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Not Enough Hours — In Sergeant Major's Day

The Army defines the duties of a Command Sergeant Major in two and one half pages of closely spaced words. Translating the words into deeds makes a long day for any man in the slot.

Command Sergeant Major Charles A. Havner, Army Missile Command, for example, begins a typical work day about 7:15 A.M. During the 45 minutes that elapse before MICOM's workday officially begins, Havner checks his appointments for the day and outlines his work day. Soon his telephone starts ringing and people begin coming into the office.

Sipping a hot cup of coffee, Havner checks a copy of the Military Police blotter to see what happened on post during the night. If the MP's had a busy night, he can be assured he is going to have a very busy day.

At 8:15, on this day, Havner meets with the Soldier-of-the-Month selection board. A Major is president of the board. Havner and three Sergeants Major from other units on post are board members. These men interview nominees from the various organizations and come up with a selection for soldier-of-the-month.

An hour later, Havner is joined by SGM Fred James of the Redstone Arsenal Support Agency (RASA) for a tour of the post and informal sessions with other Sergeants Major. Havner explained it this way: "Sometimes the unit SGMs have problems that James and I can help with. We usually sit down and talk with them and try to come up with a workable solution."

First stop this day is the post hospital.

Hospital Sergeant Major Robert P. Lamm's problem is parking spaces for shift workers, specifically how to keep patients from parking in these reserved spots. After a 20 minute discussion, Havner and James leave Lamm with the assurance that the daily bulletin and the military police will be informed of the situation and provide some means of informing the patients about parking areas.

Back in the staff car again, Havner and James tour the enlisted housing area. Some of the occupants have been lax in cutting their grass. They want to find out which ones so they can inform the unit SGM.

A word from the unit SGM is usually sufficient to get the mowers going.

Next stop is the Noncommissioned Officers Open Mess. While Havner is talking to some of the employees, James

and the Mess Manager have a look at the work on the new swimming pool being built behind the building.

On the road again, Havner and James head for Personnel and a talk with SGM Ronald Bachman. Bachman is asked to have lunch with the troops at the MICOM dining hall and then invited to a 1:30 meeting at the post service club.

With a short break for lunch, Havner heads for his office to check on incoming calls and appointments and James heads for the service club to check on the 1:30 meeting.

At 1:15 Havner and James are joined by 10 unit SGMs to witness presentations for the post beautification program. Colonel George F. Gregg, Deputy Post Commander, presents certificates and specially marked lawnmowers to the winners of the yard-of-the-month competition in the enlisted and officer's housing areas as incentives to promote the beautification program.

Following the presentations, Havner checks with the SGMs to see if they have any urgent problems that need to be discussed. He talks to SGM Jack C. McClary of the Provost Marshal's Office and CSM John J. Laskowski, Special Troops, to find out how things are going in their areas. Before the group disperses, he sets the time and place for a Sergeants Major Call later in the week.

In mid-afternoon, Havner swings by the military recreation area to check the facilities, then heads for the office.

Now, late in the day, it's telephone time. The Command Sergeant Major returns calls that have been received throughout the day. There are questions from an NCO about his wife not receiving her allotment check, others from occupants of the enlisted housing area who complain about a neighbor whose dog keeps getting into their trash, and still others who want to know about the NCO Open Mess entertainment program.

As quitting time approaches and most of the employees head for home, the Sergeant Major wonders if the phone will stop ringing long enough for him to call home and tell his wife he is going to be a little late for supper . . . but as Havner listens to another caller, he realizes that if he isn't there for supper, his wife will go ahead and feed the kids and he can eat when he gets there.

And for the Sergeant Major, he can always be sure the next day will bring new problems that require his attention . . . it's all part of the job.

AMC Command Sergeants Major Convene At Redstone Today

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The Redstone Rocket

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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.)

QUESTION: When a directorate of MICOM has to reduce its grade average, do regulations require it to cut across the board or what do the regulations provide?

ANSWER: Civilian Personnel Regulation 505 on Position Management defines "average grade" and that term is mentioned throughout as a criteria to be considered in Position Management Studies.

In making these studies, each director or manager, is expected to review his organization, considering such factors as the distribution of missions and functions, trends, staffing, the need for positions, the grouping of positions and the like to assure a balance among action officer, clerical and supervisory positions which will not result in the disproportionate elimination of lower graded technician, clerical and sub-journeyman positions.

One of the objectives of position structures selection is that there should be a sound use of grade levels which preferably would lower, rather than increase the average grade. Specifically the average grade should be consistent with the average level of tasks performed by the organization. The position structure must be predicated upon grades which can be supported by the work accomplished. Such considerations may or may not result in an across-the-board cut in an organization.

Military Briefs

Re-Assignments MICOM

CPT John Bramblett
LT Anthony Gonski
2LT James S. Burr
1LT John F. Hammond
SSG Fred P. Morris
SSG James Carter
SP4 Lester J. Fritsche
SP4 David L. Potterfield
PFC Daniel E. Powell
SP5 Stephen J. Sanderson
SP6 Omer J. Cormier
SP5 Sidney W. Reid
SP4 Scott Dropelnicki
SP4 James W. Zimmerman
SFC Bill Ellish
SP5 Robert J. Popelka
SP5 Ronald L. Dibling
SP4 Charles E. Duncan
PFC John D. Dennis
PV2 Martin L. Miller
SFC Carl D. Richardson
SP4 Henry L. Canada
SP4 Stemen J. Long
SP4 Kenneth R. Watkins
PV2 Michael A. Spry
SP4 Norwood Burgess
PV2 Roger J. Black
SFC Richard E. Wallace
SFC Thomas L. Reynolds
SP4 Cecil D. Coats
PV2 Clinton S. Dougherty
PV2 William E. Dupal
SP4 Charles M. Sanders
PV2 Edward Phillips

MEDDAC

SP5 Sylvester McWorther
PV2 Glenn E. Makin
PV2 Benjamin A. Chancey
PV2 Nephtali Carrillo-Olivo
PV2 Henry W. Smith
PV2 Bobby L. Ware

95th SVC CO (CALBR)

SP4 Jerry L. Crow
SP5 James F. Payton
SP4 Thomas Kczorowski
SP5 George C. Trull
SP6 Eli J. Thornburg
SP6 Paul E. Roberts

SAM-D

CPT Thomas McLaughlin
CW4 Robert P. Grady
CW4 Edward Tosta

Reenlistments

FIRST TERM
SP5 Cris R. Frost (MICOM)
SP4 Michael E. Kusierz (MEDDAC)

CAREER

SP Franklin D. Oats (Usa Eng Div)
SFC Kenneth S. Thornton (MICOM)
SP6 Charles J. McCarthy (95th Svc Co)
SFC Wayne C. Myatt (MEDDAC)

Promotions

COL to BG, George E. Turnmeyer (Lance)
CPT to MAJ Michael T. Lloyd (MICOM)
LT to CPT Charles S. McCuslin (MICOM)
CW3 to CW4 Julian Berry (MICOM)
CW2 to CW4 Russell Shafer (95th Svc Co)
SFC to MSG John A. Goltz (MICOM)
SP5 to SP6 Wilfred H. Steen, Jr. (MICOM)

Awards ARMY COMMENDATION AWARDS

SP5 Anthony L. Barnes (MICOM)
SGT Robert W. Kane (MICOM)
SP5 George M. Landingham (MICOM)
1LT Craig S. Clark (MICOM)
MSG Ernest Rhodes (MICOM)
1LT Hrothir E. Grilhyr (MICOM)

Retired

CW4 Erwin A. Bohnert (SAFSCOM)
CW3 David G. Hunter (MICOM)
CW2 John W. Andreoli (MICOM)
CW2 Verne A. Landers (MICOM)
1Sgt Warnie W. Pike (95th Cal)
M/Sgt. Geo. O. Shaw (MMCS)
SSC Fay A. Clayton (RASA)
SSC Robert A. Embry (MMCS)
SSC Ronald L. Florence (MICOM)
SFC Selve Sylvester Ouchley (MMCS)
Sgt. 1st Class Bennie E. Rentsch (MICOM)
S/1c Ronald E. Richter (MMCS)
SFC Ernest J. Toth (MICOM)
S/Sgt. Donald M. Woodall (MMCS)
S5 Richard D. Lanctor (MICOM)

Education Is Answer To Advancement

When Russell L. Day of Aurora, Colorado was studying liberal arts at the University of Colorado in Denver, he was also hearing about educational opportunities in the military.

"My draft lottery number was 120 or so, and I wasn't really worried," said Day.

Taking a tip from his father Walter (a retired Army sergeant) and father-in-law, William L. Keller (formerly of the Air Force), Russell Day decided to sample the Army's bag of free scholastic goodies.

Eleven months after he entered the Army, the 20-year-old soldier was leaving his Advanced Individual Training assignment as a Specialist Five.

"I joined the Army mainly for the schooling," Day said just before he graduated from the Missile and Munitions Center and School here.

Day wasn't fooling around. By the time he graduated from a course in Hawk missile pulse radar, he'd also collected nearly 200 hours of credit in Army correspondence courses. He graduated from his resident schooling with a 95.18 academic average, top student in the class. He'd also completed a super-

visory correspondence course in missile system repair with a respectable 88.5 percent average. Nine other subcourses he took added 189 hours of credit to his records, and he had two in progress for another 25 hours shortly before graduation.

"When I first got here, I started looking around at college courses and Army correspondence courses being offered. I found out how valuable the courses can be for promotions and proficiency on the job," Day said.

But 200 hours?

"I guess I got a little carried away there," he grinned.

Day denied that his home study courses disrupted his family life. He still had a lot of time for his wife, Kathleen and their six-month-old son, Jeffery Alan.

"I spent about a half hour each evening studying, right after supper. Most people don't do anything worthwhile during that time. When my wife is sewing, I usually settle down with a correspondence course, too," he added.

But Russ and Kathy aren't drudges. They find time to bicycle around nearby Huntsville, occasionally feeding ducks at a

lagoon on weekends. Since his arrival at the Missile School 32 weeks ago, Russ has taken up photography—but he didn't spend much time clicking away at antebellum mansions and blooming dogwoods this spring.

"Mostly, I take a lot of pictures of my son," he admitted.

Now that he's left MMCS, Day says he plans to continue his studies at his next assignment. He hopes to gain two years of college credit under several current Army programs.

More Credit

For instance, he could receive credit for up to one year of college through the College Level Exam Program (CLEP). He could gain more college credits through United States Armed Forces Institute group study courses. Credit under those two programs can be applied to a two year college equivalency evaluation.

Two years of college is available to him and it would cost just a few dollars for each course—perhaps less cost than the film for his camera.

"It's a great way to get two free years of college while drawing three years of Army pay," Day said.

Job Openings

(Editor's Note: Published here are Civil Service job openings away from Huntsville. The announcements are received in various formats and all do not give the same information regarding job openings. The Rocket is extracting information from them in order to let its readers know there are openings in certain categories at certain locations. These announcements are posted on the bulletin board in the Civilian Personnel Division, Building T-3159, for interested persons to obtain further information. No telephone calls, please.)

CALIFORNIA

Announcement No. 44-73 lists a vacancy for Production Superintendent (Boilermaker Shop 41) in San Francisco, GS-1601-12. A Competitive Promotional Examination will be given for this position. Send Standard Form 171 to: Employment Division (Code 170-2), Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, California 94135.

GEORGIA

Announcement Nos. 44-73 and 45-73 list vacancies for Public Information Specialists at Fort McPherson, GS-1081-9. Send SF 171 and a copy of your current performance appraisal to The Civilian Personnel Office, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 30330.

NEBRASKA

US Army Engineer District, Omaha lists the following vacancies: Civil Engineer, GS-810-9, Construction Div., Omaha; Civil Engineer, GS-810-11, Great Lakes Area, Warren, MI; Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-11, Great Lakes Area, Warren, MI; Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9, Badger Area, St. Paul, MN; Structural Engineer, GS-810-11, Sunflower Area, DeSoto, KS; Construction Inspector, Sunflower Area, DeSoto, KS; 2 Civil Engineers, GS-810-9 Joliet Area, Elwood, IL; Mechanical Engineer, GS-830-9, Joliet Area, Elwood, IL.

Send SF 171 to District Engineer, US Army Engineer District, Omaha, ATTN: Personnel Office (MROPO), 6014 US Post Office and Court House, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. For further information on any of these positions call 402/221-4094.

VIRGINIA

Announcement No. 675 lists a vacancy for Supervisory Security Specialist at GS-080-12 or 13, Arlington. Submit SF 171 to: Defense Communications Agency, ATTN: Code 721, 8th & South Court House Road, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

Announcement Nos. 98 and 99 list vacancies for Supervisory Operating Accountant, GS-510-12, with the Defense Supply Agency in Alexandria.

Announcement No. 100 lists a vacancy for Welfare and Morale Services Specialist, GS-301-13, in Alexandria.

Announcement No. 102 lists vacancies for Employee Relations Specialists, GS-230-9/11/12, Alexandria.

Applicants for these positions should submit SF 171 to Defense Supply Agency, ATTN: DSASC-ZE, Room 8A111, Cameron Station, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

GERMANY

Announcement No. 682 list a vacancy for Electronic Engineer, GS-855-7 or 9, Stuttgart.

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VIETNAM

One year tour of duty in Saigon, dependents not authorized: Training Administrator, GS-1712-12, 3 positions; Intelligence Clerk, GS-6 or 7, 6 positions. For further information call 876-2644.

Wins ROTC Scholarship

Daniel Bowers, electrical engineer with the Safeguard System Command, won't have quite as many financial worries about sending his son Bruce off to college next fall. Bruce has received a four-year Army ROTC scholarship.

The Grissom High senior will attend Tulane University in New Orleans this coming fall as a pre-med student.

Bruce will receive his tuition, books, lab fees and \$100 per month for 10 months of each school year. He will also attend a six-week Advanced Camp at the end of the junior year, during which he will receive one-half the basic pay of a second lieutenant.

As an Army Junior ROTC cadet, he received the Department of the Army's Superior Cadet Award for 1972. He is a member of Grissom's National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, cross-country and track teams, and was a Boy's State representative in 1972.

Army ROTC four-year scholarships are open, on competitive basis, to high school seniors who will enter Army ROTC as college freshmen. Selections of scholarship students are based on Scholastic Aptitude Test of American College Test results, high school academic records, participation in extracurricular activities, observations and interviews.

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Redstone Down For \$6.8 Million

There's a large package of good news for Redstone soldiers and their families included in the \$2.9 billion military construction request submitted to Congress last week by the Defense Department.

It includes the largest request for Redstone in several years, \$6.8 million. More than \$5 million will go to renovate barracks and family housing, the remainder funds a new chapel.

Several months will be required for the bill to clear Congress. Chances are contracts for the work will not be awarded until late this year or early next year, assuming Congressional approval, here's what's coming:

— Barracks modernization - Six barracks built during the 1950's will be modernized by converting their open living bays into two, three and four man rooms. Four of the barracks units are already air conditioned. The others will be. Most of the semi-private bed rooms will be for two men. There will be additional lavatories installed in all six. One building, 3481, will be outfitted to house enlisted women, Redstone's first barracks for WACS. Total estimated cost for the barracks work: \$3,852,000.

— Improvements to family quarters. Family housing for enlisted and officers, built during the early 50's, will be renovated for a total cost of \$1,876,300. Enlisted (Wherry) housing to be worked on includes 120 units. The kitchen—and bathroom in each will be renovated. Patios will be built for each with outside storage. Bedrooms in some will be enlarged and equipped with a bath. Some

units will have carports added. There will be additional parking area provided.

Some of the 408 Capehart units now housing officers and their families will get added outdoor storage. Patios and terraces will be provided all units. Bathrooms will be added to some three bedroom units and sound proofing installed in all multiple family dwellings. There will be increased

parking space provided.

All the Capehart and Wherry units will be air conditioned. That's in addition to work soon to be advertised for bids to air condition other family housing units on the post.

— New Chapel. A circular main chapel seating 600 with adjoining offices, meeting rooms and classrooms totalling 24,000 square feet is estimated to cost \$1,119,000.

Redstone Bond Month Underway

"It's time we reverse the downward trend of recent years and get the program moving at Redstone once more," Lieutenant Colonel H. M. Wagenheim said last week in kicking off the annual Savings Bond promotion month.

The chairman of the Arsenal's Savings Bond Executive Committee stated that the overall rate of participation has fallen below 90 percent for the first time in several years.

Wagenheim said the Missile Command rate of participation dropped to 88 percent at the end of last year. The combined rate for all other Redstone agencies at the same time was 86 percent.

Savings Bond month got underway at a luncheon at the Officers Open Mess last Wednesday with local and states Savings Bond officials joining members of the executive committee in laying

ground rules for the current campaign.

Also on the agenda for the kick-off luncheon was the presentation of awards to organizations in recognition of their participation rates above 90 percent through the last fiscal year.

Eight organizational elements of 1,000 or more personnel are presently entitled to fly Minuteman Flags with service stripes in recognition of their having sustained participation rates above 90 percent for up to nine years.

Wagenheim noted the traditionally high standing of Redstone elements in the Savings Bond program and said, "Every effort must be expended to continue this fine tradition."

He emphasized the importance of a person-to-person canvass of Redstone military and civilian personnel, stressing the theme, "Take Stock In America, Buy U. S. Savings Bonds."

Wagenheim told the organizational chairmen, "It is very important that we get the word out to all of our people, especially those now listed as non-participants. Explain to them the advantages of a regular savings program through payroll deductions and show them what an excellent investment Savings Bonds are, both for the buyer and the government."

College. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Among medals and awards, he holds the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

The 20-foot-long Lance is scheduled to replace both the Sergeant and Honest John missiles.

Zais Nominated For Fourth Star

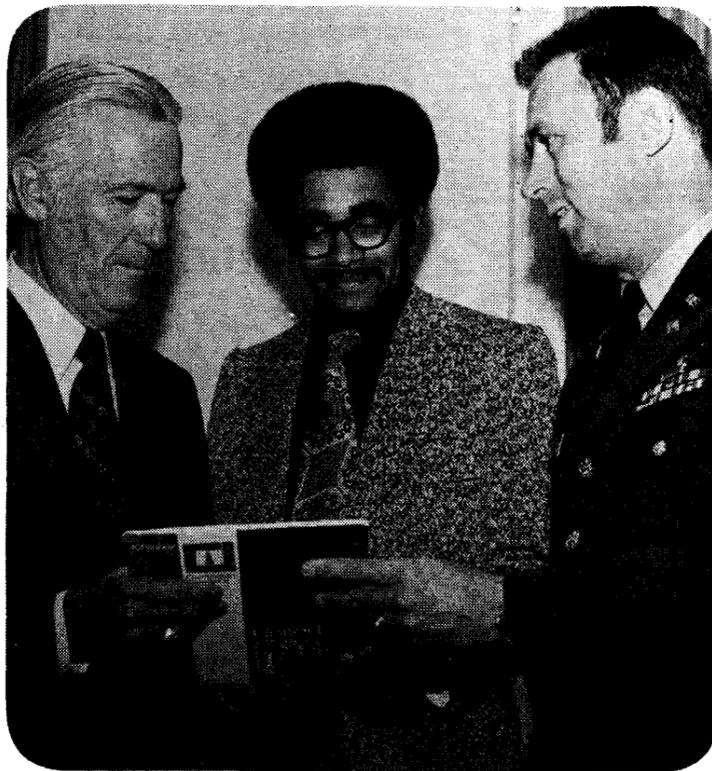
The Third U.S. Army announced last week that Lieutenant General Melvin Zais, commanding general of installations in seven Southeastern states and Puerto Rico, has been nominated for promotion to General by the President.

Zais has also been named as Commanding General of Allied Land Forces, Southeast Europe, headquartered at Izmir, Turkey. He is expected to assume the new post in mid-July, when the current commander, General Frank T. Mildren, is scheduled to retire.

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TIME TO TURN AROUND. Gene Starnes, the Treasury Department's area Savings Bond representative, looks over the present Redstone status in preparation for this year's Savings Bond Promotion month. The statistics presented by LTC H. M. Wagenheim and Harold Jacobs clearly indicate a need to reverse the downward trend in participation at the Arsenal.

Lance Manager Gets Star

Colonel George Turnmeyer, Project Manager for the Army's Lance missile system, was promoted to Brigadier General during a ceremony here last week.

Stars were pinned on the former enlisted man by Major General Edwin I. Donley, Commander of the Missile Command, and Mrs. Turnmeyer.

Among observers was the general's mother, Mrs. George Turnmeyer, Sr., and his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. J. Fahey, both of Du- buque, Iowa.

Turnmeyer, a native of Du- buque, came to Redstone in April to become project manager for the Army's newest battlefield missile.

Just prior to coming here,



TURNMEYER

Turnmeyer was Commanding Officer of the U. S. Army Materiel Command, Europe.

He holds a BS in Military Science from the University of Maryland and an MBA in Industrial Management from Babson



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ROCKET SPORTS

Dee Netters Topple Brown

Two wins out of three in doubles competition enabled the MICOM D division netters to capture a 5-4 decision in the second round of play in the Huntsville Industrial Tennis league.

The Dees dropped an 8-1 decision to the strong Huntsville Hospital team in the opening round of play. The third round got underway this week with MICOM going up against Boeing.

MICOM and Brown broke even in singles play with Hal Peterson, Bill Sholes and Bill Bright claiming the winning points. Charles Northrop, Ed Hahn and Hubert Anderson tasted defeat for the CWF-sponsored MICOM crew.

In doubles Pete Kaspar and Dean Reese combined to win one match and the Peterson-Hahn duo delivered the point that assured the team victory. Bright and Anderson dropped the final point.

Team captain Peterson indicated that one new face will be in the lineup against Boeing with Al Wayden being named for the No. 6 singles slot replacing Anderson.

The only other change will see the Peterson-Hahn pair switch places with the Kasper-Reese duo in doubles.

MICOM Takes Fourth Place

The Missile Command's women's independent slow-pitch softball team finished fourth in a strong field of teams at the Montgomery Invitational tournament last weekend.

United Surgical Steel of Montgomery, a team which finished third in the national tournament, won the event. Pensacola, Fla.,

Rocket Wants Sports

In reading the sports coverage in the Rocket it has been charged that some activities are being covered and others ignored. Our response is simply, some managers take it upon themselves to report the results of contests in which they are involved. Others don't.

The Information Office is not staffed to cover the off-duty activities of civilian or military personnel at Redstone in person and must rely on the word of actual participants in publicising such events.

The Rocket policy is to publicise events involving Redstone personnel to the extent deemed newsworthy and with a view toward the space available.

Responsibility for reporting results must remain with team or league officials. Obviously space will not permit eight reports being carried from an eight-team league, but there is no reason why a weekly recap from the league cannot be reported. That is the way we propose to report the events.

Reports must be received in the Rocket office by Friday noon for publication in the following Wednesday's issue. The only exception is for events occurring over the weekend, which will be accepted until 10 Monday morning.

Sixteen Teams In Softball Competition

By DAVE COWAN

An overcast sky and threatening rain shadowed the opening of the men's Unit-Level Softball League Monday night at Linton Field.

A total of 16 teams in the American and National divisions will play 21 weeks to determine the respective league champions,

followed by a Post playoff to decide the winner of both divisions.

In the American League, Safeguard will be going for their second consecutive Post-wide crown. Their foes will be MICOM II, Company C, 1st ETC, 291st MPs, 9th ETC, Meddacs and 4th ETC. The American teams will play Monday and Wednesday nights.

MICOM I, winner of the American League last year, moved to the National division this year. The Missilemen are an early choice to dominate this league against the 6th ETC, 8th ETC, P&P, 95th Calibration, Marines, Company A and 100th Ordnance. The NL teams will play Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Unit Training Command won the National League championship last year, but will not be fielding a team this year. UTC's pitcher, Ron Lockwood, will occupy the mound for MICOM II and will present a big problem for Safeguard and Company C.

Safeguard acquired Aaron Ashing from UTC this year along with four regulars returning to defend their crown. A dark horse in the American League race is Company C.

The "C" dwellers were runner-up last year and from an early glance will be in contention throughout the season with a newly-acquired pitcher, Fred Helmer. Helmer was an outstanding pitcher here prior to his tour of duty in Germany.

Returning Clephous Givhan, Willie Smith and Mike Oury will give the team fielding depth, but at this point their hitting seems weak.

This week's glimpse at softball is only a trickle of the 16-team league. And after 32 games being played this week, it just might be a four-team race to the finish.



STARTS ON TOP — Ted Gandy had the right idea when he teed up for the start of play in the Safeguard Par 3 golf league last week and then proceeded to knock his shot into the hole. Not bad for a start, and to make the feat all the more remarkable, this is the first year of league competition for Gandy.

Spring Tourney Won By Dials

Erlene Dials won the Officers Wives Club Golf Spring Handicap Tournament, a 54-hole match play event at the Special Services Golf Course last month.

Trophies were awarded at the group's monthly luncheon at the Officers Open Mess last Wednesday.

Other winners and consolations included: Sonja Skemp, runnerup in the championship flight; Midge Clisson, winner of the first flight

with Mary Sutherland the runnerup; Loy Stafford, second flight winner, and Margaret McBrearty, runnerup. Consolation winners were Marion Deppensmith, Billie Shuput, and Skid Clark.

The group started a Spring Ringer tournament which runs from May 3 through July 31 for both the 18-hole and 9-hole groups.

Trophies awarded were silver hollow ware. Jo Donley received a trophy for low net on the qualifying day.

Liked What He Saw

Lance Corporal Gary W. Darby at the recruit depot at Parris Island, S.C., entered the Marine Corps as a reservist "to see if I'd like it." Apparently, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Darby did like it.

He recently re-enlisted for regular service after seven months of active duty. He's now on orders for training at the State Department School at USMC Headquarters. After that, Darby will be pulling State Department duty—a choice assignment open only to the sharpest and best Marines.

Darby began his odyssey as a reservist assigned to a USMC Reserve ammunition detachment based in Greenville, S.C. The unit supports the 4th Force Service Regiment.

"I was a track and field man specializing in discus and shot put at Woodmont High School in Piedmont," said Darby. He graduated in 1971 and began a year of training at the Greenville Technical Education Center. He landed a job as an electrician with a Greenville business, and spent his free time playing drums and working out with weights. About that time, Darby decided to try the Marine Reserve.

After 15 weeks of basic training

at the recruit depot at Parris Island, Darby was assigned to study ammunition storage and maintenance at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. During his ten weeks of Army ammunition training and two weeks of Marine Corps ammo study, Darby says he wasn't exactly pining away for his electrician's job.

He was liking the Corps more and more. The 20-year-old leatherneck began talking with his career planner for the Marine detachment at MMCS, Gunnery Sergeant Jerome J. Tyler.

"I informed Darby he was qualified for State Department duty. He wanted to apply, so we sent a message to the Marine Corps Commandant's office. A week later, we received a reply, and shortly after the reply, Darby's orders arrived here," said Tyler.

So Darby went Regular, in order to be eligible for the six-week training in Washington. Darby says he expects that neither his training nor his assignments will be easy.

But if he wanted an easy job, he probably wouldn't have joined the Marines in the first place.



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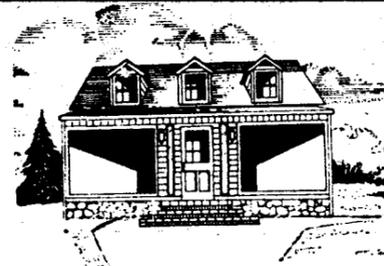
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Colonel John Shea, Dragon Project Manager, complimented the men for a job well done and presented diplomas Friday climaxing the three-week training program.

While here, the group underwent training on Dragon and the night sight that enables the new tank killer to locate, track and destroy battlefield targets, even after dark.

Attending from White Sands were Sergeant William H. Harper, E-5 Donald Connell, E-5 Paul Kekuewa, and William Hood. They are to conduct engineering tests on the night sight at White Sands.

From the Electronics Command were E-8 Richard Randolph and E-5 Robert Finter, who will conduct new equipment training on the night sight at ECOM.

Two others, Major Edward Sutton and E-6 Donald Martin, both of Fort Bragg, N. C., attended one week for equipment familiarization. They'll participate in air drop tests to be conducted with the night sight in the near future.

During training, gunners concentrated on target recognition and tracking and conducted several simulated firings to qualify them on the night sight. The White Sands military gunners each fired a live missile on the final night to conclude training.

Weighing approximately 30 pounds, Dragon is completely man-portable, yet powerful enough to destroy enemy tanks or other battlefield targets.

The training course was conducted by Dragon Project Office, McDonnell Douglas Corp., Dragon prime contractor, and Philips Broadcast Equipment Corp., night sight contractor.

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Private Greenhouse Relaxing

"I built it with money saved during the first two years after I quit smoking," said Edward Deeson as he opened the door to the greenhouse behind his Huntsville home.

But why a greenhouse? "I needed something to keep me from going up the wall," he explained.

Deeson, who helps maintain acquisition and track radar for the Missile and Munitions Center and School, says he can walk into his self-built greenhouse and find relaxation and amusement in transplanting or cultivating his specimens.

With his experience in construction limited to boxes and birdhouses, Deeson scrounged most of the building materials for little or no cost.

He threw together concrete blocks and mortar, plumbing and electrical supplies, redwood timber, glass and vinyl to produce a 17-foot square structure that passed all necessary building inspections. Deeson chose his building materials carefully. He used redwood wherever he could.

During the winter, Deeson heats the greenhouse with a thermostat controlled butane heater, but is planning to convert to natural gas. He keeps an electric heater ready for a backup.

With either system, Deeson says he can maintain a 15-degree temperature range even in the dead of winter. In the summer, he regulates heat with movable louvers in the roof and walls.

Inside, plants of all varieties and stages of growth are laid out in flats and pots from floor to gable. Other plants hang from the ceiling in baskets.

Flowers and vegetable sprouts lie amid the aroma of warm, moist earth. Deeson spends a lot of time mixing potting soil for his plants. The native soil just isn't good enough. Flecks of vermiculite mixed with peat moss and commercial soil help hold moisture and keep the earth loose.

Hanging geraniums descend from the rafters, masking the far corners of the structure.

"I've got pink ones, red ones, white ones, and some that are mixed colors," said Deeson as he turned slowly, dodging the baskets that hang down to head height.

He turned to an orange Chinese hibiscus. "It was blooming yesterday. I wish you could have seen it. It bloomed for two days, and that's unusual. Normally, they

bloom for just one day, then it's all over." He has other specimens of Chinese hibiscus, as well as other hanging species.

He pointed out an ivy geranium he's particularly proud of. It sways in the breeze from a fan Deeson keeps running around the clock.

"The fan circulates the air and prevents excess water from forming droplets on the leaves and damaging them," he said.

Though Deeson has much of the greenhouse environment well-



RARE BEAUTY — A favorite of many, the geranium features delicate flowers of subtle color and a relatively hardy stalk.

controlled, he solves other environmental problems in his garden in ways that might only be called unique.

He doesn't call himself an organic farmer; but though he hasn't forsaken chemicals completely, he says he uses them as seldom as possible. When he does use commercially-available garden chemicals, he measures them carefully and uses only what strength is necessary.

Most often, though, he fortifies

soil by "natural" means. Besides the dried sludge, Deeson spreads manure and leaf mulch. "I keep a compost pit going with whatever I can throw in," he said. That includes vegetable kitchen scraps, but no meat. When meat decomposes it attracts animals and flies.

To protect his tomatoes from insect pests, Deeson plants marigolds around them.

"The marigold scent somehow drives away most of the pests," he explained.

He sprinkles wood ashes in any area where he's having problems with snails and slugs. In addition, he does what he can to keep praying mantises and lady bugs in his garden.

Sometimes, he'll mix an organic concoction when nothing else seems to work.

"I had a lot of aphids on my roses, and my neighbors were using chemical sprays without much success."

Deeson mixed a mild solution of dishwashing liquid, red hot pepper sauce and water, then sprayed it on his own roses.

"My neighbor couldn't believe it. I gave him some and didn't tell him what it was. It killed his aphids when chemical sprays wouldn't."

Deeson cautioned that the mixture must be mild, but it still may damage some plants.

"I don't spray plants with hot sauce if I want to eat them," he said.

With his garden in order, Deeson's first love—besides his wife and four children—remains the greenhouse and his flowers.

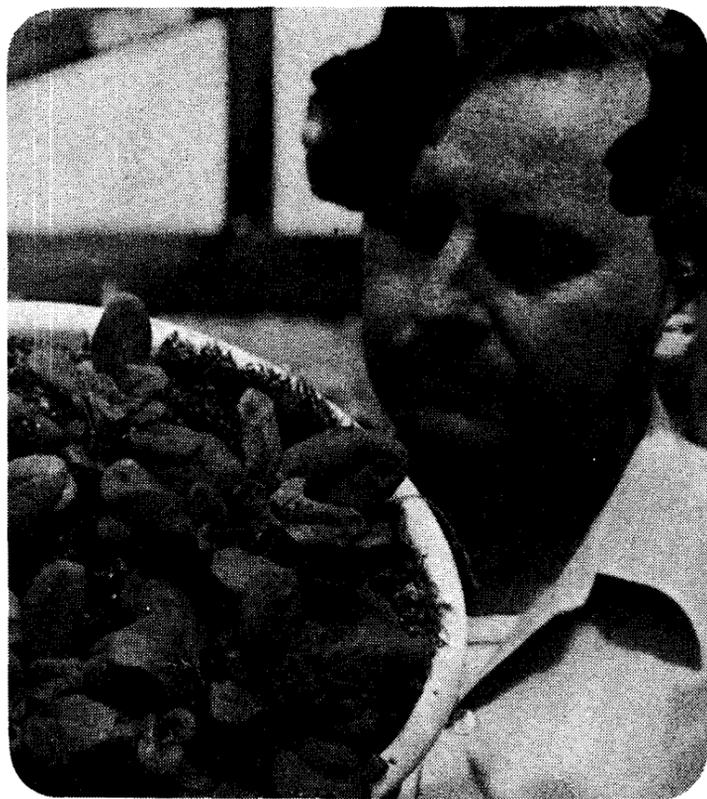
"I'm always looking for people to exchange plants and talk about gardening," he said. "I especially like to trade and swap begonias. There are so many different species, and they're beautiful. I've been hung up on them since I started greenhousing."

He's infected a lot of other folks with the greenhouse and gardening "bug" since he began, too.

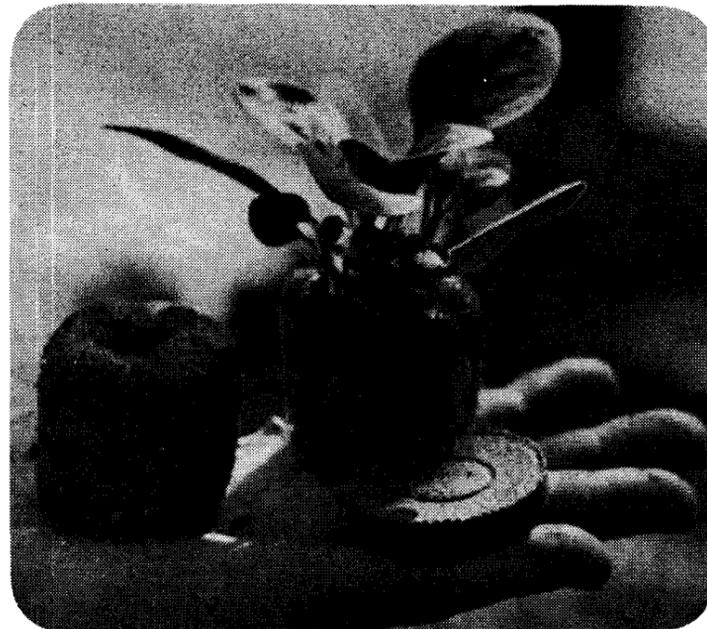
There seems to be a certain charm and satisfaction in giving Mother Nature a hand instead of burying her under a stack of chemicals.

"A lot of people put down plant food to make their plants grow. But plant food doesn't improve the soil. I prefer to improve the soil itself, and let the plants grow better in the improved soil."

And he says, ecology start in everyone's back yard.



CASCADE OF COLOR — When this hanging basket of petunias is fully matured and blooming, tendrils and blossoms will hang downward a foot or more.



ONE, TWO, THREE — Deeson soaks these wafer-like starters until they swell to about an inch and a half in height, then plants seedlings. The petunias, when ready for planting, need not be removed from the cylinder.

WACS Celebrate 31st Birthday

As the Army at large approaches an all-volunteer force, one of its elements has been one since 1942.

May 14, the Women's Army Corps (WAC) marks its thirty-first year with the Army. American women have been volunteering for the WAC since the early part of World War II.

Redstone Arsenal saw its first WAC in 1943.

In recent years, changes in the Armed Forces policies on military women have reflected a 1967 bill giving females opportunity equal to their male counterparts. But a major effort has been made individually by thousands of women who brought their technical skills to the Army with a competitive spirit that predates current feminine liberation movements by more than a decade.

—The U.S. Military Academy at West Point will have its first WAC academy instructor this fall.

—The University of Wisconsin already has its first female ROTC instructor. She's an assistant professor of military science.

—Arsenal Technical High School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., now features a female instructor working with the Junior ROTC unit there. She's a retired WAC.

—Recently, four women became the first distaffers to join the Pennsylvania National Guard in its 300-year history.

—A new Army command policy recently gave WACs authority to command men, including disciplinary authority. Before the command policy change, women were allowed to command only other women and could supervise men and women only in duty sections.

—Following the lead of civilian law enforcement agencies, the Army began assigning WACs as policewomen whose duties include traffic control, accident investigation and military police investigations. When necessary, WAC policewomen are authorized to carry .38 caliber revolvers.

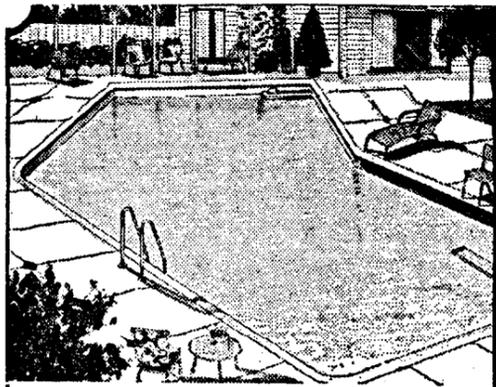
—Recent changes in Army Regulations allow single or married WACs to adopt children. In addition, married WACs may now

give birth to children and remain in service.

—Another upcoming change for the Women's Army Corps is a change of clothing. A completely new uniform design is being tested and worn by women at some installations. The current WAC uniform was authorized for wear throughout the WAC in July, 1960.

Other changes are expected for the WAC. Already, the WAC director Brigadier General Mildred C. Bailey, has been ordered to nearly double the Corps by reaching a strength of 23,500 by July, 1978.

General Bailey recently made some comments concerning the personality to today's WAC when she said, "Today's young women in the Army want to be heard. They want their opinions to be considered, and they are not at all timid about speaking up." That's what makes them different from the young WAC's of 31 years ago.



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SODALITY SCHOLARSHIP — Doris Cody, daughter of Major and Mrs. M.A. Cody received the annual Catholic Sodality scholarship awarded for the best written paper on why she wants to attend college. The award was made at breakfast in the NCO Open Mess by Mrs. J. R. Moore, director of the Catholic School of Religion. With Miss Cody and Mrs. Moore is Chaplain Philip F. Thoni. Miss Cody will attend Central Arizona College for a degree in special education. She is graduating from Butler High School.

Starts Graduate Program

Charles Will, an aerospace engineer for the Guidance and Control Directorate, has been selected from the Missile Command to attend the Army Materiel Command's graduate-level training program in Computer-Aided Design and Engineering. The 12-month program, which got underway May 1 at the University of Michigan, is for AMC

engineers who have a degree in fields such as electronics, chemistry, metallurgy.

Fifteen to 20 students are selected each year within AMC to attend the program.

In addition to working on the IBM 360-67 computer, students will participate in field trips during their year of study.

Meeting Set For Monday Evening

"Personal Rapid Transit" will be the topic of the Tennessee Valley Chapter meeting of the

Society of Logistics Engineers Monday evening, at the Officers Open Mess, 6:30.

British Army Director Visits

Major General Alex McKay, recently named Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering for the Army of the United Kingdom, visited the Missile and Munitions Center and School last week.

His visit is in accord with an agreement between the U. S. and the U. K. under which British students have come here since 1957, faculty members are exchanged and technical data is shared.

McKay, appointed DEME in early March, received briefings to acquaint him with training operations here. He was accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel James McLay Jack, British Liaison Officer for the Army Materiel Command Headquarters in Washington.

During his one-day visit, McKay received background briefings on MMCS and its training mission as well as more detailed tours of areas concerned with missile electronics, the Lance Missile system, career development and instructional technology. Major Ralph A. Sewell, British Exchange Officer at MMCS, conducted General McKay during his visit.

From January, 1970 until he was appointed DEME, McKay was Commandant of the Royal School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at Bordon, England. McKay's next stop is the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He's scheduled to return to London May 10.



BEST MODELS. Ann Spivey and Leonard Twinem won special accolades from the Redstone Toastmistress Club following the organization's recent fashion parade at the Officers Open Mess. Mrs Spivey won the Best Member Modal award with Twinem being named the Best Guest Model. The pre-Easter style show provided a preview of a wide variety of current fashions.

Major Honored At Retirement

Major Robert D. Vento, Communications-Electronics Staff Officer for the Safeguard System Command, received the Meritorious Service Medal at his retirement, April 30.

In his first presentation as SAFSCOM's Commanding General, Brigadier General Bates C. Burnell pinned on Vento's medal for outstanding meritorious service from December 1967 to April 1973. During that period, Vento organized and supervised the Communications-Electronics Staff Office of SAFSCOM. This office is responsible for providing all the technical communication support associated with deploying the Safeguard Ballistic Missile Defense system.

Army Strength On The Decrease

vicemen during the month of March. Total U-S military strength is listed at 2,289,968. Of that number, 832,474 are in the Army.

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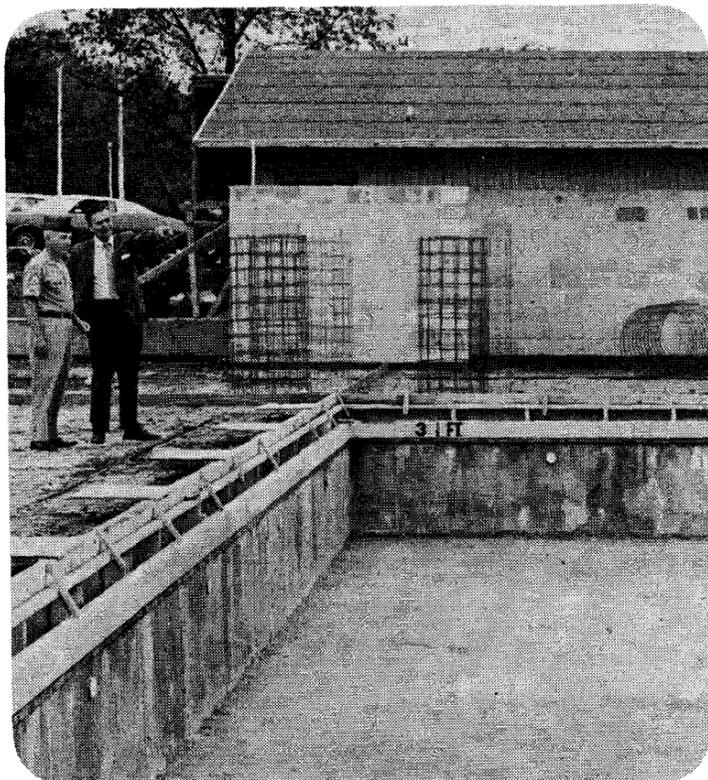
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NEW NCO POOL — Sergeant Major Fred James, RASA, checks on construction progress of the new pool with NCO Open Mess Manager, James H. Yawn.

Eighteen of the top non-commissioned officers from the Army Materiel Command are guests of the Army Missile Command for the Major Subordinate Command Sergeants Major Conference beginning today.

During the three day conference the Command Sergeants Major will be briefed by staff officers from the Department of Army and AMC on subjects relating to their jobs.

Major General Edwin I. Donley, Commanding General, MICOM, will welcome the conferrees and Command Sergeant Major C. A. Havner will be the host.

On the opening day of the conference the senior NCOs will hear a presentation on the AMC Reorganization—The Optimum Army Materiel Command, by Colonel J. W. Brennan, Director, Plans and Analysis, Headquarters, AMC; a briefing on Installation and Services, by Colonel J. H. Bowman, Director, Installations

and Services, AMC; and a talk on the AMC Personnel Outlook, by Major James B. Olinger, Chief, Enlisted Section, Personnel Training and Force Development, AMC.

In the afternoon, the Sergeants Major will tour facilities of the Marshall Space Flight Center and visit the Alabama Space and Rocket Center.

On their second day, the CSMS will hear presentations on the Non Commissioned Officer Logistics Program, by SGM F. X. McDonough, Assignment Advisor for Supply, Office Personnel Operations, Department of Army; the Joint Uniform Military Pay System, by Colonel G. E. Emrick, Chief, Finance and Accounting Division, Office of Comptroller, AMC; and tour Missile Research, Development and Engineering facilities on Redstone.

Later in the day the conferrees will hear briefings on Human



BOARD ACTION — Sergeants Major Clarence C. Utzig, Fred James and John J. Bullock join Major George J. Jobczynski, president of the board, and Command Sergeant Major Charles A. Havner, interviewing nominees for Soldier-of-the-Month.



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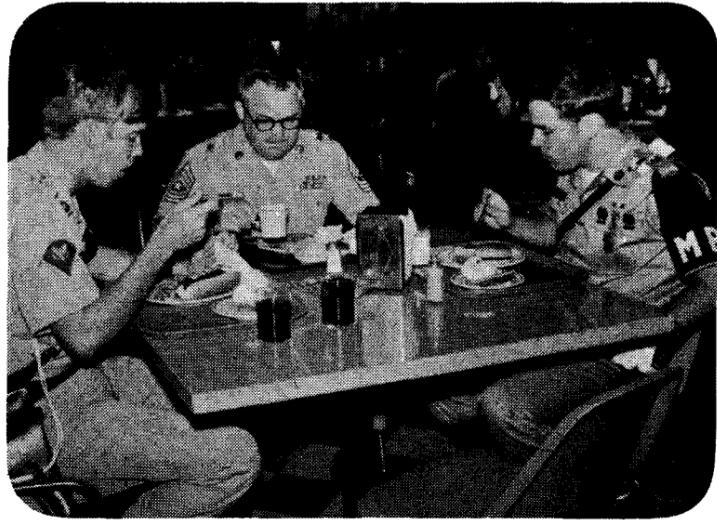
At 7 p.m. the sergeants major will attend a dress blues with bow tie dinner at the Redstone NCO Open Mess.

On the final day the SGMs will receive briefings on the AMC Security Program by Colonel W. N. Israel, Chief, Security Office, AMC.; Alcohol and Drug Abuse, by Hixon PT & FD, AMC.; and the Sergeants Major Academy, by CSM W. G. Bainbridge, Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas.

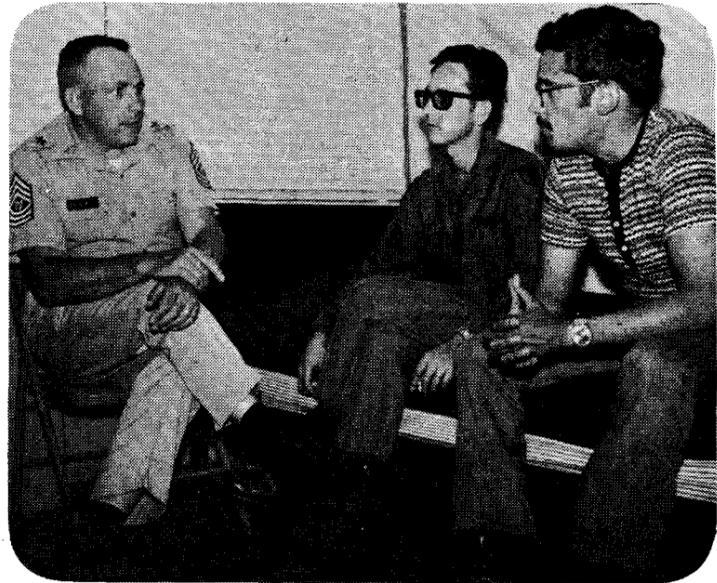
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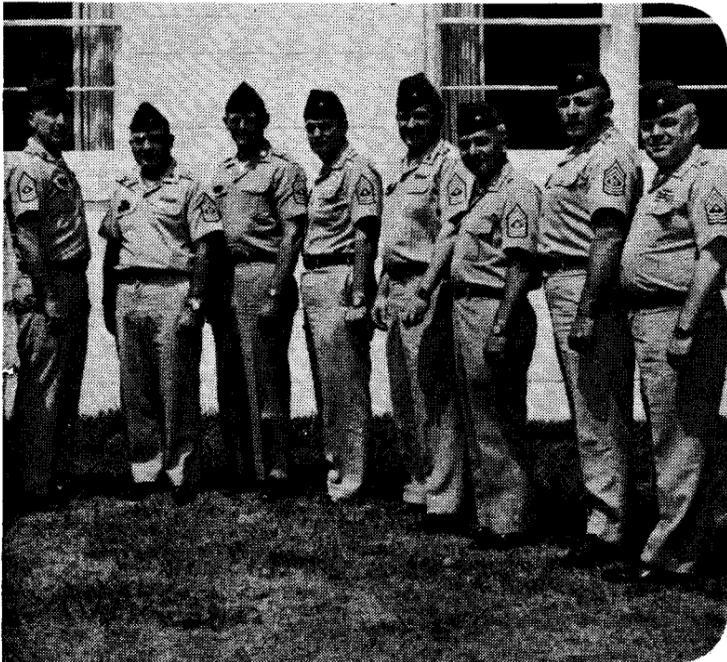
Conference attendees are; CSM D. E. Tennow, Hq., AMC.; CSM J. O. Morrell, Hq., U. S. Army Aviation Systems Command; CSM J. Tolson, Hq. Army Electronics Command; SGM C.R. Watson, Hq., Army Mobility Command, CSM D.S. Russell, Hq., Army Munitions Command; CSM R. D. Bloomfield, Hq. Army Tank-Automotive Command; CSM B.R. McGuire, Army Test and Evaluation Command; First Sergeant A.G. Harty, Hq., Army Weapons Command; SGM L. Bailey, Hq. Army Satellite Communications Agency; MSG A.V. Grimes, AMC Infantry R & D Liaison Office; ISG J. G. Babcock, Army Natick Laboratories; SFC B.F. Feavely, Hq., AMC.; CSM A. Senkewich, 3rd Brigade, 508th Infantry, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and CSM T.E. Eckenrod, 5th Army, Fort Hood, Texas.



CHECKING THE FOOD — Sergeant Major Ronald Bachman, center, discusses the food and service with two soldiers in the MICOM dining hall.



TALK SESSION — Command Sergeant Major John J. Laskowski, Special Troops, takes a special interest in what the men living in the barracks have to say.



— Redstone Sergeants Major get together regularly to discuss mutual problems. From left: John B. Bullock, William L. Napier, CSM Bill Ansick, SGMs Jack C. Smith, Charles A. Havner, SGMs Freeman A. Chandler, Ray Bareman, CSM John J. Laskowski, and SGM Ronald Bachman.

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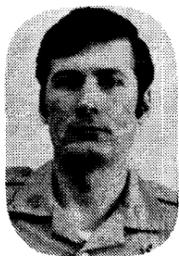
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By SP5 Dave Cowan



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New CO At The 2nd

The 2nd Battalion has a new commanding officer. He's Major Frederick D. Peterson, originally from Ritchfield, Utah, and recently arrived from his last assignment with the 533 Ordnance Detachment in Vietnam. Peterson received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah in 1961. He and his wife, Elaine, will reside on the Arsenal.

Also from the 2nd Battalion is Corporal William A. Mazzaccaro, May's Soldier of the Month from that unit. A member of the 7th ETC, Mazzaccaro is a student in the HAWK pulse radar repair course at MMCS. He is a graduate of Southington (Conn.) High School and also attended the University of Connecticut.

And speaking of soldiers of the month, Private Tommy R. Tucker has won post honors in that category for April. Tucker, a student in the Pershing Guidance and Control Repair course, is a member of the 6th ETC and 3rd Battalion.

Promotion At Personnel

Company C's Michael Polichuk was promoted to Specialist Five last week. Polichuk is a records management specialist in the military personnel division, a long-time bastion of Company C strength. Polichuk hails from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended Lincoln High School. He is a 1971 graduate of Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and majored in Spanish and Latin American Studies. Polichuk was a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity at Kent.

Another Company C man, Private First Class James G. Pierce, was promoted to his present rank during April. Pierce works as a clerk-typist. Pierce attended high school in his hometown of Rock Hill, S.C., then moved over the border to High Point College in North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree in history and political science in 1972 before entering the Army in October, 1972.

Honor Graduates

It was another busy week for MMCS graduations. From the Basic NCOES course came honor graduate Specialist Five Michael E. Beers. He is a 1967 graduate of Nebraska City (Neb.) High School. Beers came to the 9th ETC from the 58th Ordnance Detachment at Ft. MacArthur, Calif.

Specialist Five Dennis A. Yates, a member of the 6th ETC and the Pershing guidance and control repair course, was honor graduate of his class with a 96.24 grade average. Yates now moves on to First Battalion's Company A. He is a 1965 graduate of White High School in Dallas, Tex., and is a member of the Non-commissioned Officer Association.

Specialist Four Bruce Cole, of Hamilton, Ohio, was honor graduate of his HAWK CW radar class with an average of 98.90. He is a graduate of Garfield High School in Hamilton.

And from the Marine Detachment at MMCS comes Private Terry L. Shamblin, honor graduate of his ammunition storage class. Shamblin graduated from Seligman (Ariz.) High School in 1972 and worked as a cowboy before joining the Marines. In addition to cattle herding. He competed in rodeos in his spare time.

A memorial fund has been established in memory of Sergeant Major Lawrence M. Makanani, USA-Ret, who passed away on April 15, 1973. A collection of \$128 is on deposit with the First National Bank, Huntsville.

The fund is to help Mrs. Makanani, who resides at 2420 Crestview Drive, S.W., Huntsville,

with the education of two children who are in Huntsville city schools.

Contributions were from the Munitions Department and the Sergeant Major's many friends outside the department.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the SGM Makanani Memorial Fund can do so by contacting officials at the above bank.

The MMCS Information Office reports news items in this column about MMCS military personnel. Commanders are encouraged to call us concerning promotions, awards and other accomplishments of men in their units. We're located in Bldg. 3301 room 123 (876-4644).

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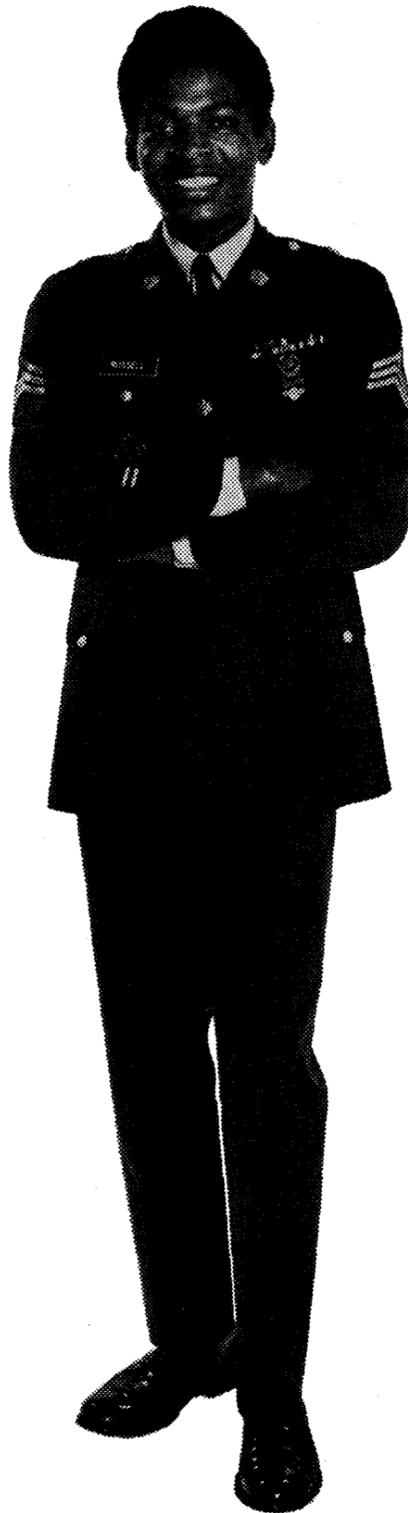
Sergeant Cornell Russell is a drill sergeant. He's a friendly guy. He likes people and they like him.

“I chose this job because I always wanted to work with people. When I came into the Army the drill sergeants who trained me were really enthusiastic and they gave me that same enthusiasm.

“One of the great things about the Army is that you meet a variety of people from all walks of life. Every day you meet somebody new and interesting and you get to know them and like them. To me that's important.

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Youth Band Figures In Retirement Plans

Known for his portraits—known for his visual arts—and known for his music, Daniel Della-Calce, now working as the Redstone Arsenal Historical Items Curator, leans more toward being a doer than a connoisseur of the arts.

"I plan to retire from 28 years of Civil Service sometime toward the end of May or beginning of June," he said.

He paused. The cigar cellophane crackled as he stripped it off, wadded it, then pitched it over his shoulder into the wastebasket—all seemingly in one coordinated motion. He glanced up through his horned-rimmed glasses in a way which gave the impression of an endless reservoir of energy in the diminutive man.

"But I don't plan to stop working."

"Retirement affords me time to do what I want, instead of what I have to. I plan to use my time teaching music to kids who want to learn—regardless of their ages or financial background."

Della-Calce's interest in music predates World War II with his studies at the world famous Julliard School of Music. However, the advent of war interrupted his intended career.

He played in three separate Army bands during the war, playing with such United Services Organization (USO) personalities as Bob Hope, Jack Benny, Charles Laughton, and Betty Hutton.

At the end of the war, his career drifted toward art, an area which has occupied his working days throughout Civil Service.

"My field was portraits. But throughout the years, I never lost

my interest in music and teaching youngsters. Sometimes, I even combined my two fields—I've painted in excess of 8,000 portraits of the children I've taught music to."

He is now in his 12th year of volunteer work with the Huntsville Youth Band, a band which he organized with the help of the city of Huntsville.

"When I retire, I'll devote most of my time to these youngsters, and devote the rest to painting portraits and teaching band to Junior High School kids.

"All the kids I teach are rank beginners—those that become advanced students over the years become my teaching assistants. I began teaching music like this back in 1946 in Pennsylvania."

Since then, he was helped organize and taught music to a long list of bands—among them, the Glencoe High and Arab High School Bands, the Farley and Madison Junior High School Bands, the Holy Spirit, Evangel, and St. Joseph's School Bands, and St. Mary's School Band.

The latter won national championships in 1964 and 1965, competing with 600 other bands at Notre Dame. This band also performed at professional football games.

"I've taught my bands to be self-supporting—by candy sales, benefit auctions, and performances at openings of new stores or city offices. At one time the Huntsville Youth Band performed 68 times in one year.

"Because of the varied ages of the youngsters, from 9 to 18, I have to arrange their music at different

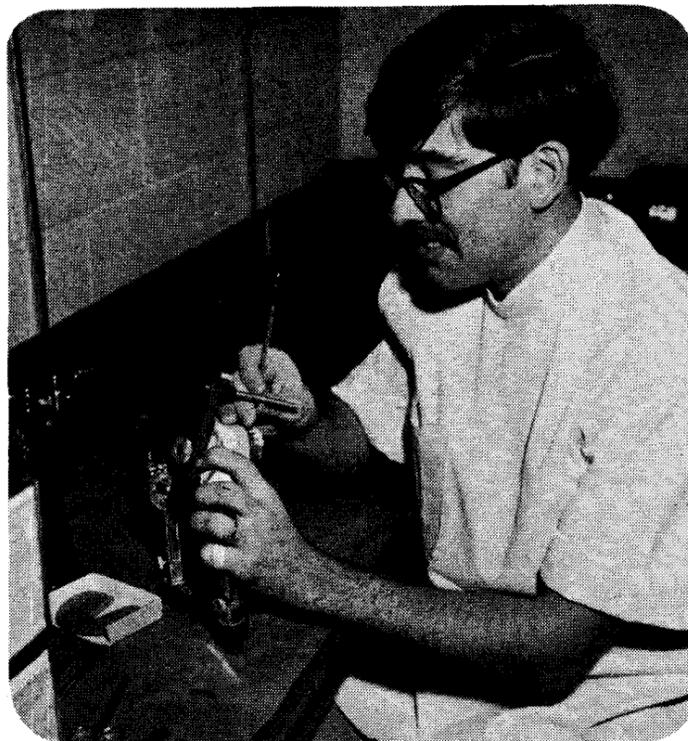
levels so they can start playing in the band after only six weeks of instruction.

"I recently built our own band hall on Herman Plumer Road so the kids would have a permanent building. We hold our benefit auctions there every Monday and Wednesday, and have country music shows there on Saturday. This gives the kids practice, and helps to support the band."

Great personal satisfaction from his volunteer work enriches Della-Calce's life. And special recognition in the form of a Presidential Commendation letter from President Nixon for his work with the Youth Band, has enhanced that satisfaction.

"The band will continue the same as before when I retire, but then I'll be able to spend most of my time with the kids.

"When you think about it, you really have to plan your retirement, and I sure have mine planned—right down to my spare time." His impending full-time career seems to have taken care of Della-Calce's retirement—just the way he wants it.



RE-ENLISTS—Specialist 4 Michael E. Kusmierz, formerly of Detroit, re-enlisted for the same slot he has been occupying in the Medical Detachment Dental Activity at Redstone Arsenal where he specializes in laboratory work. Kusmierz worked in a civilian dental laboratory before he entered the Army. Re-enlistment swelled his bank account \$5900 after taxes.

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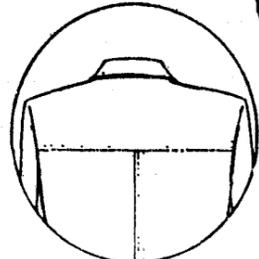
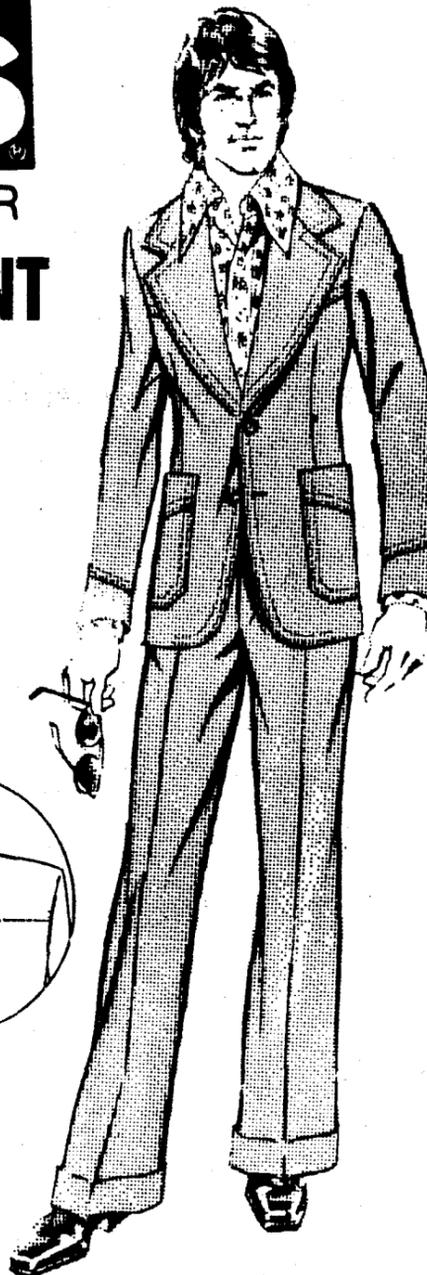
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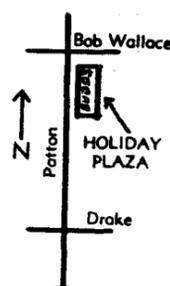
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GETTING WITH IT — Danny Williams, son of Specialist Five and Mrs. Marvin G. Williams, shows attachment to the new lawnmower his parents will keep for a month as a result of winning a "Yard of the Month" award for April. The Williams live at 1404-A Spartan Plaza, Redstone.

JANGOS Hold Awards Ceremony

Members of the Junior Army-Navy Guild Organization (JANGO) held their annual capping and awards ceremony at the Post Chapel, last week.

Receiving the red chevron for 500 hours of service were Cheryl Beall, Trish Bundy, Irene Dougherty, Cathy Huntzinger, and Barbara Miller.

The blue chevron for 300 hours of service went to Tracy Mathieu, Debra Loshbough, Frances Shunk and Donna Vaughn.

Debra Loshbough, Frances Shunk and Donna Vaughn also received the white chevron for 200 hours of service, along with Frida Phelps and Donna Sarabia.

Ann Kimmins and Donna Sarabia were awarded the JANGO pin for 150 hours of service.

Newer members receiving caps from Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Nally, chief nurse at RSA Hospital, were Gloria Kinch, Lisa Littlejohn, Pat Morgan, Karen Ray and Donna Sarabia.



SWEETEN KITTY — Mrs. Charles Havner, center, and Mrs. Alan Catron presented checks to the Army Emergency Relief Fund drive officer, Major Richard W. Pilcher last week. Mrs. Havner is president of the Non-commissioned Officers Wives Club and Mrs. Catron is welfare chairman of the Officers Wives Club. Both clubs contributed \$100 swelling the amount received during the annual fund-raising drive to \$2428.99.

Officers Wives Slate Meetings

Wives of officers assigned to the Missile Command will meet for Coffee and Tea at the Officers Open Mess, 2:30 p.m., May 22.

Reservations can be placed with Mrs. V. V. Wallis, 837-1133 or Mrs. J. P. Hill, 883-7059 until noon Wednesday, May 16. Cancellations will be accepted until noon May 18.

Wives of officers at the Safeguard Systems Command will meet at 10 a.m., May 21, for Coffee in the Pershing room of the Officers Open Mess.

This is the last meeting until September. Reservations and cancellations will be handled by Mrs. Leo B. Mihás, 837-0922, or

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Winners of the Officer housing area awards were:

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Winners of the non-commissioned officers area were: Sergeant First Class Gene A. Davis, Sergeant First Class Paul A. Morgan, Specialist Six Donald K. Randall, Sergeant Gary L. Kirkpatrick and Specialist Five Marvin G. Williams.



JANGO AWARD RECIPIENTS — Receiving various awards at the annual JANGO ceremony recently were (l. to r.) Barbara Miller, Donna Sarabia, Cathy Huntzinger, Trish Bundy, Gloria Kinch and Cheryl Beall.

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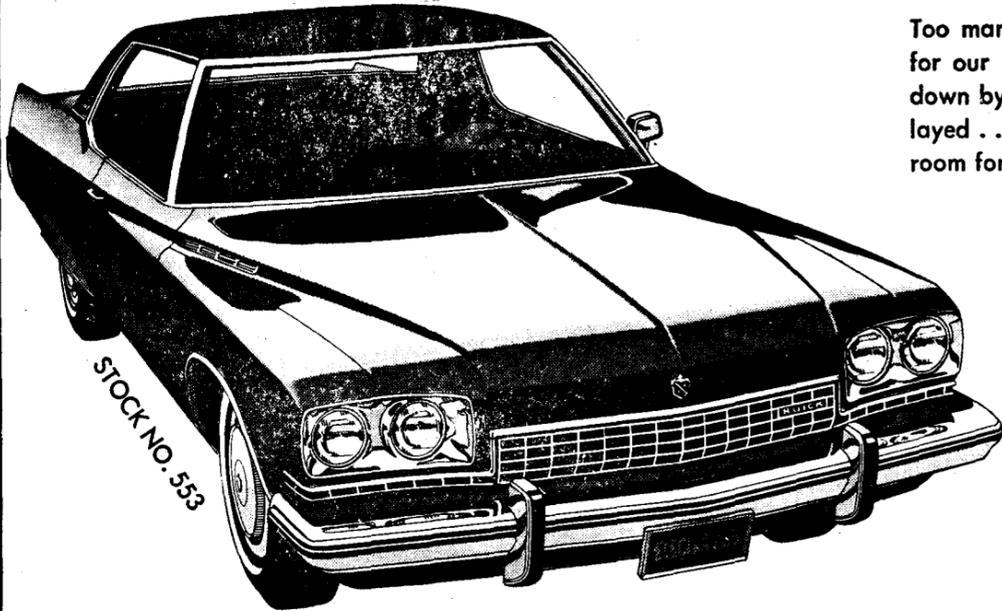
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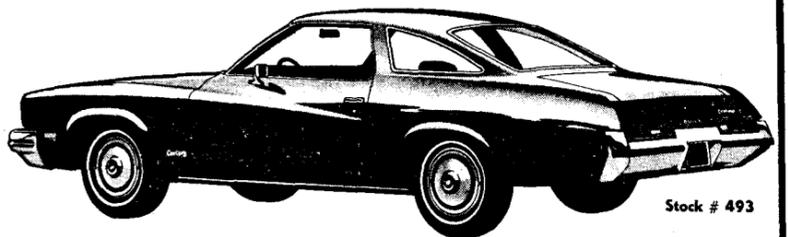
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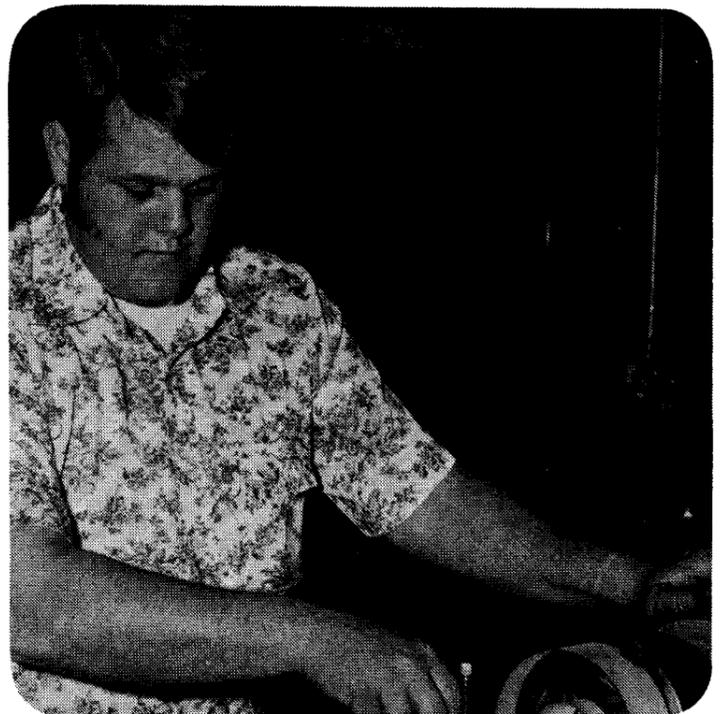
"There were some complications adjusting to the new leg," he recalls, "I developed an infection and it took almost three years for my leg to heal so that I could walk comfortably. I had an operation at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Birmingham and that seemed to help more than anything."

A Huntsville native, Ronald is employed by the Missile Command as an engineering aide in the propulsion laboratory. His wife, Beverly, also works at MICOM in the civilian personnel division.

Unlike many who returned from Vietnam, Ronald did not receive employment under the veteran preference. He entered government service as a regular employee and says that he does not feel that he receives any special treatment because of his disability.

"When I got out of the Army, I knew that I needed a trade of some kind. I studied drafting at Calhoun Junior College and then at the Drake Vocational and Technical Institute in Huntsville."

Ronald attended school under the G. I. bill but found that when



Regular Employee. . . Ronald Swaim

he had completed two years of education his veteran preference had expired. He was employed by an engineering firm for a short time before receiving the position with the Missile Command in February, 1972.

"I didn't have to take any test to get hired," he said, "but was rated on my background in drafting. This is where the education really counted. I hope to become an engineering technician so I'm now taking classes at night in electronics."

Ronald appears to have adjusted remarkably to his situation and his new job. His supervisor, John Tate, commented, "Ronald has done a fine job here. We've all tried to work together and I think we've succeeded."

After talking with Ronald Swaim, the word "disabled" just doesn't seem to fit the man. And as he says, "I guess I do just about anything I want to except run a lot. When I came back from Vietnam I knew there were certain things that I had always enjoyed doing and I'd just have to learn to do them again."

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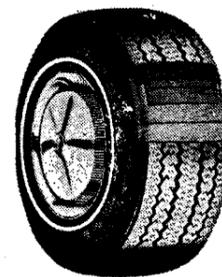
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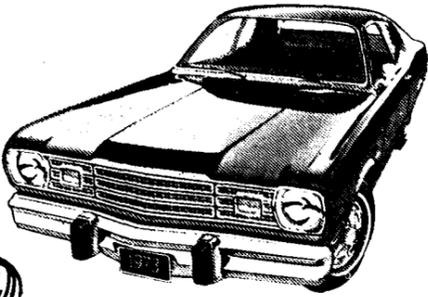
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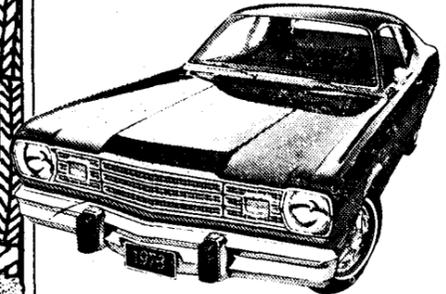
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