

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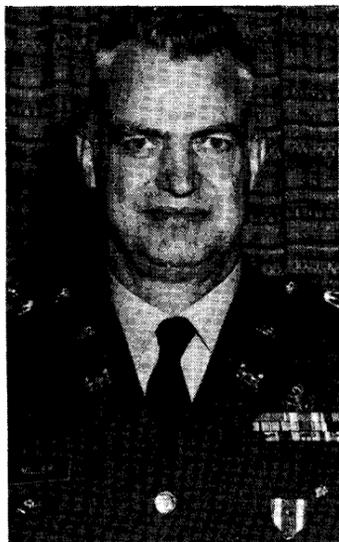
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Zero Defects, the program that leaped into prominence in the mid-60's at all Department of Defense installations, is slowly fading from the scene.

The program was intended to promote better products and job performance. John J. Riordan, the DoD director of products and production engineering who put together the original plan, has some regrets about the apparent demise of the program. He feels ZD, or something like it, is still needed.



**EUROPEAN SERVICE**—Colonel Leo J. Miller, MICOM Facilities Engineer has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster. He was recognized for accomplishments while serving with the Army Engineer Command in Germany.

The Zero Defects program has not entirely disappeared at MICOM. It may have had its day, but its influence lingers on among those who looked, listened and learned what it was all about.

**Better Workmanship**

"It was designed as a motivational program to bring the need for better workmanship out in front of the people," Horace Lowers, chairman of the MICOM Zero Defects Policy Committee, said recently.

"We found that all programs that use signs and slogans can have a tremendous impact at first, then these reminders become so common that people just don't see them. When that time came, we de-emphasized that segment, but maintained an awareness. People were and are recognized for their efforts to improve the way they do things."

The type of work done by most people at MICOM does not lend itself to definitive defect reduction measurement techniques. The closest coordinators could come to that was through a program called "error cause identification and removal."

Persons who suggested better ways to do things to avoid errors received immediate response from their supervisors. If the suggestion was such that it could be used in the incentive awards program, it served a dual purpose. This scheme gradually lost its impact and is no longer a formal part of the MICOM ZD program.

The ZD policy council, made up of people from key elements of MICOM, screens names of those nominated for the annual MICOM Excellence in Performance award. About a dozen such awards are made every year.

**Other Names**

Lowers said that the same concepts promulgated under the ZD program keep cropping up in other programs by other names in government agencies and industry, but he doesn't expect ZD to ever be a lively program again. "It became too commonplace over a long interval of time," he said.

W. T. Anderson, of the Product Assurance Directorate who monitored the program closely when it was at the height of popularity, feels it was very beneficial, but like everything else, it has served its usefulness. "Habits were established that have stayed with people," he said.

Both Lowers and Anderson said that the success of any program depends on the support given by management. They agree that MICOM managers were solidly behind the program in its heyday, and are still interested to the extent practicable.

Reports to coordinators in the Pentagon are no longer required. The program now moves along or doesn't according to the policies of local commanders.

**Third Lance Pact Awarded To Vought**

The Missile Command has awarded \$25.1 million to Vought Missiles and Space Company for procurement of Lance missiles and ground support equipment.

This is the third production buy of Lance which is designed to replace both the Sergeant and Honest John weapons. The first Army Lance battalion has been formed and is training at Fort Sill. Most of the work under the contract will be performed at Sterling Heights, Mich.

The Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate negotiated the contract for the Army.



**HUNTSVILLE CADETS**—Among 27 West Point cadets who toured Army and Marshall Space Flight Center facilities last week was this quintet all Huntsville residents. Dan Reed, a MICOM computer engineer, chats with cadets Lynn Ferguson, James Fishback, David Tate, James Attaya and William James. While here the cadets were luncheon guests of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the AUSA.

**MICOM Wives Slate Brunch**

Wives of officers assigned at the Missile Command will have brunch in the Hawk Room of the Officers Open Mess at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 24.

The program includes the film, "This Is Redstone."

Individuals not contacted by Oct. 16 can make reservations by calling Mrs. G. S. Gregg, 837-5457; Mrs. R. M. Pearce, 837-5000; or Mrs. T. L. Thorne, 837-5478. Cutoff date for reservations is Oct. 18. Cancellations will be accepted until noon Oct. 20.



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# Replacement Of Cable Not Likely

## Chess Club

The Army orbited Explorer I, the Free World's first scientific earth satellite, and Redstone Arsenal got cable television. A vintage year, 1958.

Remember the excitement in the housing area?

"Look how clear the picture is, kids. All the way from Nashville." Oh the wonders of science.

After a decade in orbit, Explorer I re-entered, burned, and passed into history, but the Redstone TV cable goes marching on.

Sort of.

Now days viewers on the Arsenal are less impressed with the wonder of images appearing on the magic box, more concerned about the quality of the picture. Most of that concern winds up with Lt. Col. Otto J. Hierholzer and his staff in the Communications and Electronics Division of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Hierholzer frankly acknowledges that things could be better along the cable, but adds there's not much chance for a big improvement in reception in the

majority of quarters, barracks and BOQs where sets are still connected to the cable.

The basic problem is the age of the system. The 40 mile cable network uses amplifiers of 1958 - manufacture - vacuum tube technology. The equipment is not just old, it's so old that no one makes it anymore. Solid state electronics are the thing today, but unfortunately the two technologies are not compatible. Finding parts and making repairs, as a result, is less and less a science, more and more an art, as the seven men in the maintenance section are learning. The same team maintains the many miles of cable circuits in the guided missile school area used for classroom closed circuit TV and the additional miles of cable used on Redstone's firing ranges for closed circuit viewing in blockhouses and data collection points.

The TV cable carrying civilian programs, because of its age, is particularly susceptible to electrical storms and other major

changes in the environment. It must be tuned frequently.

All of which makes occasional fuzzy reception understandable to Hierholzer and his crews, less so to viewers who are inclined to take good reception for granted. A recent survey in the housing area brought responses from excellent to lousy. The young proved less critical than their elders.

Most of those who have gripes about the cable overlook its age and one other important fact. When it was installed, there were no civilian television stations in Huntsville. The cable was the only means of bringing in programs

that originated in Nashville and Birmingham.

Today all three major networks have affiliates transmitting in Huntsville. It's possible to get good UHF reception almost anywhere on the arsenal from the local stations.

Newly constructed enlisted quarters on the post all have UHF antennas installed.

There are no plans to extend or replace the Arsenal cable. It will be kept in operation as long as it is economically feasible to do it, Hierholzer says.

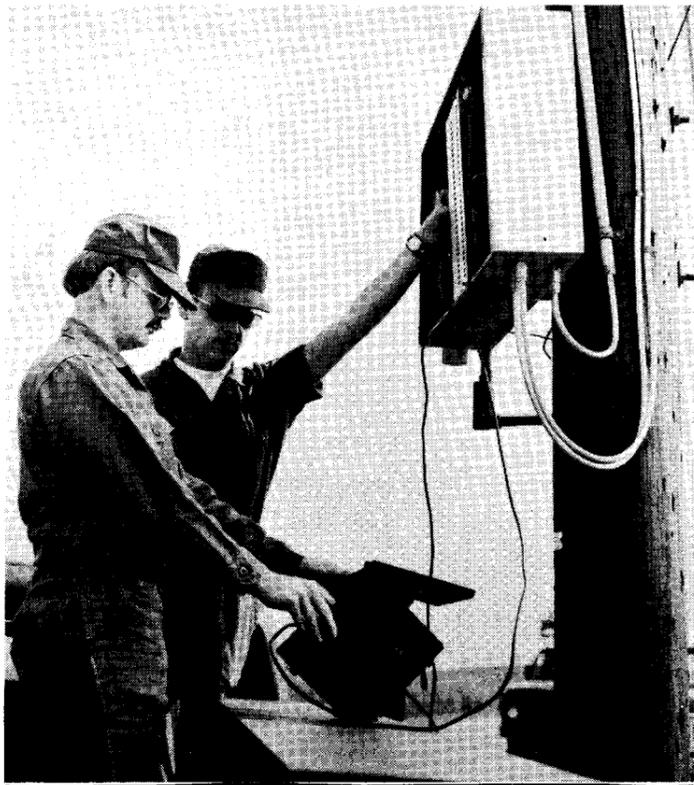
After that . . . Rabbit ears, bow ties, and UHF.

The Huntsville Chess Club has added Friday to the weekly calendar, with meetings in room 202, the University of Alabama Student Union Building, starting at 6:30.

Monday sessions at the Huntsville Community Center start at six.

"Anyone with a chess set is welcome especially young players." George Rudd, the clubs tournament director, said.

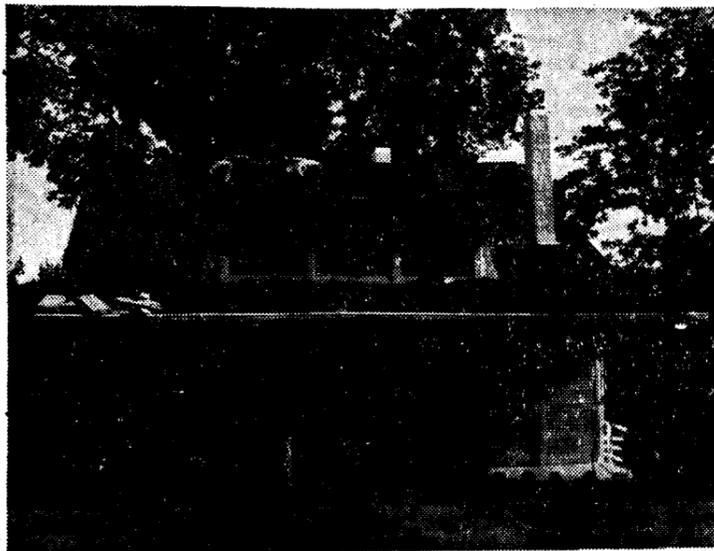
Additional information concerning club activities and the unrated tournament to be held October 30 may be obtained from Rudd, phone 876-5120.



ADJUST AMPLIFIER—Specialist 5 Stan Horne, (right) Elkhart, Ind., and Specialist 4 Dennis Stricker, Billings, Mont., adjust an amplifier on the television cable that makes viewing from Nashville and Birmingham possible in the quarters at Redstone Arsenal. Both had backgrounds in television before attending the school at Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

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**Humorous Sayings...**

# Bridge Communication Gap

"What people say is sometimes different from what they intended to say," according to Roy Rogers, chief, system engineering division, Dragon Project Office, who has been keeping a list of unusual quotes heard in staff meetings and briefings.

Rogers started writing down and keeping a collection of such statements and the results have been both humorous and appalling.

The sayings are humorous because the meanings are entirely different from what the speakers meant to say and they are appalling because many times the audience isn't listening intently enough to catch the errors.

For example a contractor's representative came up with this startling statement: "It's not ended — just terminated." Another speaker came up with this gem of wisdom: "If you saw one that way, it's probably true."

One of the amazing things about these slips are the speakers don't realize just how their words are coming out. One engineer had this sage comment: "The bigger the machine the larger it is." Another speaker confided: "I have seen more already than I understand," and his listeners probably felt the same way.

Most of the speakers are not trying to be funny, but their words come out that way. One engineer described a part: "It's a little topheavy on one side", another came up with: "We don't want to

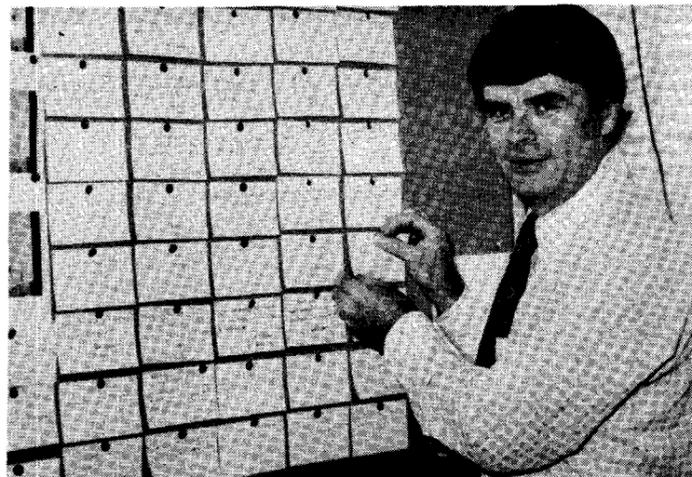
accelerate the schedule — just compress it."

Other quotes that have made Roger's bulletin board are: "As far as the night sight is concerned, I'm operating in the dark"; "The rate decreased momentarily for several weeks"; "It's a bad design, but it is the only one that will work"; and "Everything that is not mechanical must be electrical."

"Lack of communication between people is a problem," Rogers confided.

"Now that some of the people in the project office know I am keeping unusual quotes, they are listening and bringing me some that they hear. I believe that now people are more conscious of what they hear in staff meetings and briefings and if this is the case, my bulletin board is serving a useful purpose."

Rogers has approximately 60 quotes written on small cards and posted on his bulletin board and he feels it is his contribution to the communication gap.



A GOOD ONE—Roy Rogers adds another entry to his board of unusual sayings.

## Contract Managers Hear UAH Director

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold a dinner meeting in the Officer's Open Mess next Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Raymond Watson, Director, Division of Continuous Education, UAH, will be the speaker. He will preview a proposed program at UAH which would include Contract Administration. The proposed program would include recognition and credit for certain experience and government training.

Watson served as Director of Research and then Vice President for Research and Engineering, Brown Engineering Company, from 1960-1970. He has Masters degrees in physics from the University of Florida and engineering from the University of Alabama.

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 <p>V-20324 <b>\$2895</b></p> <p><b>1972 Valiant Duster</b> 2 Door Sport Coupe, True Blue Met, Bench seat - vinyl, Power disc brakes - front, torqueflite transmission, 225 CID engine-6-cylinder, tinted windshield, remote control mirror - left, air conditioning, radio-am, power steering, two tone paint, deluxe wheel covers, tires 6.95x14 white sidewall.</p>	 <p>P-40103 <b>\$3895</b></p> <p><b>1972 Plymouth Fury III</b> 2 Dr. H.T., Chestnut Metallic, Bench seat-split back w/ car vinyl, Easy order group-torqueflite trans.-360 CID engine-8 cyl. 2 BBL-tinted glass-all windows, electronic ignition system-vinyl roof-vinyl side mouldings-Tires G78x15 WSW.</p>	 <p>C-60203 <b>\$5395</b></p> <p><b>1972 Chrysler New Yorker</b> Brougham, 4 Door Hardtop, Sahara Beige, 50/50 bench-arm rests-recliner-vinyl, accessory floor mats, torqueflite transmission, 440 CID engine-8-cylinder-4 BBL, tinted glass, air conditioning, automatic speed control, power bucket 50/50 seat-6 way-lift, power vent windows, power door locks, power deck lid release, radio-am / fm stereo, steering wheel tilt, vinyl roof, vinyl side moulding, paint stripe - body side.</p>
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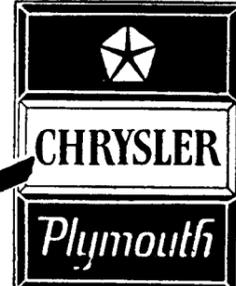
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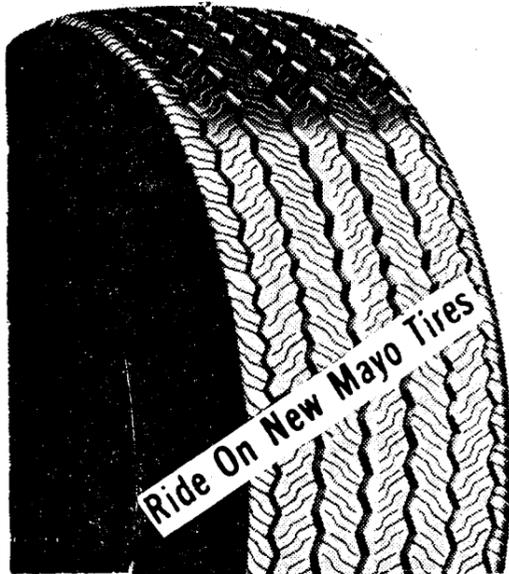
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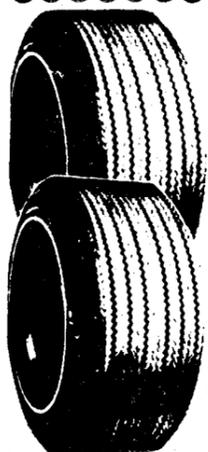


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**1st Battalion**

SP5 William C. Robertson and SP5 Eugene Garlington were selected honor graduates of the Method of Instruction Course (MOI), in a ceremony Sept. 29 here.

Both men are assigned with Company B, 1st Battalion, School Brigade and finished tops in their class in the two-week MOI course.



**ROBERTSON GARLINGTON**

Garlington is with the Land Combat Department, while Robertson, a native of Gadsden, Ala., is presently assigned as an instructor in the Pershing Test Equipment Branch.

Robertson's previous overseas assignment was with the Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 87th Artillery at Neu Ulm, Germany. He and his wife, Charlotte, reside at Redstone.

**2nd Battalion**

Corporal William E. Pergande of Bay City, Mich., has been selected as 2nd Battalion's Soldier of the Month for September. Pergande is a student with 7th ETC and is studying in the Ammunition Storage course.

Pergande attended the Delta College at Bay City and is married to the former Sharon M. Lynch. They both live in Huntsville.

He will now compete against the 1st Battalion and UTC for MMCS Soldier of the Month.

**Ammo Dept.**

Private First Class Allen O. Jones, Jr., of Memphis Tenn., set a new record today at the School in being selected honor graduate.

Jones obtained the highest score ever in the Ammunitions Storage course (55B20) with a



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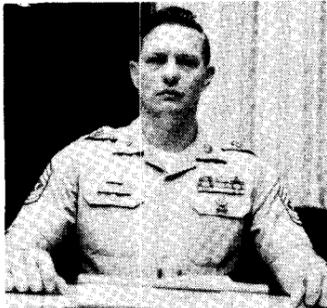
99.81 percent academic average. Jones has received his bachelor of arts degree in Economics from Southwestern Tennessee University at Memphis in 1972.

He entered the Army in May 1972 and completed his basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen O. Jones. His parents and wife, Carol, presently live in Memphis.

**Command Sergeant Major**

In an effort to assist the soldiers at the Missile and Munitions Center and School who are appearing before promotion boards and Soldier of the Month boards, the ROCKET is publishing a short biographical sketch on each major unit command sergeant major.



**CSM BULLOCK**

This week, Sergeant Major John B. Bullock, who holds the top enlisted position at 33rd Battalion is featured.

Sergeant Major Bullock, a native of Atlanta, Ga., assumed his duties as command sergeant major of the 3rd Bn., School Bde., in September of this year.

Before coming to School Brigade he was first sergeant of HHC, Unit Training Command



**CUTTING-UP AT UTC**—Lt. Col. Bradley (left) and Lt. Col. Town cut a hail-farewell cake in UTC's dining hall. The cake cutting followed change of command ceremonies.

**LTC Bradley Is New Commander**

Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Bradley assumed command of the U. S. Army Unit Training Command (UTC), with a traditional change-of-command ceremony at UTC's Parade Field.

until he was promoted out of his job.

His stateside assignments have been Ft. Jackson, Ft. Benning, and MMCS. His overseas duties have been two tours in Korea and one each in the Panama Canal Zone and Vietnam.

SGM Bullock says he is the ONLY E9 on Post that fences and he will challenge any E8 or 9 to a duel with foils (under AFLS Rules) that says otherwise. (Any Wednesday at UAH from 1800 to 2000 hours.)

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Bradley replaced LTC James I. Town, who had commanded the unit for nearly 18 months.

Colonel Thomas J. McDonald, commandant of the Missile and Munitions Center and School, presented Town with the Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony. Town is now pending a new assignment with the Ordnance Branch, Office of Personnel Operations in Washington.

The New Commander's previous assignment was with the Office of Doctrine, Development, Literature and Plans at Redstone for three years. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth.

His overseas assignments include two tours with the 7th Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea and the U. S. Army Area Command in Munich, Germany.

He received his degree in Liberal Arts from Texas A & M, in 1956.

**What's Your Reason For Not Voting?**

How many reasons can you find for not voting?

Chances are good that they are limited only by imagination: reluctance to pay state taxes, trouble in identifying candidates halfway across the Nation, or even failure to register for this election season.

But the advantages are all too often equally imaginary, especially for the service community which too often considers itself as non-voting non-residents.

Even in a state election, politicians respond to their constituents. When they number no servicemen, chances are slim that a state assemblyman would have the good of the service in mind.

Besides, the changes that servicemen might achieve could be of very great benefit during later years of retirement.

The same holds true at the municipal level, especially in an era when many military people own property and pay taxes along with the rest of the community.

Those planning retirement—or even their next tour of duty—in some distant state should make it their business to know the voter's stand there. The community laws, and benefits, now reach far inside what once was an isolated service city.

To claim that a politician's view remains unknown makes little sense when the serviceman thinks enough of the state to maintain his voting residence there.

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13) <b>FRIDAY</b>  The One And Only <b>LITTLE RICHIE JARVIS</b> Good Home Cooking 9:00-1:00	14) <b>SATURDAY</b>  9:1-1:00
15) <b>SUNDAY</b>  <b>LITTLE RICHIE JARVIS</b> 7:30-11:30	16) <b>MONDAY</b>  <b>HAPPY HOUR &amp; A'HALF</b> EVERY MONDAY MIL 1600—1730 HRS CIV 4—5:30 P.M.
17) <b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>Games</b> <b>Games</b>	18) <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>DANCING!!</b> Come One! Come All! <b>OKTOBER FEST</b> Band From Germany 7:30-11:30

# German Festival Goes On Despite Distance

The United States has its Thanksgiving—Germany has its Oktoberfest. Americans celebrate their holiday with turkey—the Germans with beer and sauerkraut.

Oktoberfest is a great national festival in Germany, but being away from their native land won't stop the German students and staff at the Missile and Munitions Center and School from celebrating. They'll have their Oktoberfest right here. And it wouldn't be a real party without a German band, so one is being flown in for the occasion.

Oktoberfest has its origins in Munich, according to Lieutenant Colonel Horst Zumkley, the senior foreign liaison officer of the German Air Force Detachment. It began as a celebration of the successful completion of the autumn crop harvest. The festival took on added significance when the Bavarian Kaiser gave Munich the unique privilege of brewing the beer for which Germany is internationally known. Oktoberfest thus developed into a celebration with commercial overtones, as local breweries competed with each other in efforts to produce the best beer in town.

Time has passed, but Oktoberfest remains a German tradition—in Germany and now at Redstone. This year's celebration

will be from seven to midnight, next Wednesday at the NCO Open Mess. A special 13-member police band from Essen will fly in for the event and naturally will be dressed in the traditional lederhosen costume.

An opera singer from the Cologne National Opera will accompany the band, a volunteer group that visited the United States last year.

Tickets are available until Saturday at the NCO Open Mess and from the German Air Force Detachment in Building 3511. According to LTC Zumkley anyone looking for plenty of German food, drink, and gemütlichkeit—good times—won't be disappointed.

# Danes Celebrate Their Air Force Day At School

October First is a special day for at least one allied contingent at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

For the 11 Danish airmen here, October First is Royal Danish Air Force Day.

The air force of the oldest constitutional monarchy in Europe is divided into nine combat units, a result of the military reorganization of 1951.

The largest island in the world, part of the North American continent, is under Danish rule—the Dannebrog, or national flag, flies over Greenland's towns and military installations, most of which are on the coast. Nearly all of Greenland's 840 thousand square miles is under permanent icecap.

But along the coast, squeezed between the cliff-like gneiss

"hammers" and the straits, bays and seas, are a number of settlements, the oldest of which is Godthab, founded in 1721.

Godthab lies on the west coast, about 500 miles north of the southern tip of the island, Cape Farewell.

Greenland, like the Faroe Islands, is described as "a self-governing national community within the Danish Kingdom."

But Denmark proper, including the low-lying islands and Jutland peninsula, remains one of the smallest of European countries.

The capital is Copenhagen, "salty old queen of the sea," as the song goes. A statue of "The Little Mermaid" watches over the harbor. Just under 650 thousand citizens live in Copenhagen, perched in the northeast corner of the

island of Sjaelland, across a narrow channel from Sweden.

Queen Margrethe is the reigning monarch of the kingdom. The head of government is the Premier, and laws are enacted by the unicameral legislature, the Folketing. The present constitution was ratified in 1953.

Denmark became a charter member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949. Like Norway, Denmark does not permit foreign troops or nuclear weapons to be stationed on her territory.

Once a powerful conquering nation ruling over far-flung provinces including England, Denmark retains a vital role in the NATO peace-keeping forces.

And the students at MMCS take a vital part in that role.

# American Customs Can Be Tough — Like Eating

## Printer Collects

Getting used to American customs and culture sometimes is a job in itself for allied students at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, but Master Sergeant Roar Strom of the Royal Norwegian Air Force has no complaints.

It's the second time in the U. S. for Strom. In 1963 he spent a tour of duty as a student at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Now, he's a student in the Nike maintenance supervisor course at

the Continental Army Command's facility at Redstone Arsenal.

Strom hails from Lillestrom, a city of 10,000 about 25 kilometers (about 21.5 miles) east of Oslo, the capital.

"Lillestrom has a woodworking industry, and they also manufacture concrete blocks," Strom said.

The surrounding countryside is dotted with dairy cattle and wheat farms.

"And the Air Force maintenance facility," Strom added.

The city nearly straddles the 60th parallel, but Strom said the winters are not as severe as one might expect from the north latitude.

"During September and October, we have rain like you have in Huntsville, but the nighttime temperatures drop to the freezing mark," he said.

Once the snow comes in December or late November, it stays until April.

But winter in Norway brings more than snow. It brings the dark—particularly in the cities closer to the arctic circle, like Trondheim beside its hundred-mile fjord and Namsos, even further north along the coast.

There, the winter darkness lasts roughly from September to May. Nearly half of Norway's length is north of the arctic circle.

Daily sun light in winter may take a little getting used to, and Strom admitted that "the heavy traffic seems unusual to me," as he watched the cars crawling by the 3rd Enlisted Training Company, where he lives.

But he says those aren't big problems.

"It's the meals. Here you eat three hot meals a day. In Norway, it is the custom to have a big noon meal, but we eat lightly in the morning and evening," Strom said.

When I returned to Norway from Texas the last time, I had gained so much weight my wife didn't recognize me," he said.

Strom is scheduled to return home before Christmas, and that means he'll celebrate Liberation Day—May 17—with his family.

May 17 marks the day Norway ended a 91-year dual monarchy with Sweden in 1905 and elected King Haakon VII.

Haakon's son Olav V, now reigns in Norway, and the anniversary is celebrated each year with a children's day of parades and festivals.

Norway helped form the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949, a departure from the neutrality it observed since 1814. In its NATO treaty, Norway stipulates that neither foreign troops nor nuclear weapons may be stationed there.



SGT. STROM

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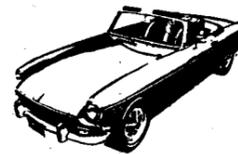
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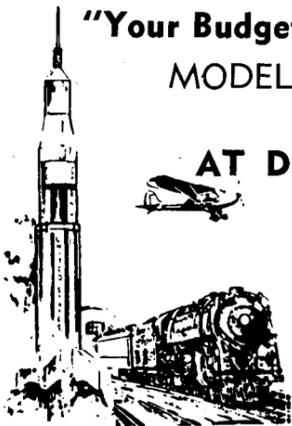
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