

The Sometimes Bumpy Road To An Equal Chance

She has a high school education, a husband, three children and the usual hopes and frustrations of a wife and mother.

She works because she needs the money.

She's a Department of Army civilian employee and when she thinks about it, she recognizes that there have been some significant changes in the status of women in federal service in recent years, believes more are on the way.

She's probably right.

The comparatively recent system of using goals to increase the percentage of women employed by the Army commands here and to provide them better upward mobility have received much attention and publicity, but there's been quieter evidence of more far reaching change evident for some time. More and more women are being hired for or are moving into jobs that once were held almost exclusively by men.

The Army has long been a leader in employing women. Almost 30 percent of the Missile Command work force, for example, are women. The percentage has been remarkably consistent throughout the years, in times of buildup and, more recently, of phasing down total employment.

But there's a great difference between a situation where men and women work side by side in an office — men as professionals and women as clerks and typists, and one in which men and women are co-equals in professional status, competing for the same promotions.

A woman newly arrived in that situation sometimes finds that nice Mr. Jones who used to buy her a corsage during National Secretaries week has stopped holding the door for her since she changed jobs and wound up in his competitive level.

Mr. Jones has a touch of bitterness in his voice these days when he talks about married women holding jobs in the same agency which employs their husbands.

Mr. Jones feels wives holding down jobs while men who are heads of households are being laid off or reduced in grade is a situation that ought to be changed.

Some women share his view, but many do not. Neither does their employer —



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True, the commitment has been erroneously interpreted by a few women — and men — as a guarantee of further advancement, but conversations with many women in the Missile Command reveal that most interpret it correctly as a pledge of an equal chance to compete on their merits.

That's a thought that triggers varying reactions among MICOM women. Some feel their rate of progress is too slow. Some — particularly older women who entered the work force years ago in jobs traditionally held by women such as clerks and typists — feel the good things they see happening are going to others but not to them. Many women say they are satisfied and happy with the jobs they now hold. Those who have moved up, particularly those who started as clerks, secretaries and typists and then switched into one of the professional fields — have real pride in their accomplishment.

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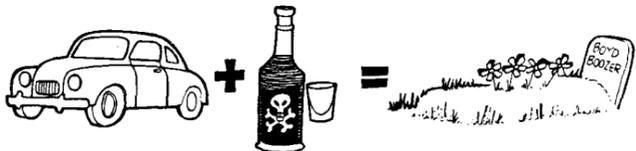
Answers

(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: Please break down the total number of supervisors into male and female, also the organization breakdown. CLASS ACT SUPERVISORS — ARMY MISSILE COMMAND

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Dir Proc & Prod	62	5
Dir Mat Mgmt	54	3
Dir Maint	65	1
RASA	111	15
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Dragon	6	
Tow	4	
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Commission Acts

Rapid Placement Sought

(AMC-10) Chairman Robert E. Hampton of the US Civil Service Commission recently outlined several major steps being taken to find jobs for the 26,200 Federal employees affected by reductions in the Department of Defense, and for employees affected by reductions in other Federal agencies.

All possible efforts will be made to place the affected workers in other Federal installations, in State and local governments, or in the private sector.

Commission actions outlined by Chairman Hampton are as follows:

- Regional officials of the Commission already are working closely with managers of installations being closed or reduced in staff, to offer technical services and outplacement assistance, and in cooperation with Labor and Defense Department officials to help plan and mobilize community outplacement programs, and to enlist the support of Federal managers, Federal Executive Boards and Associations, Chambers of Commerce, State and local governments, private industry, educational institutions, and other community activities in matching displaced employees with jobs that need filling.

- Outplacement Coordinators have been designated in each of the Commission's 10 Regional Offices and 65 Area Offices to bolster placement efforts.

- Applications of displaced or about-to-be displaced Federal employees are being made available to prospective employers, and arrangements are being made for displaced workers personally to visit employers with known or anticipated vacancies.

- Federal agencies' projected manpower needs and forecasts on file with the Commission are being carefully scrutinized and effectively used to place affected workers before their actual separation from employment; in some cases even before reduction-in-force notices are issued.

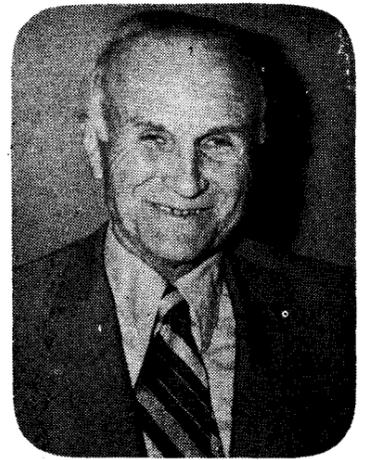
- The Department of Defense has been given authority to issue RIF notices up to a year in advance to provide maximum lead time for placement efforts.

- Commission offices have been ordered not to refer candidates from lists of eligibles (civil service registers) without first giving priority referral to displaced employees who are qualified and available. Commission offices will insist on "meaningful and af-

firmative consideration" of displaced employees who have been given priority referral.

- A clearinghouse in Washington will provide for a nationwide exchange of ideas and successful techniques for employment of displaced workers in all sectors of the economy.

- Chairman Hampton has written to the heads of all Federal departments and agencies, and to the chairmen of all Federal Executive Boards and Associations to enlist their full support of the placement effort.



BLED SOE

Well-Planned Retirement

After June 29 William T. Bledsoe won't have breakfast and hurry off to the Missile Command to work in Internal Review, but he will work his acres of iris as he has for the past 20 years.

He prepared carefully for retirement to assure time would not hang heavy for as long as he has his health.

He is the immediate past president of the International Iris Society and has a busy schedule mapped out as a member of the board of directors. He also has a schedule of speaking engagements and will train new judges for iris shows.

It all began when the Bledsoe's bought their first house in Nashville and Mrs. Bledsoe bought iris rhizomes to dress up the yard. At the time, Mr. B. was interested only in growing what could be eaten. He says he made a mistake when he successfully cross-pollinated iris. Then, he entered a flower show and won a ribbon. The combination became an avocation that crowded out his experiments with roses, and eliminated any time at all for fishing.

He has developed several new iris and marketed them. He has also travelled from coast to coast on iris society missions.

In effect, for the past 17 years, Bledsoe has worked two jobs. He added another hobby recently — coin collecting.

His career at the Missile Command began in 1956 when he transferred from the Veterans Administration where he worked 11 of his 31 years of Federal service.

Not too many on the Missile Command payroll can claim the distinction of being a great grandfather. Bledsoe can. His great granddaughter, Molly Matthews, lives at Jackson, Tenn.

Civilian Extensions

(ANF) — Major overseas commanders can now approve extensions of overseas tours for department of Army civilians up to one year, past five years.

Commanders will have this authority over the next year, while DA determines whether the policy will be continued.

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Dragon Put Through Paces

Dragon, the Army's new shoulder-fired tank killer, has been getting a close look at Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation in California as part of a Department of Defense program to test the effectiveness of anti-tank missile systems.

Dragon has just undergone a series of acquiring, tracking and firing tests conducted by the Combat Developments Experimentation Command along with TOW, Shillelagh and the French-developed Milan.

"It was a high priority program to test anti-tank weapons against realistic targets, under simulated combat conditions," said Colonel Robert Shea, Dragon Project Manager, who said the 30-pound weapon was participating for the first time.

The Dragon Project Office provided for the tests 20 missiles, support hardware and two gunners who came to the Missile Command for refresher training prior to shooting at Hunter-Liggett. Gunners were PFC Charles Fincher, Jr., and PFC William Whitfield, both of the 1st Battalion, 58th Infantry, at Fort Benning, Ga.

At Hunter-Liggett, they fired 10 rounds, eight of which hit an evasive, moving target.

While at MICOM, they underwent two weeks of training on the Dragon test set under SFC Bill McKeith, advisor to the Dragon Project Manager. McKeith also accompanied the pair to Hunter-Liggett, along with Paul Moore, Technical Assistance and New Equipment Training Division, Directorate for Maintenance.

Colonel Shea presented both gunners letters of commendation for outstanding performance of duty.

Now in production, Dragon is far superior in range, accuracy and lethality to the 90mm recoilless rifle it will replace.

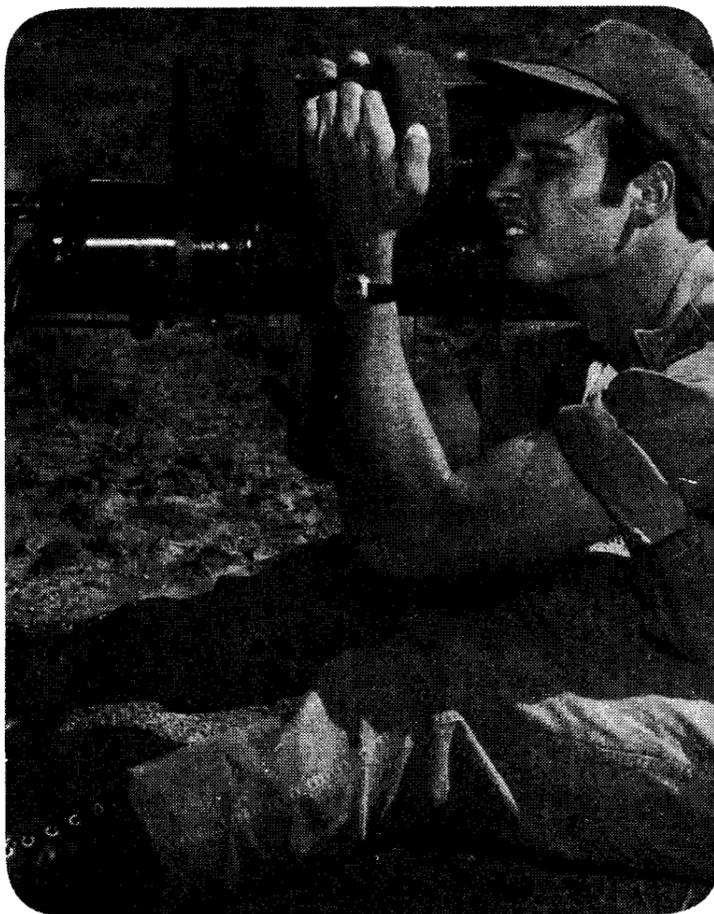
Chorus Rehearses

Rehearsals have begun for the Summer Huntsville Community Chorus at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg Drive, in preparation for the Aug. 5 and 12 concerts.

The light repertoire includes "Walk Him Up the Stars" from Purdie; "We've Only Just Begun"; "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother"; "Bridge Over Troubled Waters"; "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Persons of high school age and above may join during the next two rehearsals, June 18 and 25.

Interested persons may call Mr. Bombara, 881-9344.



TRAINS AT REDSTONE

... Fincher practices on Dragon test set. . . .

Remodeled Hawk Joins U.S. Units In Europe

The first battery of Improved Hawk missile equipment, refurbished at Pueblo Army Depot, was delivered to the Missile Command in a ceremony at the Colorado-based depot last week and subsequently packaged and shipped to American troops stationed in Europe.

Colonel William Hooker, Pueblo Commander, turned over the new air defense equipment to E.K. Charlton, Hawk Dputy Project Manager, in a ceremony before Colorado Congressman Frank Evans, several hundred depot employees and Colonel C.F. Kolankiewicz, Special Assistant for Project Management who represented Major General Edwin I. Donley, Commander of the Missile Command.

It was the first complete set of Hawk equipment converted by Pueblo which now has the job to service Army and Marine Corps customers worldwide.

The Army Materiel Command in 1972 gave Pueblo the mission to convert Basic Hawk equipment to Improved Hawk. That task involves taking in the older equipment, inspecting, tearing down and refurbishing to make like new. In addition to modifying equipment, Pueblo in some instances produces new major items to complete the conversion.

In addition to congratulations from Charlton and Kolankiewicz for a job well done, the Pueblo ceremony included briefings and a film on Hawk and a tour of Pueblo facilities.

Packaged on trucks, the new equipment included launchers, illuminators, radars, and computerized equipment to control and coordinate firing activities. Featuring the latest in electronic technology, the new equipment makes Improved Hawk a much more reliable and accurate air defense weapon than its predecessor, basic Hawk.

Much of the ground support equipment, for example, has been automated. An electronic data processor has been added to assist soldiers in target engagements. Additionally, most of the equipment has a built in trouble shooting capability for ease of maintenance.

Improved Hawk missiles contain a new guidance package, larger warhead and an improved motor propellant. No maintenance is required by soldiers in the field because missiles go directly from the production line to the launcher as certified rounds.

Charlton said Improved Hawk enables the Army to meet more sophisticated aircraft threats.

Developed and deployed under MICOM management at Redstone, basic Hawk has been deployed with the Army and Marines since 1960. The system has been produced in Europe by a consortium of five NATO countries, is being co-produced in Japan, and is also vital to the air defense of numerous other countries.

Improved Hawk, too, will be deployed worldwide.

Early Retirement Signed

The President last week signed into law new legislation permitting early retirement by government employees when their organizations are involved in a major reduction in force.

The Civil Service Commission immediately issued rules allowing Defense Department employees anywhere in the United States to retire provided they meet the requirements of the new bill.

In essence, DOD employees who are at least 50 years old and have 20 or more years of service, or who have 25 years of service regardless of age, may retire voluntarily. They will take a cut of two percent in their annuity for each year they are under age 55.

Authority for early retirement in DOD extends until August 11. But most individuals who decide to retire are expected to take immediate action so that they can be off the rolls by June 30 and thus qualify for the recent 6.1 percent annuity raise.

Blue Collar Rates Upped

The Department of Defense today issued a new wage schedule granting pay raises averaging 17 cents an hour to approximately 1150 federal blue collar employees in the Huntsville area.

The new schedule was effective as of June 10, 1973.

Established under the coordinated federal wage system, the new schedule applies to federal blue collar workers engaged in laboring, craft and trade occupations. Increases range from 14 to 23 cents an hour, an average of 17 cents or 4.14 percent for non supervisory employees.

Most of the federal workers affected in the Huntsville area are employees of Army agencies and the Marshall Space Flight Center

at Redstone, and National Guard Technicians.

Pay raises contained in the new schedule are based on a survey of rates paid by private industry in this area as well as prevailing rates paid by the guided missile industry in the Dallas-Forth Worth, Texas, area.

In accordance with U. S. Civil Service Commission instructions, new schedules follow the general standards established by the Cost of Living Council.

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Doomed Species Find Refuge— Wildlife Thrives On Arsenal

An ecological survey of Redstone Arsenal indicates some of the Missile Command test ranges are doing double duty.

According to a study by an Army ecological research unit from Edgewood Arsenal, Md., Redstone ranges lying within the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge are a haven for a number of rare and endangered wildlife forms; In fact, some species living here, were thought extinct at one time.

Tom Atkeson, Refuge manager, is an authority on the Arsenal's wildlife. Sometimes his voice lifts as he describes a rare fish, bird or animal which seems to be beating the odds in the self-preservation struggle; at other times it breaks faintly as he talks of once proud and abundant species now all but doomed.

AQUATIC LIFE

A very rare fish, the Tuscumbia darter, seems to be holding its own in and around the Arsenal. It is minnow-like, about the size of one's little finger and until recently was feared extinct as its habitat fell victim to siltation and flooding.

"It is limited to the few good springs we have left", Atkeson said. It can live only in unpolluted, clear, cool springs laden with watercress. The Arsenal's Wind Spring is considered a likely habitat for them, and it is felt that another endangered fish, the river sturgeon, can probably still be found in Arsenal waters.

Of the Tuscumbia darter, a report filed by the Edgewood ecological research unit states: "The range of this fish is confined to the general area, and probably a significant proportion of the world's population lives in the immediate vicinity of Redstone Arsenal."

The hellbender, a large salamander once common in the Tennessee River but now very rare, also probably still lives in tributary streams on the Arsenal. They grow to two feet long, 18-inch ones are not unusual, and look like little alligators. Pesticides have been their demise; Atkeson hasn't

heard of any being caught in quite some time.

ENDANGERED BIRDS

Several endangered or rare birds either visit or inhabit the area. "Bald eagles are in a bad way continentally", Atkeson said, "especially those that spend their time nesting in the south".

Eagle numbers have gone down terrifically in the past ten years. It is reported that more than 50 wintered on the Refuge 15 years ago. Estimates now put the number at two to four.

Many are killed by hunters; this because the young, unwary bald eagle looks like a hawk. Also, bald eagles eat a lot of fish, usually scavenged dead or dying, and die themselves of secondary poisoning from DDT and other pesticides.

The peregrine falcon, or duck hawk, once a fairly common local nester is also fading fast. "The southern race that nested locally is probably extinct", Atkeson noted. Now the only ones visiting the Refuge nest in Alaska or the sub-Arctic and are flying south for the winter.

Pesticides are also the peregrine falcon's undoing. It is a super-predator, meaning it eats other birds and thus is at the top of the food chain.

The osprey, also known as fish hawk or fish eagle, is also nearing extinction from eating fish loaded with pesticides. They are here only when migrating in spring and fall.

The osprey once had a local status about like the bald eagle, and reportedly nested locally, though never on the Refuge.

There have been one or two sightings of another rare bird, the red cockaded woodpecker. It is endangered everywhere because of destruction of its nesting habitat.

The ones here are north of their range. Atkeson notes that "they're really at home in the long leaf pine area to the south", and nest predominately in over-aged red heart pines. They hammer out striking nesting chambers lined with exuded sap which is believed

to help protect them.

Nine wild turkeys were recently released on the Arsenal; heretofore none were on the Refuge. It is too early to tell if the released birds will survive and proliferate. An earlier attempt to put wild turkeys here failed, probably because their strain was too admixed with domestic ones.

PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

Other attempts to introduce new wildlife to the Arsenal have been successes.

"The Army", Atkeson said, "is able to give the land a measure of protection unavailable to most other land." The Arsenal has established a good deer herd where there was none—deer were exterminated here soon after the Civil War—and the other animal residents, raccoons, skunks, etc. are faring well.

On the other hand, lack of a feeding program keeps waterfowl numbers on the Arsenal down substantially.

Otters, long ago wiped out of the Tennessee watershed, were successfully reintroduced to the Refuge about ten years ago. They were live trapped in the Okefenokee Swamp.

"They were released on the western end of the Refuge", Atkeson recalled, "but most have gravitated to the Arsenal for some reason."

OTHER WILDLIFE

The Refuge also supports a number of animals which, while not considered endangered or particularly rare, are unique to the area.

For example the spotted skunk, or civet cat, is all over the south and east but extremely uncommon in this area. Their numbers here seem to have increased over the past few decades, and the bulk of them on the Refuge apparently on the Arsenal.

The Arsenal has a small group of



coyotes—considerably outside their native range and probably brought here by someone. They are not rare or endangered, just interesting.

Another item of interest here is cave life. Most cave life is endangered; cited as reasons are polluted streams feeding caves and human interference. Cave creatures have never been numerous—the habitat will not support many—and substantial numbers are captured by humans.

Altered by generations without light, cave creatures found here include sightless fish and crayfish; also salamanders and strange, pale crickets and spiders, all sighted.

UNUSUAL FORESTATION

Some aspects of the Refuge

forest are no less unique than the creatures it protects.

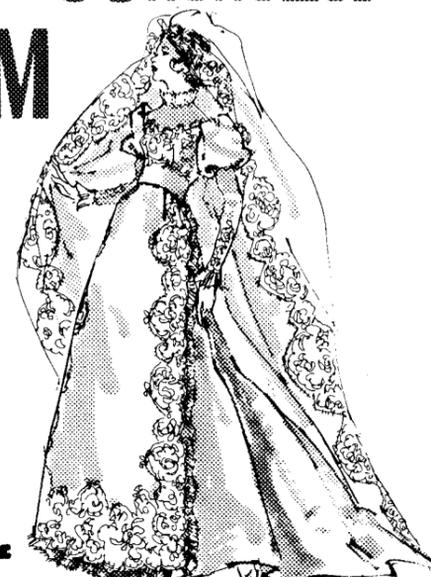
Quite unusual is a large stand of pure red cedar in a cedar, or juniper, glade nurtured by the highly calcareous soil resulting from limestone here.

The Arsenal has some of several pockets of Tupelo gum trees on the Refuge. It is a queer, broad leaf tree that grows in the water like cypress; and must have a swamp with muck soil.

Swamp draining, called progress, is spelling the end of this unusual water denizen in most areas. "We think the Tupelo gum swamps are rather unique and worth protecting", Atkeson said.

"And the main thing attracting wildlife here is the protection we offer," he concluded.

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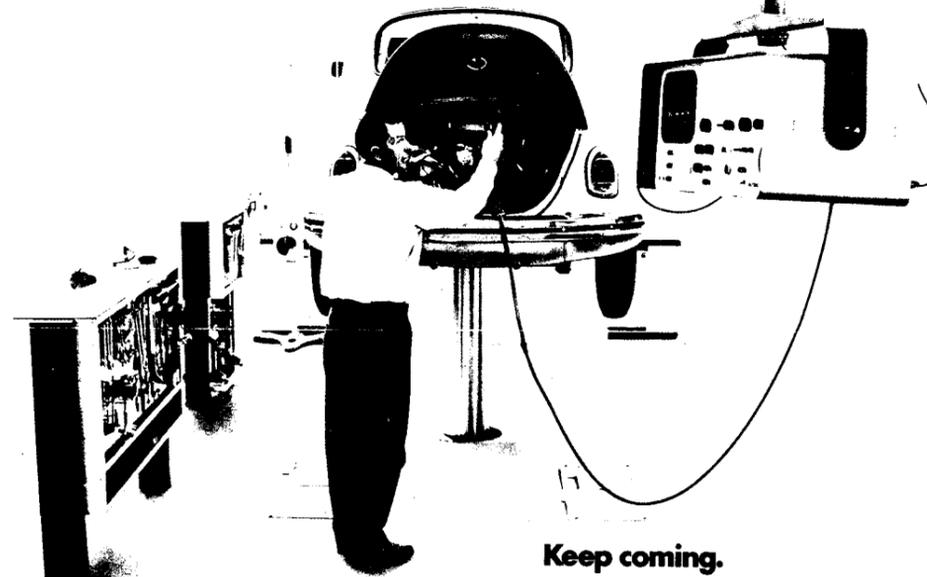
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Early Interest Never Waned

From building balsa and tissue paper model airplanes, dreams of flying a Keystone bomber and a flight with Wiley Post to a job as aerospace engineer for Army rockets and missiles . . . George Robinson's career has covered a span of technology and experiences that exceeded even his wildest dreams as a youth.

Few people can go back 50 years and trace their present occupation back to a hobby they had as a youth, but Robinson, an aerospace engineer with the Army Missile Research Development and Engineering Laboratory, can do just that.

Prior to the 1920's when aviation was still in the pioneering stages, Robinson's first love was model trains. At six years old he acquired his first train, a Lionel standard gauge engine and passenger cars. He took his model railroading serious and during the next several years acquired seven engines, 20 passenger cars and approximately 40 freight cars.

When he was 12, his New Orleans home was flooded and most of his train equipment was ruined. While young Robinson was pondering how to replace his train equipment, Charles Lindbergh made his famous solo flight non-stop from New York to Paris. Almost overnight Robinson switched his interest from trains to planes.

NO KITS THEN

In those days there were no model airplane kits, so he bought glue, tissue paper, plans, and whatever he needed and built a replica of Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis. Since plans were the most expensive items, Robinson got an old camera, took pictures of the planes he wanted to build, and then made his own drawings and plans.

He entered a model airplane

contest in 1932 and won first prize . . . a flight with Wiley Post in a Bird biplane. This first flight really excited his imagination so Robinson built other models and won flights with Walter and Jimmy Wedell, Thompson and Bendix Trophy racers of that period.

Though vitally interested in airplanes and aviation, Robinson entered Tulane University and took up mechanical and electrical engineering because his mother didn't want him to take aeronautical engineering.

After his first year at Tulane, a lack of funds caused Robinson to drop out of school and go to work as a copy boy for the New Orleans Item newspaper. While working for the Item, Robinson took a flight with Eddie Rickenbacker in a Curtiss Condor biplane that belonged to the Eastern Air Transport Co.

At that time Eastern was publicizing flights from New Orleans to New York with departure time at 12:01 a.m. and arrival in New York at 11:58 p.m. the same day . . . a 24 hour flight.

While working for the Item, Robinson took every opportunity to fly whenever possible. When pioneer pilot Clarence Chamberlain came to town, he was first in line to get a ride. He even wangled a flight to take pictures of the Army's Keystone Pirate Bombers flying in formation over New Orleans.

SCHOLARSHIP

Robinson's avid interest in aviation attracted the attention of Herman Deutsche, a member of the Item staff, and Charles Frampton of the New Orleans Times Picayune staff, and they arranged a scholarship for him at Louisiana State University. He accepted the scholarship, but

didn't tell his mother that it was for aeronautical engineering.

During his stay at LSU, Robinson learned to fly in an open cockpit American Eagle biplane. As one of his projects at college, he and several other engineering students built a scale model of a local airport complete with railroad sidings and all authentic details.

Prior to his graduation from LSU in 1939 his mother learned from one of the professors that her son was to receive his degree in aeronautical engineering.

Following graduation Robinson went to work for the government at the Naval Aircraft Factory, Philadelphia, Pa. Later he transferred to Brookley Army Air Field, Mobile, Alabama. He decided to quit flying in 1943 and the last plane he flew was the C-47 Gooney Bird.

HAS FIRST TRAIN

Robinson now has over 33 years government service and the last 20 have been at Redstone. He is thinking of retiring one of these days, but in the meantime he is still making model airplanes and working with his model trains. In fact he still has the first train he ever owned and though it is 51 years old, it is still in excellent operating condition.

In his spare time he does repair work for several of the local hobby shops. He plans to increase these activities once he retires.

Through all his years of airplane modelling and train activities, Robinson maintained his interest in photography. He has four cameras, all professional type equipment, and his own darkroom set up so he can do his own developing and processing.

Looking back over 50 years of hobbies, Robinson said, "Trains and planes have been my favorites with photography coming in a close second. I still get a thrill out of building an engine or a model plane. I think everyone should have a hobby."

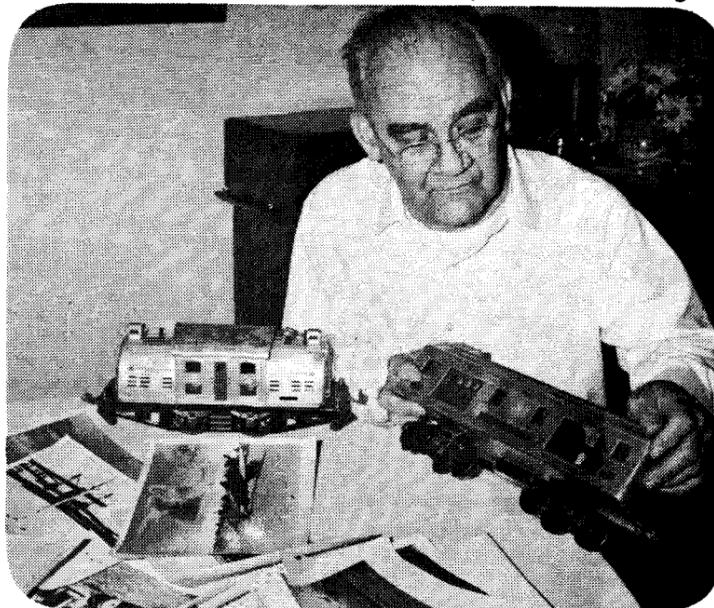
Many people do have hobbies, but few have been as faithful to them through the years as has George Robinson.

Elect Officers

The Control Systems Society and the IEEE Section will elect officers at a dinner meeting at the Redstone Officers Open Mess June 26 at 7 p.m.

The floor will be open for nominations.

This is also ladies night. Reservations deadline is 2 p.m. Monday. Handling these are James Baumann, 876-4564 and Donald Sutherland, 876-3120.



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Marines Land, And MICOM String Ends

The National League softball took a few funny bounces last week, and, as a result, Company A moved into a virtual first place tie with previously unbeaten MICOM I.

TUESDAY

MICOM I ran into an unexpected double disaster on Tuesday. First it was the Marines, who handed the Missilemen their first setback of the season, as MICOM was caught looking ahead and tried to get by with second-line pitching. The strategy backfired and the Marines got six runs in the first inning on eight walks and only one hit. MICOM rallied in the final inning, but four runs could only close the gap to the final score of 9-5. The Marines' James Warren held MICOM to just five hits while striking out nine.

The upset by the Marines set the stage for a first-place showdown between MICOM and Company A, and the A's made the most of it. MICOM built up a 4-2 lead after four innings, but then the roof fell

in on MICOM pitcher John Goltz. Company A sent 11 men to the plate and scored seven runs to gain a lead they never relinquished enroute to a 9-6 victory. Key hits in the outburst were a two-run, game-tying double by John Vandevener and a two-run single by Greg Groesser which drove in the go-ahead runs. MICOM I was limited to six hits by winning pitcher Cal Done.

Company A's win, coupled with their forfeit victory over the 6th ETC, gave Company A and MICOM I identical records of 9-2.

In the final contest Tuesday, P&P crushed the 95th Cal, 14-4. Thirdbaseman Jack Paul led the victors with four hits and four RBIs, while Larry Sweeney, Cleo Hogan and Kerry Pullen each added two hits. Larry Sunday had two hits in two trips for the 95th.

THURSDAY

Easy victories were recorded Thursday by MICOM I, the Marines, and the 6th ETC. In the closest of the three contests, the 6th

beat the 8th ETC, 11-5. Bill Smith and Stan Przedziecki rapped out four hits each and Ken Stressman added three more for the winners. Pat Few was the winning pitcher.

The suddenly powerful Marines breezed past the 95th Calibration Company, 14-1. Frank Paoli ripped a single, double and homerun in five runs for the Marines. Larry Sunday of the 95th got the only two hits off winning hurler James Warren.

MICOM I, sufficiently chagrined by their losses on Tuesday, rebounded to beat P&P, 14-4. Ray Smith's seventh homer of the year and Rich Northcraft's sixth paced the MICOM team. Smith drove in four runs with his homer, a single and double. Northcraft had five RBIs. Bill Cross allowed only three P&P hits to gain his first victory of the season.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Unbeaten MICOM II avoided the fate of MICOM I with three easy victories to run their record to 11-0. The Meddacs were the week's other triple winner. Their impressive triumphs moved them into serious playoff contention.

MONDAY

An expected tight battle between MICOM II and Company C on Monday did not materialize, as MICOM romped to a 13-5 win. Six players collected two hits apiece for the winners, led by Rick "The Wrench" Newman with two homeruns and Les Grayson with two doubles. Winning pitcher Ron Lockwood scattered four hits, including a homerun by C's Clint Jones.

The MPs outlasted the 1st ETC, 16-15, in a nine-inning marathon. The MPs got hits from 11 players. Ernie Williams had a double and triple and three RBIs. Jaimie Esteva led the losers with four hits.

A seven-run first inning was all the Meddacs needed to wrap up the 9th ETC, 13-0, behind Terry Harding's four-hitter. Manny Chavez had three hits and Fred Goddard had four RBIs.

Safeguard squeaked past the 4th ETC, 9-8, in final Monday action. A seven-run fourth inning did the trick for the winners, as George

Owens and Eddie Bryant each drove in two runs. Steve Venable and Jesse Sias had two hits and two RBIs each for the 4th.

MICOM II survived a mild scare to beat the 9th ETC, 17-10, on Wednesday. MICOM fell behind, 7-6, in the fifth inning, the first time the team has trailed all season. But three runs in the fifth, two in the sixth, and six more in the seventh put the game away. Don Watson and Max Lawson hit homeruns for MICOM.

Four errors meant defeat for Company C in a 7-4 loss to Safeguard. The costly miscues occurred in the fifth inning and gave the winners four runs. Eddie Bryant drove in two runs with his two hits, and pitcher Al Spaulding held Company C to three hits.

The Meddacs buried the 1st ETC, 15-1, on Field Two. Homeruns by Chris Wanzer, Tom Bigham and Don O'Neill accounted for seven Meddac runs. Wanzer had five RBIs for the evening.

In Wednesday's final action, the MPs won their second straight 16-15 game. The victim this time was the 4th ETC. The MPs won dramatically with four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. John Thomas led the MPs with three hits and three RBIs, and teammate Rod Perry drove in three with his single and homer. Steve Venable crashed two homeruns for the 4th, which also got three hits from Bill Tilley.

THURSDAY

Only one American League game was played Thursday, as Company C whipped the MPs, 10-3. Winning pitcher Tom Vanis held the losers to four hits while getting two hits himself. A four-run sixth inning iced the game for Company C.

The American League completed all previously postponed contests on Friday night with four games.

The Meddacs blanked Safeguard, 8-0, on Terry Harding's five-hit pitching. Bob Moore's triple ignited a six-run seventh inning for the Meddacs, who had held a slim 2-0 lead since the first inning. Steve Walczynski drove in three runs for the winners.

The 9th ETC slipped past the 4th, 8-6, on a six-run fifth inning, overcoming a 6-1 deficit.

The MPs beat Company C, 5-4, in the fourth game of the week for both teams. Tim Gall's seventh inning single won the game. He had doubled to start a game-tying rally the previous inning.

It was homerun derby in Friday's final game, as MICOM II whipped the 1st ETC, 14-3. Fred Person saw five of his pitches sail over the fence, as Mike Spry and Max Lawson did the trick twice apiece. Jerry Thomas added a solo homerun. Lawson drove in five runs and Spry had four RBIs.

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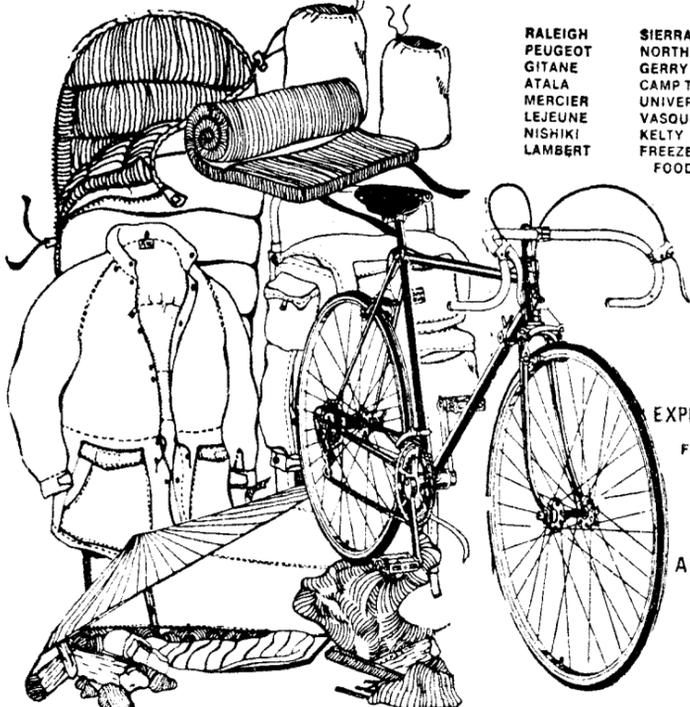
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Materiel Mgmt. Grabs Lead

Materiel Management used a near perfectly played 2-0 win over MISD to surge into the lead as the CWF slo-pitch league got in three nights of action last week.

It was the third win of the week for the new leaders whose earlier wins were also close calls, an 8-7 win over Missile Systems and a 9-8 nod at the expense of Metrology.

MISD came out on top of three contests including a twin win on Tuesday. The defending champs took F&A into camp, 11-5, on Monday before doubling up against GEM (9-5) and Safeguard (16-5).

The Accountants and Safeguard scored double wins themselves with the former taking GEM (9-7) and Safeguard (20-8) on Thursday. The ABM gang scored over GEM (8-6) and Metrology (10-0).

The final two encounters on the 12-game card saw Missile Systems outlast F&A, 14-12, on Tuesday, but fall before a 20-2 Metrology barrage on Thursday.

Jerry Williams sent one run home with a sacrifice fly and Dewey Wilson chased another in with a single in the first inning and Lindon Calvert made the runs stand up with a six-hit shutout of MISD.

Defense was the story of the game with each side consistently turning in brilliant plays to stave off any further scoring, as Doug Peavey took the loss.

Doug McKee raced all the way home from first on a Williams double to propel MM to their win over Ms1 Systems. The losers had a 7-6 lead into the final frame.

Dave Blackwood collected three hits for MM while Charles Lovejoy had two for the losers.

Another last inning rally brought the MM win over Metrology with Ronnie Phillips delivering the key blow following hits by Blackwood and Buddy Fees.

Wendell Waite had propelled Metrology into the driver's seat with a bases-loaded triple in the sixth.

Russ Ward homered and doubled and Jack Harris collected three hits as MISD breezed by F&A, with

the win going to Peavey. Warren Blades collected three safeties in the losing cause.

Another Ward four-baser and three hits by Jerry Arzsmann got MISD by GEM and in the nightcap Harris slammed a pair of triples to get Gene Lillard a win over Safeguard.

Safeguard outdistanced GEM on the strength of a two doubles and a single by Hesley DeBow that offset a three-run homer by Wayne Dahlke for GEM.

Lovejoy stroked a three-run homer to go along with four hits a piece from Larry Davis and Bob Huntley as Missile Systems took

F&A. Hal Jacobs and Mike Reid homered for the Accountants.

Jacobs included another circuit clout in a four-for-four performance that enabled Roland Brown to hurl the Accountants past Safeguard.

A brilliant running catch by Reid enabled the Accountants to hold on for their win over GEM. On the attack, Jacobs collected his third homer of the week.

Metrology got their win over Missile Systems with a vicious 23-hit attack and good defense. Jack Bissinger got five of the base hits himself with Vic Spradley getting credit for the win.

Unit Level Softball

National League

	W	L	GB
MICOM I	10	2	1/2
Company A	9	2	3 1/2
8th ETC	5	3	4
100th Ordnance	3	3	4 1/2
Marines	4	5	6
6th ETC	3	7	6 1/2
95th Cal	2	7	7
P&P	1	7	

American League

	W	L	GB
MICOM II	11	0	
MPs	8	3	3
Medrac	6	5	5
Company C	6	5	5
Safeguard	5	5	6
4th ETC	3	8	8
9th ETC	3	8	8
1st ETC	2	9	9

Top Hitters

(22 or more at-bats)

Player	AB	R	AVG.	Player	AB	R	AVG.
Word, A	25	15	.600	J. Thomas, MICOM	32	17	.531
Sunday, 95th	29	17	.586	Spry, MICOM	25	13	.520
R. Smith, MICOM	32	18	.563	Venable, 4th	31	16	.516
Northcraft, MICOM	39	21	.538	Lockwood, MICOM	20	14	.482
Howey, MICOM	36	19	.528	Watson, MICOM	23	11	.478
Diggs, A	32	15	.469	Chavez, Meddac	26	12	.478
Crowson, MICOM	35	16	.457	Orebaugh, 9th	27	12	.444
Przedziecki, 6th	22	10	.455	Jaquez, 4th	23	10	.434
Williams, A	26	11	.423	J. Thomas, MPs	30	13	.433
Fannin, Marines	27	11	.407	Oury, C	20	12	.400
				Newman, MICOM	25	10	.400

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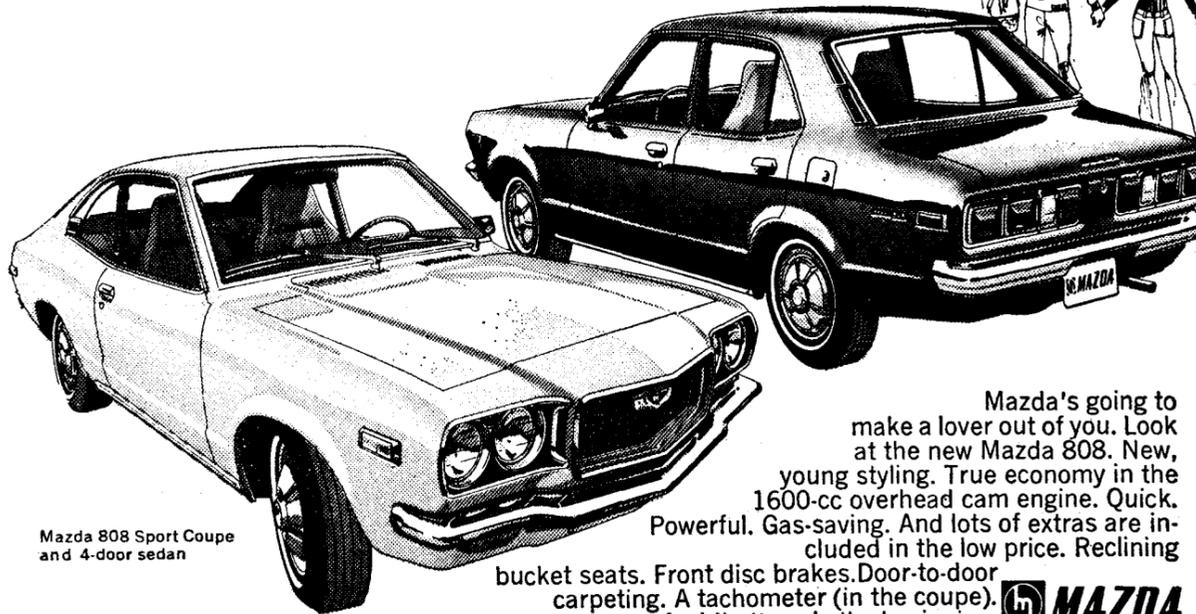
MAJORS

Sprints	4-1
Herc's	3-2
Rockets	3-2
Nikes	2-3
Ajaks	2-3
Hawks	1-4

MINORS

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Reds	4-1
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Falcons	2-3
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People used to join the Navy to see the world. Victoria Bain joined the American Red Cross.

She is the acting field director at the Redstone Arsenal Red Cross Field Office in the interim between the departure of David Corson going to the Naval Air Station at Meridian, Miss., and the arrival of Leo Kirk, who is returning to Redstone from Bremerhaven, Germany.

Miss Bain joined the Red Cross almost ten years ago and has served more than six of them in overseas assignments.

For fifteen months she worked in Japan. Another twenty months were in Korea where her mother joined her for Christmas during her first tour. They not only acquired a toy Spitz, but shared Christmas at an orphanage where the carols were sung in Korean and the youngsters reacted like youngsters everywhere.

They traveled, sightseeing in places like Hong Kong and Singapore, looping out from the mainland before returning to Seoul.

Miss Bain's next overseas assignment to Vietnam earned her an honorary Marine Corps patch for serving at 3rd Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters at Da Nang for 13-1/2 of her 18 month assignment.

She worked at maintaining a positive image, not only as an American Red Cross worker, but also as an American woman overseas.

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When asked about being in a battle zone, she said, "I never felt personally threatened. I was at headquarters. Nothing ever happens at headquarters. Oh, a few rockets, maybe?"

She explained that the Red Cross clubmobile operators at Da Nang did venture into the demilitarized zone to take entertainment to the troops in that area.

Extremes in climate seem to be her fate, she says. After Vietnam came Arizona and then the United Kingdom, the fogs and rain of London and South Ruislip where she was sent.

It took awhile to adjust, but after a Mediterranean cruise she thawed and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of living on the economy when the commissary in the area was closed. The contrast in shopping proved shocking as did such clauses in her apartment lease such as sweeping the chimney once a year.

The assignment also gave her a chance to see much of Europe on British charter tours and sample the cooking of France, Greece, Portugal, and Spain. Again her mother was able to join her for eight months.

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Miss Bain came to Redstone from Marine Corps Station, Yuma, Arizona. In one way it is like being back in the tropics. There is no air conditioning in the Red Cross office here.

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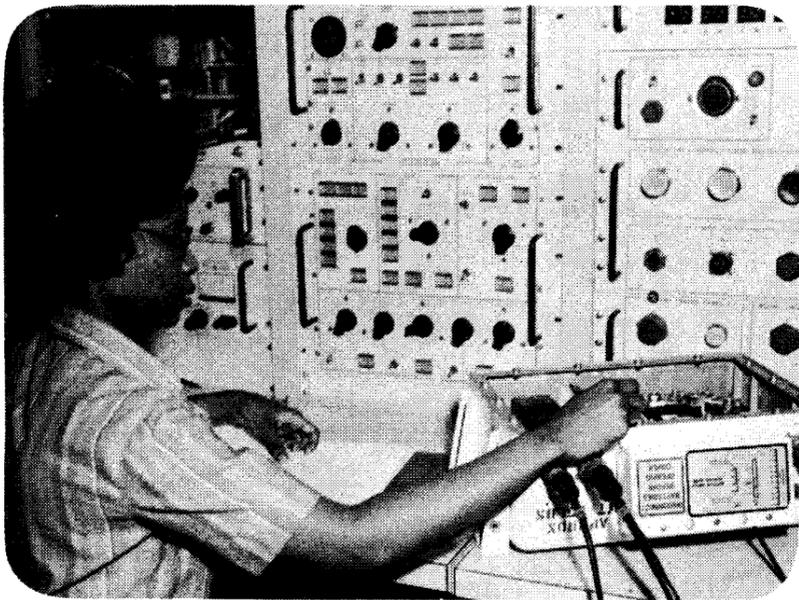
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In brief, MICOM is not a seething mass of discontented women. MICOM women do, however, note occasional remarks that indicate to them that attitudes of many have yet to change. Prejudice, in whatever guise, still hurts.

Part of the blame for the lingering prejudice against working women can be traced to women themselves. Not too long ago, they willingly accepted the back seat in the working world because they had been raised to think that was their assigned role in life.

"It didn't bother them to see the man at the next desk do the same kind of work they did, yet get better pay for it. The philosophy on which they had been raised led them to believe that was the way it should be.

"They were convinced the man in the family was the breadwinner, he was the boss at home and at work. The only married women who felt no qualms about taking home what was considered a man's pay were those who were the sole support for their families.



DeLois Thomas

It wasn't that they lacked spirit or intelligence, but only the aggressive few saw anything wrong with the way things were.

More than social attitudes had to be changed. Not too long ago discrimination by sex was sanctioned by law.

The Civil Service Act of 1883 made it possible for women to take Civil Service exams. Many did and received excellent grades, but were second choice for jobs available.

From 1934 until 1965, a federal agency could request a certificate of eligibles from the Civil Service Commission and specify the sex they wanted to hire. One result of the practice was that 75 percent of those selected for challenging positions that offered opportunities for advancement were males.

That changed when the word "sex" was added to the President's Executive order on Equal Employment Opportunity in 1967. The order now read in part, "It is the policy of the government of the United States to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of color, religion, sex . . ."

A glimmer of change for employed women had come earlier with the establishment of the Federal Service Entrance Exam. This opened the way for women in dead end jobs to take the exam, and if they passed, they could be qualified for professional and semi-professional positions. It was a means for getting out from behind the typewriter and away from the filing cabinet.

"But even when a woman did qualify, she couldn't succeed in being selected for a better job unless the men who were normally the bosses felt that women should be given a chance to advance," Arleta Martin, the MICOM Federal Employed Women's Program coordinator, said.

"I agree that women have often been their own worst enemies when it came to moving out of the clerical fields.

"There were other women not married who intended to have careers of their own, but even many of those did not push too hard to climb toward the top.

"We had exceptions, but generally women aspired only for jobs traditionally held by women.

"Many women who had been working for some time thought nothing of it when there were vacancies that were filled by men hired from outside. They felt no twinges about possibly missing opportunities. They sat back and took the attitude that, after all, they were women, and women were supposed to accept such situations.

"What they failed to recognize is that the federal government pays a stated salary for performance of a set of duties involving specific responsibilities regardless of who occupies the position, and that Civil Service regulations and procedures intend that the person who is best qualified for the position be selected regardless of race, sex, color or national origin."

A few women started showing up in offices full of men and working along side them in various fields about 20 years ago at Redstone. At that time the situation still existed, and in some places still does, where promotions went to men in spite of the fact that qualifications and performance of women equaled or exceeded those of men, and the women felt no sense of unfairness."

In the '60s the civil rights movement engulfed women as well as minority groups.

"It is a shame any group of people has to be forced to demonstrate in any fashion to get others to recognize that they aren't being treated fairly," Miss Martin said.

"Women now dare to challenge personnel decisions that affect them, they will question their performance appraisals and training opportunities, and a good many would be ready to pursue formal complaint procedures against the boss who told them a man would be more suitable to fill a vacancy.

Women are pulling their heads out of the sand."

In spite of hard work, training and competency, women still have some limitations, real or imagined.

Consider the question of mobility. Miss Martin observes: "It is often claimed that women can't be selected for better positions because they aren't free to travel or move to new locations — family ties and responsibilities are the deterrent.

"This is a little unfair because there are plenty of men who have the same barriers to moving, or they just plain don't prefer to move, yet seldom is it held against them."

Some husbands of women careerists are opposed to having them go on business trips, and there are bosses who are reluctant to send women on travel because they're women — no other reason. Then there are men who have a hard time explaining to their wives when they are sent on trips accompanied by a woman employee.

There are women who have been so successful that their incomes now surpass those of their husbands. This can rub the husband the wrong way in some instances — those who feel their virility is challenged, especially, and it may make the wife less effective on her job because she is concerned about her home life.

At MICOM some early inroads were made by women into procurement and supply areas. Women started showing up at the negotiation table and doing the buying. They abandoned their clerical duties to become contract negotiators, contract administrators, procurement analysts, production specialists, purchasing agents, and business and industry analysts.

In the supply and maintenance fields women gained new titles — for women — such as item inventory managers, programmers, reviewers, system analysts, supply officers and cataloguers.

Before the advent of the intern program which brought in college educated young women and trained them in a wide variety of professions, it was frequently the older women who had come up through the ranks from a start as a clerk-steno.

Among the women in a number

of MICOM organizations who have achieved professional status are those whose assignments are unusual, not only at Redstone, but in some instances, Army wide. Some examples:

Bessie Certain is one of nine physical security specialists in the Internal Security Division, but the only woman in the group. Her job involves the physical security of the installation including fenced areas, structures and igloos. She inspects these facilities and recommends procedures and safeguards to preclude unauthorized entry.

Sue Carter is deputy chief of the post Transportation Division, and as such is involved in commercial transportation of all personnel and material sent off the arsenal commercially as well as controlling inbound commercial shipments, and arranging for shipment and storage of household goods and personal effects to include local drayage.

By being alert and interested, Brenda Cooper has gained a position as an intelligence research specialist in the Missile Intelligence Agency located at Redstone. Her job includes wide travel and giving briefings to people in national intelligence agencies and other Army elements as well as research work.

Delois Thomas has one of the most unusual positions in a field that has been exclusively for male employees. She is an equipment specialist in the Maintenance Directorate, and will leave soon for Germany to assist troops in identifying technical problems in the Chaparral mission system. She received her training at the Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone.

"We compare favorably with other government agencies in the employment of women as professionals," Miss Martin said, "but we haven't established any particular track record in placing women in supervisory, managerial or executive positions.

"Our highest numbers grade-wise are in the 9 to 12 levels. We're more than 15 percent higher in grade 9s than the Army wide record.

"Upward mobility for women has improved a lot in the last three or four years, but we still have a long way to go."



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

By PFC Larry Marsh

Top Troop

Corporal Jerry D. Crandall of the 5th ETC has been selected as Second Battalion's Soldier of the Month. He's a native of Gaylord, Mich., where he graduated from high school in 1968. He was a student at Central Michigan University before entering the Army last December. Crandall is a student here in the Nike launcher repair course.

Promotions

Major Freddie G. Smith, chief of the Nike division at MMCS, was promoted to his present rank last week. Hailing from Doylestown, Ohio, Smith received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Akron in 1963. He earned his Master's degree in the same field in 1971 from Stevens Institute of Technology. Smith came to Redstone from an assign-

ment with the 54th General Support Group in Vietnam.

Earning his CW4 rank last week was Jordan C. Horne, a native of Kinston, N.C. He is a 1947 graduate of Oak Ridge (N.C.) Military Academy and entered the Army in 1957. Horne is currently assigned to HHC.

Master Sergeant Beverly L. Ross was promoted to his present rank last week, then celebrated by moving his family into their new Huntsville home. Ross, a Hawk senior instructor, is originally from Vanceboro, N.C. The 38-year-old master sergeant is assigned to Company C of School Brigade and says he enjoys gardening as a pastime.

And finally on the promotion front, Master Sergeant Raymond Scroggins was promoted to his current rank last week. Scroggins is a native of Madison, Ind., and



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DAVID

entered the Army in 1958. A member of Company A, School Brigade, he is a Nike maintenance chief.

Honor Graduates

Honor graduate of his Hawk pulse radar repair course is Corporal David A. Tomeo, of Ellwood City, Pa. A member of the 6th ETC, Tomeo received a bachelor's degree in education in 1968 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

From Orlando, Fla., comes Specialist Four Timothy M. McClain, top man in his Hawk missile launcher repair course. Assigned to the 1st ETC, McClain had a 92.86 grade average in his Hawk course.

Tops in his Land Combat Support Systems class last week was Private First Class Luis A. David of the 6th ETC. David is a 1971 graduate of Perth Amboy (N.J.)

High School and entered the Army last September.

Private Rickey E. Anderson of Camanche, Iowa, and the 7th ETC took class honors in his nuclear weapons maintenance course last week. He is a 1972 graduate of Camanche High School in Iowa and moves on to Korea now.

**Rock Show At Club
On Sunday**

The Vibrations, a local rock band will appear on stage at the Service Club Sunday evening for the entertainment of enlisted, men and their guests. The curtain goes up at eight.

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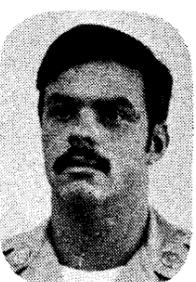
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"Take college. I've got two years of it already, most of it paid for by the Army. And since I'm reenlisting, I'll be able to finish the other two. When I graduate I'll even have the option of applying for OCS and that'll give me the chance to start serving as an officer.

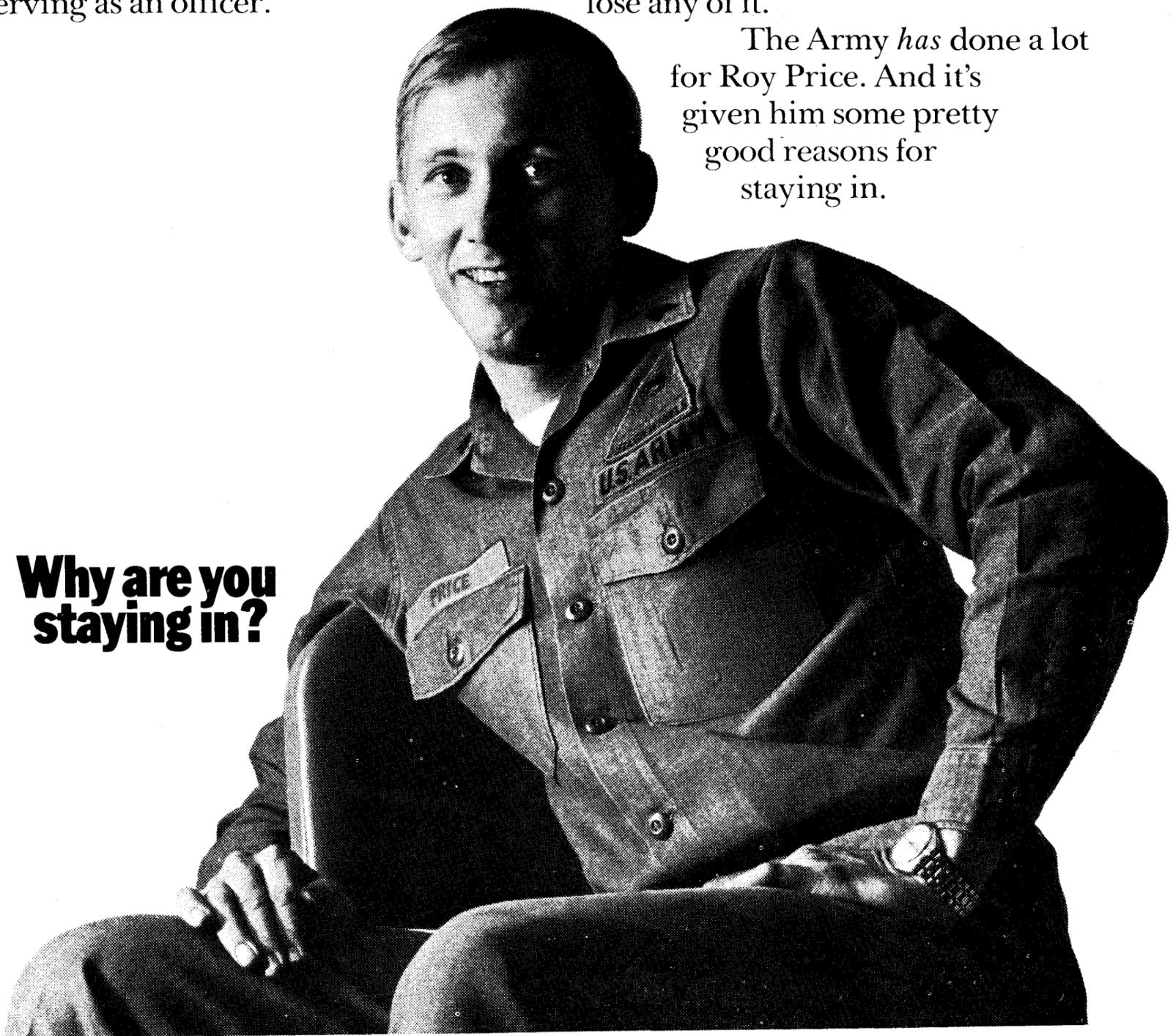
"The Army tries to help you out in any way they can, from what I can figure. When I finished my tour in Vietnam I asked to be stationed at Ft. Hood, and here I am.

"It all worked out pretty well, because my wife and I just had our first baby — cost about \$7.00 — and I hate to think what it would've been on the outside.

"When I look at everything — the schooling, the cost of living, where I'm stationed — the Army's done an awful lot for me. I don't know... right now it's just too good to lose any of it."

The Army *has* done a lot for Roy Price. And it's given him some pretty good reasons for staying in.

Why are you staying in?

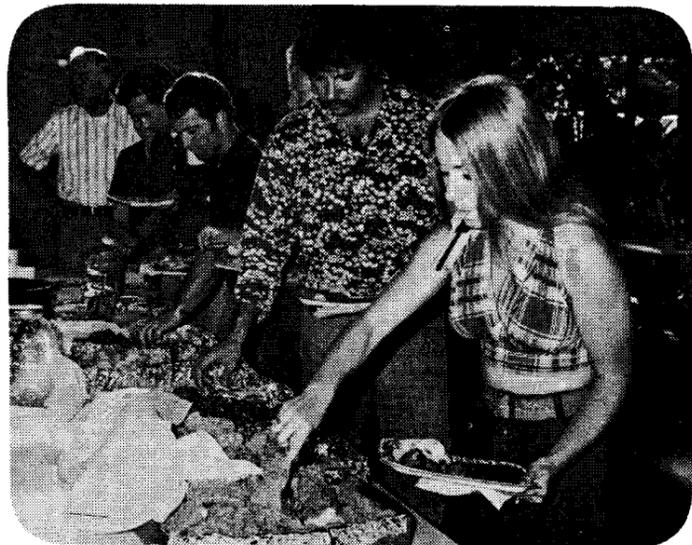




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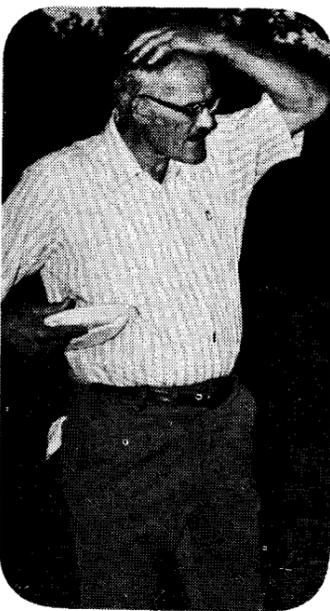
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Lane and Opp can be reached by calling 876-5397 or 876-5468.

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For further information, call toll-free from anywhere in Alabama: 1-800-572-2970. In Huntsville call 453-5070 and in Birmingham, 325-6091.

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For enlisted men, there'll be 33 promoted to E-9, 529 to E-8, and 1,028 to E-7. 893 will be promoted to E-6, with 4,500 to E-5, and 8,500 to E-4.

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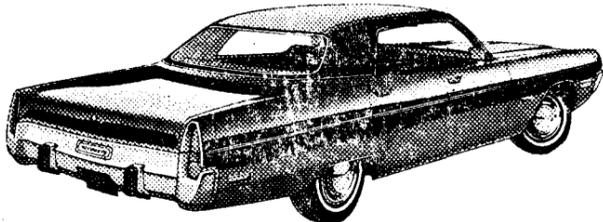


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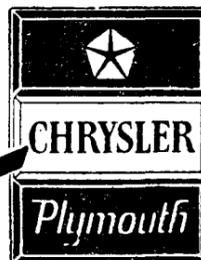
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Rugg carves Mayan heads. One inch high, they are his own interpretations of relics excavated by archeologists in Mexico and Central America. Some of Rugg's subjects are photographs of ancient peices.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourne K. Rugg, live in Guatemala City.

Rugg's medium for the original carvings is plaster.

"Fine plaster cuts easily, and you can add it back on if you take off too much," the 20-year-old former magazine art director explained.

Because he strives for as much detail as possible in the miniatures, he often fashions his

own tools with nails and paper clips. The extra work is beginning to pay off. Rugg says a magazine merchandise outlet is interested in marketing a chess set he carved. The set features ranks of buxom women instead of the conventional pieces.

A nationally-known department store chain wants to market a set of five miniature Mayan heads, he says.

These recent commercial developments have created a few minor problems for Eric Rugg. Imagine trying to mass-produce miniature carvings with hand-made tools.

Rugg says he's developed a satisfactory molding method himself.

"Most of the production techniques were the result of trial

and error. There are a lot of trade secrets among commercial producers," Rugg said.

Rugg gave a few hints about casting finely-detailed pieces. Once he has produced a finished plaster carving after as many as three modifications, he spray paints the piece to get a smooth surface.

He then coats the painted piece with commercially-available latex, making sure there are no bubbles. Layer by layer, he builds up a coat 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. He peels the latex mold off the carving, and he's then ready to cast the piece in marble dust or acrylic polyester resin.

Rugg's father, still in Guatemala, has agreed to help in production and marketing of the pieces, so Rugg can continue to devote his energies to maintaining Hawk pulse radar for the Army — at least for a little while longer.

Tops His Class At NCO Academy

Specialist Six Michael Tether, an instructor of D.C. circuits in Common Subjects at MMCS, was recently graduated as top man in his class at the NCO Academy at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

The 23-year-old native of Red Wing, Minn., compiled a 93.2 academic average to lead the class that included a majority of combat-skilled soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division.

"Anyone who's thinking of the Army as a career should attend the NCO Academy," Tether said. With four years of service already behind him, Tether admitted his hopes for an Army career.

Originally a Nike crewman with experience in Korea, Tether re-enlisted to become a Nike field maintenance test equipment

repairman.

Tether and his wife, the former Gay Sharp of New Market, have a 14-month-old daughter, Amanda. They make their home in Huntsville.



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Glenda Kidd and Sara Fisk collected two hits apiece in the opener and between them drove in all of the runs.

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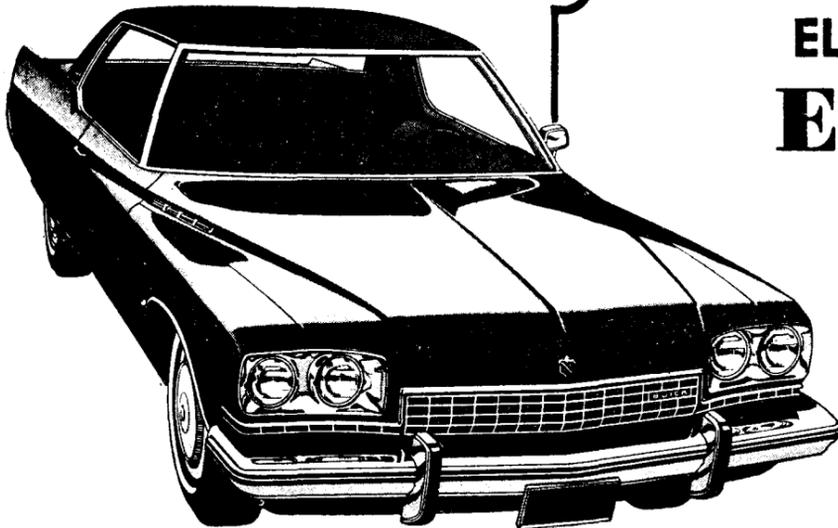
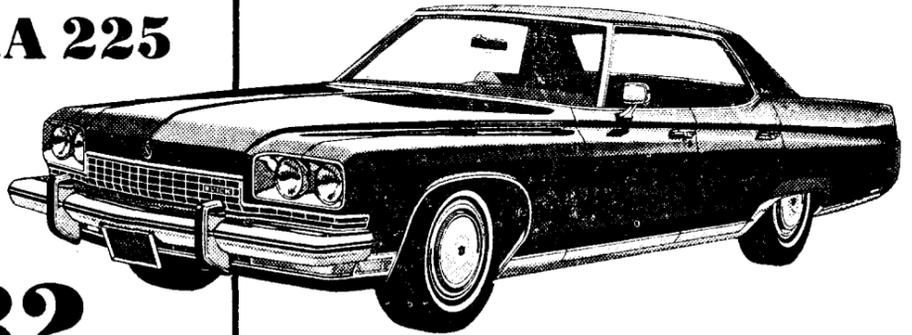
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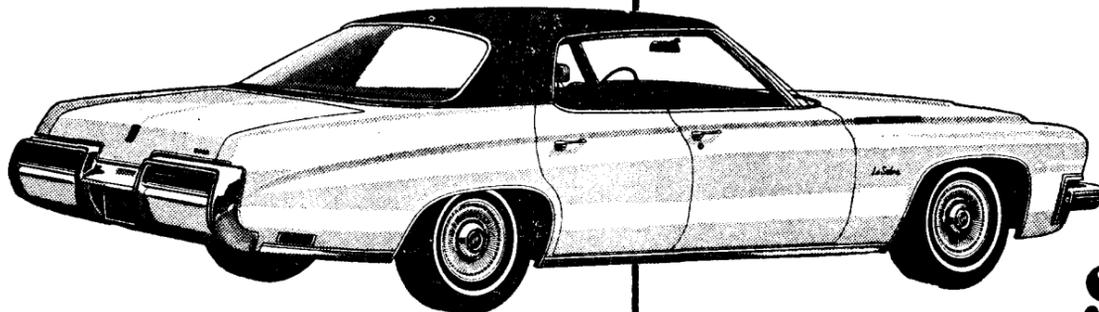
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