

A Ray of Sunshine —

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A near record number of civilian retirements within the Missile Command has been triggered by a recent substantial increase in annuities and a new federal law permitting earlier retirement under certain conditions.

As of June 22, 233 MICOM civilian employees had made firm commitments to retire. Civilian Personnel Division officials estimated as many as 60 more would retire this week since individuals desiring to qualify for a special 6.1 per cent cost of living increase in their annuities must be off the roles by June 30.

An augmented staff of retirement counsellors has been necessary to handle the wave of departures which may yet exceed the record total of 368 retirements recorded during fiscal year 1970.

Counterbalancing the significant loss of experience, the high number of retirements has resulted in several major beneficial spinoffs for MICOM and its remaining civilian employees.

MICOM will probably meet its civilian employment ceiling set three months ago and simultaneously come close to or meet the FY 73 average grade goal directed by higher authority. Also, retirements have made it possible to make better offers to many of the individuals affected two months ago when the command invoked formal reduction in force procedures to accomplish an internal realignment.

A control group formed from Civilian Personnel Division and Force Development Division has been closely tracking retirements, average grade requirements, vacancies and hiring for the past six weeks to make every possible effort to achieve manning levels and grade controls while still assuring better offers, when possible, for those affected by the RIF.

With five more work days remaining which promise to substantially increase the total number of retirements, Civilian Personnel Division officials made this assessment of the situation Friday.

—**Manning Level:** In March, MICOM received direction to reduce its manning level by 360 civilian spaces prior to July

1. Major General Edwin I. Donley, MICOM Commander, decided to take the cut through attrition rather than using RIF procedures to forcibly separate civilian employees. Civilian Personnel officials now say it is probable that MICOM will meet its new employment ceiling of 7,402 civilians. Organizations have already been notified that they may retain temporary employees who have not completed the full year of employment allowed by Civil Service regulations.

—**Average Grade:** All Army commands have been under direction for several years to reduce the average grade of their civilian staffs. MICOM's year end goal of 9.4283 appeared within reach in March, then the requirement to cut overall manning level introduced new complications. The combination of strict controls imposed on hiring and the 11.1 average grade of retirees, however, makes it probable now that the average grade goal will be attained despite the cut in overall manning level. Average grade goals remain in effect for the next fiscal year. MICOM must come down—under current guidance—to 9.2683 by June 30, 1974.

—**Better Offers:** When RIF procedures were invoked in April to protect the rights of individuals involved in the internal realignment, 364 civilian employees received notice of action affecting them ranging from a shift in job assignment at no loss in pay to transfer with grade reduction. As of Friday, vacancies created by retirements had made it possible to make better offers to more than 70 men and women.

Civilian Personnel officials attribute the near record number of retirements to two major developments in the past 30 days. In May, a 6.1 per cent increase in annuities was confirmed for those who retire prior to June 30. Two weeks ago, a new federal law gave early out options to persons at any age with 25 years of service or those 55 years or older who have at least 20 years of service. Those options will remain in effect for all employees of the Defense Department until mid-August.

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Chaplain Not Unlike Civilian Minister

When the Reverend Dr. Steward B. Lawrence returned to his South Hills Presbyterian congregation at Charleston, W. Va., it wasn't from a family vacation.

Dr. Lawrence, a chaplain for the U. S. Army Reserve's 38th Ordnance Group of Charleston, just spent two weeks of summer training at Redstone.

For the first time during Lawrence's ten years as minister and Army Reserve chaplain, his wife, Jeannette and their three sons accompanied him. While his family got a taste of life on an Army post, Chaplain Lawrence spent his days performing a variety of chaplain's duties.

Lawrence, who received his Doctor of Ministry degree this June from Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va., said he conducted religious services, counselled soldiers, and kept in contact with the Charleston reservists here during their two-week training stint.

He also addressed a meeting of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, discussing the possibilities for unity within a denomination despite differences of opinion among its members.

"In many respects, being an Army chaplain is not too different from ministry in the civilian world," Lawrence said.

"But here, I'm getting a little better picture of what an Army chaplain can do to help soldiers in a variety of situations," he said.

"One of the things that appeals to me here is the 'team' relationship among the chaplains and

their assistants," he added.

He praised the chapel at Redstone, and noted the Arsenal's active youth ministry program.

When he had available time, Lawrence also studied a program of continuing education for Army chaplain called Supplemental Branch Training.

This year's SBT covered chaplain and command staff relationships, chaplain ministry to youth, human relations and the chaplain and self-identity.

Lawrence's assistant, Specialist Four Steven Harrington, also Reservist from Charleston, studied the first three of the four topics.

Though the Rev. Dr. Lawrence said he and his family enjoyed their two weeks at Redstone, he admitted one of his sons expressed a mild preference for hometown life back in Charleston.

June Coffee House On For Saturday

A program of summer music, dancing, and song is planned along with the regular entertainment for the Coffee House at the Service Club this Saturday.

The program is planned for the participation of the enlisted men. Any military personnel is invited to appear on the talent portion of the program. Donna and Dee-Dee will be the host for the program.

Enlisted men may invite guests to the Service Club entertainment. Coffee will be served throughout the program.

HEAR YE!

Speed Limits Coming Down

Speed limits on most main Arsenal roads will be cut 10 miles per hour effective July 2, as a safety measure aimed at reducing the number of vehicle accidents and the severity of both personal injury and property damage resulting when vehicles do collide.

Military police report 122 vehicle accidents on the installation in the first five months of 1973. Property damage per accident has increased dramatically and there have been more personal injuries. One fatality resulted from a two vehicle collision last month.

Heavily traveled Martin Road, the main east-west route on the arsenal, will have a

speed limit of 40 miles per hour from a point just east of Patton Road to a point west of Saturn Road. The posted speed limit on that stretch is now 50 MPH.

Four of the arsenal's main arteries now have 60 MPH limits which will be cut to 50 MPH on July 2. They include: Buxton, Dodd and Tottoy roads and that portion of Patton Road from Neal Road south to Buxton Road.

The limit will be cut from 50 MPH to 40 MPH on Neal, Marshall, Miller and Fowler roads.

Top speed allowed on Vincent Drive will be cut from the present 45 MPH to 40 MPH.

State Voters Re-registering

Clarence Nance, chairman of the Madison County Board of Registrars, is issuing a call to Redstone workers voting in Madison County who have not updated their voter registration information in the wake of the court ordered reapportionment in Alabama.

It is not known yet if reapportionment will follow a federal plan or one proposed by the state, but in either case Nance estimates 40,000 Madison County voters will be affected.

Ann Bell, Morgan County Board Chairman, said a drive to update voter rolls there, will commence July 4.

An updated voter registration list, Nance said, is necessary so every voter can be placed in the correct legislative district, since under reapportionment a person will vote for the candidate from his or her legislative district only, instead of all five candidates as was the case. Also, voting at large will no longer be permitted.

For some people reapportionment may mean only a change in the box number where they voted, for others it may mean assignment to a new voting place.

Madison County voters can make sure their names are included by completing and returning a Voter Address Report, available at the Missile Command Information Office (Building 5250). The report form is also available at branch banks on the Arsenal and in Huntsville, first floor offices of the Madison County Courthouse, Huntsville fire stations, Post Offices in Gurley, New Market and New Hope and at the City Hall in Owens Cross Roads.

Black Becomes FEW President

Delia Black heads a newly-elected slate of officers who will direct the activities of the North Alabama Chapter, Federally Employed Women, during the coming year.

An employee development specialist in Civilian Personnel, Mrs. Black assumed the chapter presidency from Arleta Martin at the installation ceremony conducted June 19 at the Carriage Inn. Edith Gibbs, the ranking woman employee at Redstone prior to her retirement, performed the ceremony.

Betty Burgess took over the role of vice-president, Margaret Thomas is the new secretary, Carol Blue, recording secretary and Freddie Hancock became statistical clerk.

The latter works for the Marshall Center, the remaining officers are with the Missile Command.

Eight chapter members will be in Washington next week to attend the National FEW conference. One of them, Barbara Bullock, is a candidate for a place on the Board of Directors.

M. Kimbrough

Funeral services for Maggie Kimbrough, a retired administrative officer at Redstone Arsenal, were held Sunday at Oak Grove Baptist Church near Russellville with burial in the adjoining cemetery. She was 53.

Mrs. Kimbrough retired in April because of a long illness. She has been employed at Redstone more than 20 years. Her most recent assignments had been in the Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory and the Procurement and Production Directorate.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Kimbrough, Huntsville, and Wayne Kimbrough, Prattville, two brothers and two sisters.

H. L. Smith

Funeral services for Hannibal J. Smith, a Quality Assurance Specialist in the Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate, were held last Thursday with burial following in Maple Hill Cemetery.

He was a pioneer Redstone Civil Service employee with more than 31 years government service, all at Redstone except for a period in uniform during World War II. He was 53.

Death came after a short illness which resulted from a heart attack.

Smith is survived by his wife, daughter and stepson, all of Huntsville.

Army Aviator Talks To AUSA

Maj. Gen. Allen M. Burdett, Jr., commander of the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker will address the annual meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association, U. S. Army, Wednesday, July 5.

The dinner meeting will be at the Redstone Officers Open Mess beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Information on tickets and reservations for whole tables of 10, may be obtained by calling L. N. Hightower, 895-4810, by July 2.

Allen, a West Point graduate, has been in the Army since 1943.

He is a senior Army aviator and is rated in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

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: Have the MP's started enforcing more strictly the 25 miles-per-hour speed limits at Redstone Arsenal gates.

ANSWER: Yes.

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Those who have chosen a new career have picked areas that are completely alien to what they were doing in government service. They are starting out with a vim and vigor that frequently surprises many of the younger students in the schools.

Some of the civil service and military retirees in the area are starting their new careers through training courses at the J.F. Drake State Technical College. They are taking such courses as automobile mechanics, brick masonry and trowel trades, air conditioning and refrigeration, radio and television repair, and have a choice from the more than 20 courses taught at the college.

For Enoch "Nick" Sparks who recently retired from the Directorate for Materiel, his training at Drake is the start of a third career. He completed his first career in the military and then entered civil service. Now that he has retired from civil service he is training as an automobile mechanic.

Sparks put it this way: "I wanted to do something completely different from anything I had done in the past. I have worked with

management, been a supervisor, an instructor and a lecturer and now I want to work with my hands and relax and enjoy myself."

In addition to the training, Sparks is president of the student council which represents the more than 600 students attending Drake.

Master Sergeant Ernest Rhodes, who was with the Redstone Special Services Section prior to his retirement, is taking up bricklaying and mortar work.

He described his choice of training saying: "I wanted to do something different from what I've been doing. I plan to fix up some things around the house and then if I decide to take another job...a bricklayer's pay is pretty good."

C.G. Poolos, a retiree from Redstone who describes himself as the best softball umpire the civilian recreation league ever had, is busy studying automotive work. Poolos explained his new career like this:

"With three cars of my own and the price of repairs these days, I decided to get some training so I can work on my own. I enjoy doing it as a hobby and I can always fall back on it as a job. I'm really enjoying my retirement and I like the friendship and fellowship I've found here at the school."

The only woman in the automotive course, Rosemary Mishler, is the wife of Sergeant

First Class John E. Mishler, assigned to MMCS. Mrs. Mishler is a former WAC and loves to work on automobiles. She and her husband race cars locally in the sportsman and spectator classes.

She explained: "This is one of the things we will do after retirement. I have been helping my husband with cars since 1965. We have a 1964 Chevelle we race in the sportsman division and a 1960 Ford we use in the spectator division. I've learned to do body work and mechanical work and I love it."

R.L. Mitchell retired from the Directorate for Maintenance in February of this year and is taking radio and television repair courses. Mitchell said, "I've been through 11 electronics schools in my career, but I haven't worked on equipment for the last 12 years. I am taking this as a refresher course and I really like working on equipment again. I love retirement and I feel better than I've felt for years."

Lonnie Barker retired from the military and is studying automotive tuneup and air conditioning. He made these points: "During my active duty career I was always cooped up in a command post. Now I am retired I wanted to learn a trade where I could work outside. I've always liked to work with cars and the training here is terrific."

These are just a few of the

retirees who want to keep active and want to learn a different job than the one they had for so long. Some are attending schools like the J.F. Drake State Technical College, others are going to local colleges like the University of Alabama in Huntsville and nearby Athens College.

They all agree they like retirement and a chance to do the things they want to do.

Birthdays Faster for Retired

"I was fooling around getting ready to retire and found out I was a year older than I thought I was" smiled Roy Parker, superintendent of the Arsenal's south maintenance section for the past 21 years.

How he came to age two years in ten days unfolded as he sat repairing a lamp, large work-worn hands cutting and splicing and trying to stuff what looked like two or three inches of wire into a quarter inch conduit.

"I sure hate to leave all these people," Parker remarked poignantly. "I decided to quit just like that," he continued, snapping his fingers and then gesturing across the room to Thomas L. Cox, a co-worker. "He's worked next to me for 22 years."

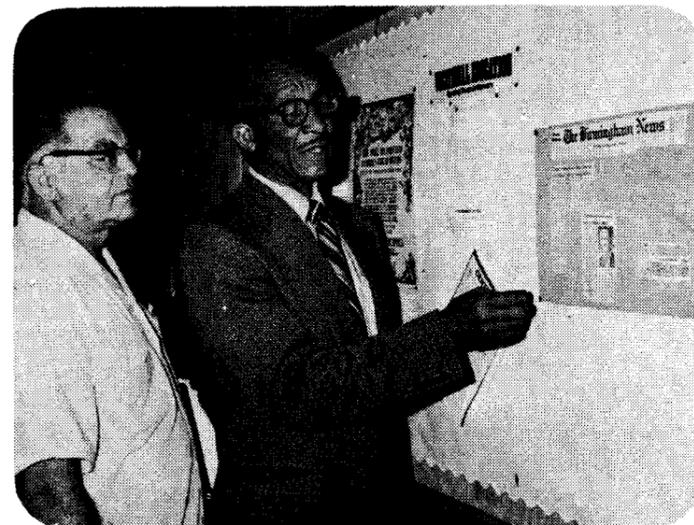
Parker put in his papers June 4: "I went back a week later and they told me I was a year older." He explained that Social Security "got to checking around" and found he was born in 1906 instead of 1907 as

"I love my work, if I didn't I'd already been gone. In maintenance you never catch up, but you're always learning something...and I think I've got 16 of the best men on the Arsenal."

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LOOKS GOOD — P.E.R. Ammons, instructor in brick masonry and trowel trades examines a brick barbecue pit made by Ernest Rhodes, a retiree from Redstone, who is a student and built the fireplace as a project.



WE'RE GROWING — Nick Sparks, president of the student council, and S.C. O'Neal, director, J.F. Drake State Technical College, discuss the announcement that Drake has progressed from a technical school to college status. Sparks is one of the retirees who is attending Drake and training for a new career.



FINE TUNING — C.G. Poolos, a retiree from Redstone, looks on as his instructor, R.C. Davis, makes some fine adjustments on a car in the shop. Automotive repair courses seem to be most popular with retirees.

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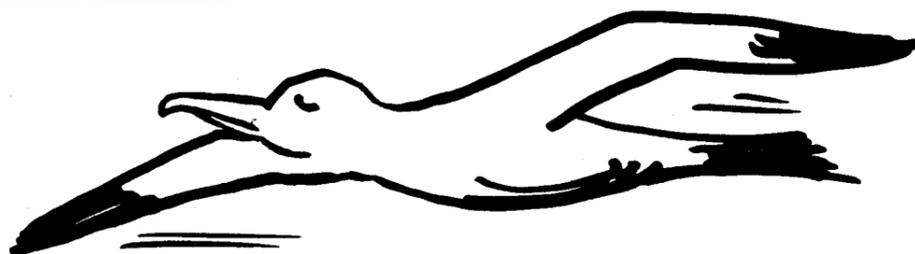
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Redstone Personnel Retirements

Hardly Seems Right

Walter B. Slay is retiring. At least, he hopes he is. He knows he signed the retirement papers, but he wonders if the package will ever be processed.

He told his fellow employees, "I didn't get any concurrences, nobody wrote a justification, and no impact statement was required."

So, after more than 33 years of service, the last as a general engineer with Maintenance Directorate, he initiated one of his easier programs and will retire—if the package goes through.

Void Left In Training

John Hinkle, active in Federal personnel and training activities for over 31 years, is retiring at the end of June from his position as Chief of the Training and Development Branch for the Missile Command.

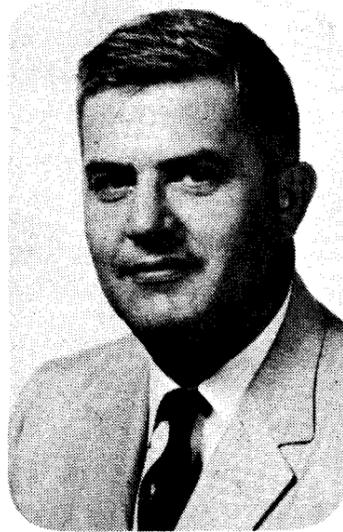
Many training programs to increase employee development

Security Management, Communications Skills, and Executive Development programs.

He was formerly chairman of the Atlanta Civil Service Regional Training Council and local President of the Society for Personnel Management.

Hinkle has worked closely with University of Alabama officials and he assisted many predominately black colleges in the southeast in starting cooperative education programs. He served on committees to assist the Alabama A&M University in the development of their graduate program in Business Administration, and their annual Management Development Seminars.

Hinkle is active in community affairs. He is a director of the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville, of the Huntsville Literary Association, of the Madison County American Red Cross Chapter, a trustee of The Huntsville Arts Council, a member of the Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, and a member of the Personnel Committee of the Girl Scouts of North Alabama.



HINKLE

opportunities were established at the Missile Command under Hinkle's direction.

Among them are the University of Oklahoma undergraduate and graduate programs which have resulted in degrees for 59 persons, and a training program which has qualified 135 employees without high school diplomas for their state high school equivalency certificates.

Other training initiated under Hinkle's leadership at Redstone included Pre-retirement Planning, Quality Assurance, National

His assignment at Redstone began in 1960. He formerly served as Chief of Training at Picatinny Arsenal and was the Civilian Personnel Officer at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

During World War II, he served in the Army and held the Reserve Officer rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is a graduate of Friends Central School, Overbrook, Pa., and has attended the University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University.

He plans to remain in Huntsville following retirement.

MILITARY

Military retirements at Redstone during June have caused a turnover at several key staff positions at the Missile Command.

Newcomers already on the job include Colonel Earnest Deadwyler, Hawk Project Manager; Colonel Thomas Flynn, Director for Personnel Training and Force Development; and Colonel Rudolph Axelson, deputy to Dr. John McDaniel, Director of the Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

They assumed their new duties last week.

The vacancies were created by retirement of Colonel Harry Buzzett, Colonel A.E. Miller and the pending retirement of Colonel V. V. Wallis.

This is the first Redstone assignment for Flynn although Deadwyler and Axelson are making return engagements.

Flynn, who was born in Charleston, West Va., but moved at an early age to Pennsylvania, is an experienced chemical officer who has served in that role in a variety of stateside assignments as well as in Korea, Thailand and Italy.

He came here from Korea where he was Chief of Staff of the Korea Support Command.

Among medals and decorations he holds the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster. He has 31 years of Army service.

Deadwyler, a native of Columbus, Ga., is beginning his fourth Redstone tour.

He first came here in 1950 for a short time as an administrative officer in the Ordnance Guided Missile Center. Then for a year starting in 1952, he was Instructor and Chief of the Officer Training



DEADWYLER

Branch at the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School. Later he served for two years in the Office, Assistant Chief of Staff for Research and Development of the Army Ordnance Missile Command as Nike Zeus Project Officer.

A graduate of the Citadel with a BS in chemistry, he holds an MS in ceramic engineering and metallurgy from Ohio State University and an MBA in General Management from Auburn University. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Air Force Air War College.

He has won the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters and Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

Deadwyler comes to MICOM from the Safeguard System Command where he was Chief,

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A Career Reporting News

Reavis O'Neal, Jr., Information Officer for the Missile and Munitions Center and School for over 16 years, retired this week after a news and public relations career spanning more than four decades.

Born in Huntsville, O'Neal showed early interest in the



O'NEAL

family newspapering tradition. The weekly paper established by his grandfather right after the Civil War became the first Huntsville daily. His father, now living in Huntsville, was a newsman for the Washington Post.

As an undergraduate at Oglethorpe College in Atlanta, he was special correspondent for The Atlanta Journal and covered activities at all small colleges in metropolitan Atlanta.

Graduating with honors with a degree in journalism in 1932, he became the first salaried correspondent in Atlanta for Time, the weekly news magazine. Time-Life-Fortune later sent him to New York to write scripts for The March of Time motion picture and radio series. Several of the productions he worked on won the Motion Picture Academy Award.

In 1936, he joined Carl Byoir & Associates of New York, one of the first public relations firms organized to handle industrial clients on a contract basis.

O'Neal directed public relations programs for several major

industries until 1942.

Shortly after the U.S. declared war on Japan, O'Neal received a commission in the Army Air Corps and was assigned to the European Theater, where his duties included tours as deputy information officer of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force and the U. S. Ninth Air Force.

He was in the midst of great events, a witness to some of them. On D-Day, he made three flights as press escort officer aboard the plane that carried U. S. correspondents between England and the Normandy beaches. Later, as German armor units were making the Ardennes breakout that led to the Battle of the Bulge, O'Neal was driving a jeep between headquarters and passed through Bastogne.

Colonel Barney Oldfield, USAF (Ret.) recalled years later that O'Neal arrived at headquarters and described his route to officers in the room. A quick check of the situation map revealed that he had apparently driven right through an enemy salient hours earlier.

In 1945, O'Neal was assigned to bundle correspondents aboard an aircraft on short notice for a flight to Rheims. It was that group that told the world of the surrender of German forces signed there May 7.

After the war, he re-joined Byoir, and rose to a vice-presidency. Fluent in French, he opened the firm's first international office in Paris in 1952.

He returned to Huntsville in 1956 and soon after became the MMCS I. O.

Then named the Ordnance and Guided Missile School (OGMS), the facility was the newest and least-known Army school.

Television broadcasts to the Pentagon and the National Press Club in New York began to spread news of OGMS, and on the school's fifth anniversary, celebrations were broadcast live to New York and relayed on the Ed Sullivan program.

O'Neal has been a member of the board of governors of the Overseas Press Club of America, Huntsville Press Club, and the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the U. S. Army (AUSA). In addition, he was publicity chairman for the fund drive to establish the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

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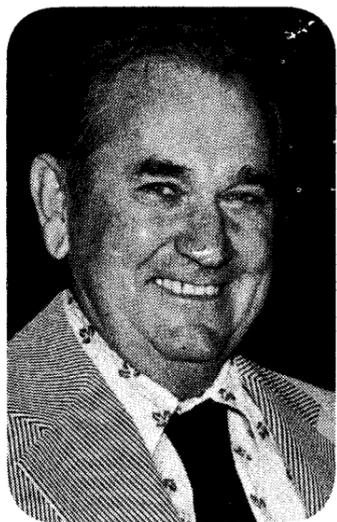
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Seven members of the Pershing Project staff with an aggregate of 261 man years of federal service were honored by their colleagues Friday. All seven, 12 per cent of the total project staff, are retiring.

Of the group, the man with the longest tenure in the project was Charles C. Bevans who came to Redstone from the Rochester Ordnance District in New York in 1958. He started in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency working on Pershing and has been an industrial specialist for the project since then. He intends to stay in Huntsville.

Lawrence N. Nicaastro had the most time at Redstone Arsenal of the retirees. He came to work here in April, 1949. Nicaastro and Frank James, now of the Research, Development, Engineering and



COSBY

Missile Systems Laboratory, fired the first rocket at Redstone. Nicaastro joined the Pershing staff as a supervisory engineer in June, 1970. Until then, Nicaastro had worked with small rockets and missiles. Nicaastro will now devote his time to his consultant and design business in Huntsville.

Myrick S. Hilsman has worked with Pershing since 1963, but he did not join the staff here until 1968. For the first five years he was assigned to the project's field office at Cape Canaveral. Even then, he was on the road a lot, assisting in Pershing tests at White Sands and elsewhere.

Before Hilsman transferred to the Army, he worked for the Navy as a general engineer in Panama City, Fla. The Hilsman's plan to remain in Huntsville for the time being.

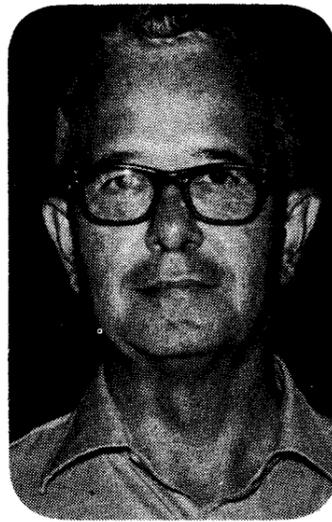


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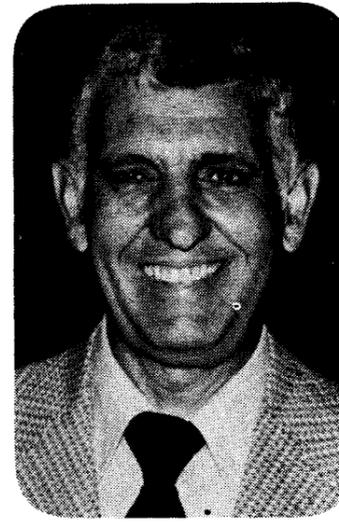
Charles K. (Ken) Bell will settle at Tim's Ford Lake in Tennessee. He also joined the project while it was still a part of ABMA in March, 1958. Bell is a procurement analyst. A native of Wood River, Ill., he worked at the Ordnance Tank Automotive Command before coming here.

Scott D. Cosby came here from White Sands Missile Range in November, 1967 as a general engineer. A Californian, he worked for the Naval Electronics Laboratory at San Diego before switching to the Army. The Cosbys will remain in Huntsville where they have opened a business.

Harold Jackson retired three months ago and has already visited Hawaii but he returned for the farewell party. He and his wife



BELL



NICAASTRO

travel extensively and have a half-planned trip to Europe scheduled if the dollar settles down. He joined the Pershing Project as a supply management officer in 1962 after coming here from Baltimore in 1957 to work in ABMA.

The member of the group with the most years of federal service is Lewis Ellenburg, a native of Arab, who spent five years in the Navy and another three at Anniston Ordnance Depot before transferring to Redstone in 1952. He served as an equipment specialist in Pershing. In retirement, Ellenburg will continue the work he has been doing as an elder in the West Huntsville Church of Christ fulltime.

Before joining the Pershing Project, he was in the Metrology and Calibration Center.

Military

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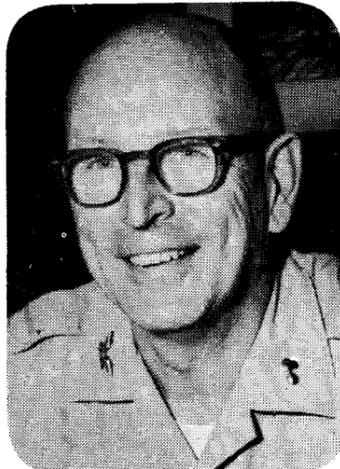


FLYNN

Technical Operations Division, Site Activation Directorate.

Axelson has a broad background in Army research and development. Among earlier tours he served as Research and Development Staff Officer at the Army Materiel Command and as Commanding Officer of the Aberdeen Research and Development Center.

Prior to coming to Redstone, he was Chief of Plans and Operations Division, with Eighth Army Headquarters in Korea. During an earlier Redstone tour Axelson



AXELSON

served as Deputy of the Surface-To-Air Missile Branch.

A graduate of the University of Michigan with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, he also graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.

Axelson holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. During his first tour at Redstone, 1954-57, he served as deputy of the search to air missile branch, R&D Directorate.

BIRTHDAYS

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"I've had this job 21 years — make that 21 years without a secretary. I remember one time I had to drive 57 miles to pay my men. But the Arsenal wasn't like it is now; it wasn't hard to find someone in those days. And on pay days they were usually where they were supposed to be. On other days, well..."

Parker had not been on the job long when the first rocket was tested here. "Me and Cox and some others sat under a shade tree on the hill behind old T-442 and watched them fire it."

Cox interjected — "The ground started shaking and we got scared and ran off."

Retirement, Parker says, will be spent "working on what nots what have yous and electric motors. Just to help my friends, I don't ever charge nothing."

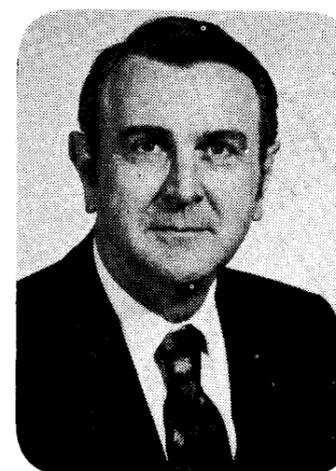
"I've worked all my life. I've got arthritis (it forced him out of the Army after 12 years) and if I quit now it'll take over."

And how does it feel on the eve of the long-awaited new lifestyle to find you're a year older than you thought? "It don't worry me too bad", Parker concluded.



PARKER

Linton Leaves Maintenance



LINTON

James W. Linton, Deputy Director of the Directorate for Maintenance, is retiring after 35 years of government service.

He began his career by enlisting in the Army Ordnance Corps in December, 1937, rose to staff sergeant before entering Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1942.

His overseas service during WWII included duty in Australia, New Guinea, and the Phillipine Islands, later he served for three years with the United States Forces, Austria.

Linton's last Army tour of duty was at Redstone Arsenal. He came here in 1955, retired in 1958 with 20 years service and the rank of major, then joined the Field Service Division of the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency as a civilian staff officer. He has been Deputy Director of the Directorate for Maintenance since July of 1971.

For the past year, Linton has been closely associated with Hercules Reassessment, a program to examine and weigh all possible avenues of impact in extending the life of MICOM's most widely deployed system. In his work as a key committeeman, Linton has frequently acted as spokesman for the Command. He was in Washington last week to give briefings at the Army Materiel Command and Department of the Army Prompting an associate to rework: "Even though he's on the brink of retirement, he just won't stack arms."

As a civilian employee, Linton has earned 14 outstanding performance ratings in 15 years. Earlier this year, he received the MICOM Senior Executive Award "for demonstrating through

many years of service a degree of leadership and managerial competence unprecedented for its quality and effectiveness."

In retirement, Linton plans to pursue full-time cattle operations on his spread in northeast Limestone County.

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Wild Scramble Underway for Playoff Slots

By LARRY MARSH

American League

MICOM II improved its record to 13-0 and stretched its American League lead over the 291st MP Company to four full games in last week's unit-level softball action. Company C also won twice to regain sole possession of third place with an 8-5 record, while Meddac and Safeguard continued to battle for the fourth and final playoff spot in the American League.

MONDAY

Meddac pushed four runs across in the seventh inning to beat the MPs, 9-5, in Monday's key game. Win Goddard's single with the bases loaded drove home the winning run and Glenn Makin followed with a two-run single to wrap up the Meddac victory. Goddard and Manny Chavez each rapped two hits for the winners, as Terry Harding got credit for the victory. John Thomas and Harry Thomas collected two hits apiece for the MPs.

Safeguard whipped the 1st ETC, 12-5, as pitcher Al Spaulding held the 1st to five hits and got three of his own. Three Safeguard runs in the first inning and six more in the second put the game away early.

Company C crushed the 9th ETC, 12-1, on the strength of an 11-run third inning. The winners exploded for nine hits including homeruns by Nelson Miller, Cleophus Givhan and Tom Vanis. Mike Oury and Tom Zatowski added two hits apiece for the winners, while winning pitcher Fred Helmer allowed just three hits.

MICOM II toyed with the 4th ETC in a 12-2 triumph. Mike Spry and Ron Lockwood homered and Lynn Ash went three-for-three for the league leaders. Al Hofwalt had two hits for the 4th.

WEDNESDAY

What can you say about MICOM II? Awesome is the only word. After falling behind to the Meddacs, 3-0, MICOM tied their contest on Lynn Ash's triple and a wild pitch in the second inning. A two-run homer by Ron Lockwood sent MICOM ahead and from there on it was bombs away.

Rich Newman homered in the fourth. Don Watson homered in the fifth. Then, with two out in the sixth, Al Ashton and Mike Spry homered, Ron Lockwood walked, and Max Lawson and Don Watson homered for the final 13-3 score. Spry and Watson had three hits apiece for MICOM. Lockwood, who held Meddac to two hits, set a league record of 14 consecutive foul balls in his final trip to the plate.

Company C waltzed past the 4th ETC, 12-2, with a nine-hit attack. Tom Vanis' homer in the first inning got things underway in an eight-run first. Vanis and Tom Ledford had two hits each for Company C.

On Field Two, the 9th ETC edged the 1st ETC, 13-9. Steve Ulmer and Richard Dyson led the 9th with three hits each, while teammate Dale Purdy hit a two-run homer. The 1st got three hits from Jerry Brletich.

The MPs won their third 16-15 decision of the season as they got by Safeguard with a dramatic

three-run rally in the seventh inning. Gary Morgan played the hero's role with a two out triple to drive in the tying and winning runs. John Thomas, and Ernie Williams had three hits each in the 16-hit MP assault. Williams' hits included a triple and homerun.

Safeguard banged out 19 hits in a losing effort, including four hits by Jim Porter and three by Wendell Tanaka. Eddie Bryant, John Maldonado and George Owens all homered for Safeguard.

National League

MICOM I and Company A remained tied for first place as the two-team National League race entered the second half of the season. Both teams finished last week with 12-2 records. The Marines, 6th ETC, and 8th ETC are battling for the final two playoff positions.

Tuesday

MICOM I rolled past the 8th ETC, 15-1, on Tuesday. Walt "Wingfoot" Fuller led MICOM with three hits and six RBIs. Four other MICOM players had two hits apiece, as pitcher John Goltz held the 8th to five hits.

The 100th Ordnance, making their first appearance in several weeks, swept a doubleheader from the 95th Calibration Company, 20-3 and 10-4. The 100th scored 10 runs in the third inning of the first game and seven more in the fourth inning to demolish the 95th. Pitcher Fred Appleton had a big night with three hits and three RBIs. Steve Singer also had three hits and three RBIs.

The second game score was somewhat more respectable, but the outcome was the same. Bruno Wargo of the 100th held the 95th to four hits and doubled twice himself. Steve Singer had another good game with three hits and three RBIs.

On Field One, the 6th ETC blasted P&P, 15-5. John Lafferty and Bill Burgess collected three hits apiece for the winners, while Stan Przedziecki drove in four runs.

Company A beached the Marines, 21-8, with a 17-hit attack. Dan Peterson lashed out four hits for five RBIs to pace the victors. Charlie Miller and Roy Lester chipped in three more hits apiece, as Company A scored four times in the third and fourth innings, then applied the crusher with a seven run sixth. James Stewart had three hits for the Marines.

Thursday

P&P got back on the winning track with a 10-9 thriller over the 8th ETC. Larry Sweeney drove in three runs with four hits and Dave Short added three more hits to lead the winners. The turning point in the game occurred in the sixth inning with P&P clinging to a 10-9 lead. With a runner on, Gerry Calmes blasted an apparent two-run homer off winning pitcher Norm Hayes. But the runner had left first base before the pitch, so the homerun was wiped out.

MICOM I struggled with the 6th ETC before pulling away to a 12-4 victory. Walt Fuller and W. A. Stevens rapped three hits each for the winners, and Sid Roberts allowed the 6th just two singles.

Company A romped past the 95th Calibration, 14-1. Marvin Williams and Lonnie Griffin each had two hits for the A's, while winning pitcher Dal Done slugged a three-run triple. Done gave up three hits—two to Larry Sunday—and struck out nine of the 95th Cal.

The 95th Cal rebounded for a 9-8 victory over P&P in a battle for last place. Larry Sunday and Pete Glasheen had three hits apiece for the winners, but it was Dave Dillard's two-run homerun in the eighth inning which provided the margin of victory. A last ditch P&P rally fell one run short in the bottom of the eighth.

Friday

The 100th Ordnance Detachment split a make-up doubleheader on Friday, losing to Company A, 11-9, before beating the 8th ETC, 7-4.

Company A built up an eight-run lead over the 100th, then withstood a rally by the 100th to win. The A's scored six runs in the third on four walks and four errors. Charlie Miller and Marv Williams had two hits apiece for the winners. Don Ekelund and Steve Singer did the same for the 100th, while Bruce Barham drove in three runs.

The 100th scored four runs in the seventh inning, but left the

tying run at second as relief pitcher Cal Done came in to retire the last batter.

The 100th fared better in their second game, a 7-4 win over the 8th. Don Ekelund led the way with three singles, as Fred Appleton pitched his team to victory.

STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	GB
Company A	12	2	
MICOM I	12	2	
100th Ordnance	6	5	4 1/2
Marines	5	6	5 1/2
8th ETC	5	7	6
6th ETC	4	8	7
95th Cal	3	10	8 1/2
P&P	2	9	8 1/2

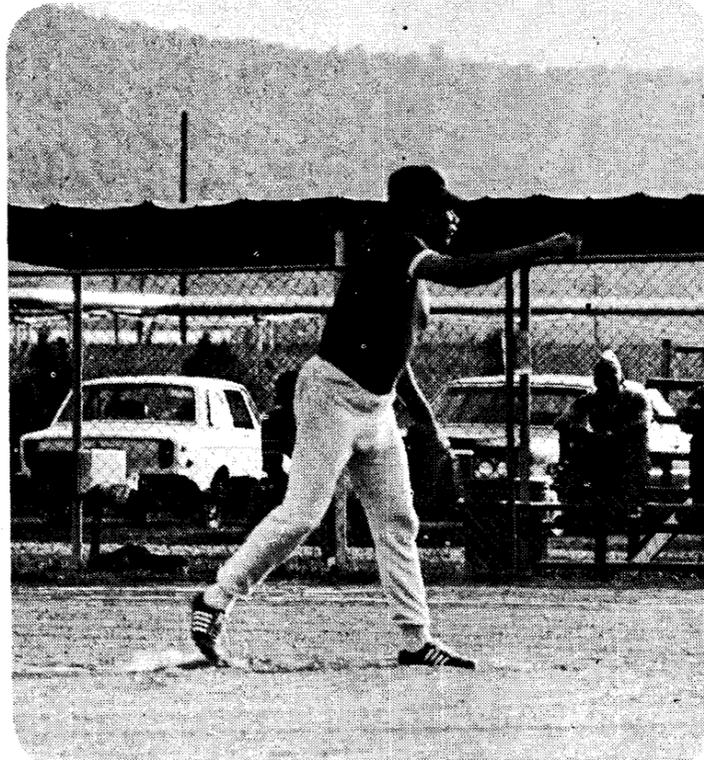
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	GB
MICOM II	13	0	
MPs	9	4	4
Company C	8	5	5
Meddac	7	6	6
Safeguard	6	7	7
9th ETC	4	9	9
4th ETC	3	10	10
1st ETC	2	11	11

TOP HITTERS

(26 or more at-bats)

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	AB	H	AVG.
Spry, MICOM II	33	18	.545
Logwood, MICOM II	34	18	.529
Venable, 4th ETC	31	16	.516
Watson, MICOM II	28	14	.500
J. Thomas, MPs	37	18	.486
J. Thomas, MICOM II	38	18	.474
Chavez, Meddac	30	14	.467
Lawson, MICOM II	26	11	.423
Oury, Company C	34	14	.412
E. Williams, MPs	37	15	.405

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	AB	H	AVG.
Singer, 100th	38	21	.553
R. Smith, MICOM I	33	18	.545
Howey, MICOM I	40	21	.525
Northcraft, MICOM I	47	24	.511
Williams, Company A	34	16	.471
Wargo, 100th Ord	41	19	.463
Fuller, MICOM I	44	20	.455
Miller, Company A	33	15	.455
Przedziacki, 6th	29	13	.448
Crowson, MICOM I	39	17	.436



Pitcher James Warren of the Marines snapped MICOM I's victory streak at nine games. Warren struck out nine.

Wives Take Club Pro

The Officers Wives Golf Group played the pro, Norman Renaud, at the regular playday last week and three of them beat his round of 72.

Florence Teir finished with 68, Marie Melochick, 69, and Grace York turned in a 70.

Members of the Group also came home with trophies from the Decatur Country Club invitational. Sonja Skemp finished third in the first flight, Billi Shuput was second in the third flight, and Marian Deppensmith landed closest to the pin on the fifth hole.

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Twin Win Cements Lead

The CWF slo-pitchers were limited to a single night of play again last week, but that was all Materiel Management needed to tack another pair of scalps to their league leading slate.

The league got in their Tuesday schedule before falling victim to another shower on Thursday that washed out that evening's slate of four games.

The league leaders made the best of the single night's action by opening with a 14-6 win over GEM and closing with a tight 9-7 decision at the expense of Finance and Accounting.

On the other Recreation Area diamond, the second place MISD crew blasted Metrology, 15-6, and Missile Systems continued to comeback by ripping Safeguard by the same score.

Materiel Management fell behind early but put together a seven run explosion in the fourth and won from GEM as Lindon Calvert took the decision over Ocke Fruchtlicht.

Jay Allen made a sparkling debut as the MM shortstop with four hits and a perfect night afield. Jerry Williams got three more for the winners while Lynn Stuckey collected three GEM safeties.

Calvert surrendered seven F&A tallies in the first three innings before his mates started making their hits count. They cut the deficit to 7-6 after five and sent three more runners home in the sixth to wrap up the win.

Allen had another 3-hit performance and Dan Chepkaukas drove in the winning runs with his second base hit. Ronnie Phillips also hit safely twice as did Bill Third for the losers.

The league's premier slugger, Russ Ward belted homers no. 9 and 10 to show the way for his MISD mates in their romp over Metrology, with Doug Peavy taking the win over Vic Spradley. Jon Worrell kept the Metrology attack alive with three hits.

Sid Sapp got lusty offensive support from Charles Lovejoy, Billy Jefferson and Tommy Cutts in hurling Missile Systems past Safeguard. Jack Bowen was saddled with the loss.

The MS trio of hitters totaled ten base hits between them while Ben Pessell had a triple and a single for Safeguard.



ROSS WARD

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CWF Slo-Pitch Softball

STANDINGS			HOME RUN LEADERS		
	W	L			
Met Mgt	11	1	Russ Ward, MISD	10	
MISD	10	2	Hal Jacobs, F&A	6	
GEM	6	6	Dave Bryant, MM	4	
F & A	6	6	Wayne Dahlke, GEM	4	
Msl Syst	4	8	J. Williams, MM	4	
Safeguard	3	9			
Metrology	2	10			

MICOM Takes Tourney Title

The MICOM girls independent softball team goes to Grant this weekend in an effort to capture a tournament title for the second consecutive week.

Last weekend the Army girls walked off with the Tri-Cities Invitational event at Sheffield by winning four straight games. The wins boosted the MICOM seasonal slate to 25 wins in 32 games.

Gladys Hill turned in a brilliant pitching performance in hurling her mates to the four wins allowing just seven runs and 18 hits over the 28 innings.

The Rogersville All-Stars were the opening rounds victims, dropping a 2-0 encounter when Pat Bryant broke up a scoreless duel in the fourth inning with a two-run triple.

Hill and Barbara Roberson handled most of the hitting in the 5-3 win over Southern Electric of Sheffield to get MICOM into the tournament finals.

Royal Electric of Florence provided the playoff opposition and Hill prevailed in both ends of a Sunday twin bill, winning 4-2 and 5-2. Cena Taber collected three hits in the opener while Pat Shipp and

Sherry Gray got two hits apiece in the nightcap.

Four of the MICOM players were named to the tournament all-star team. Donna Hudson and Taber were picked for infield positions R. Roberson was an outfield selection and Shipp was named the outstanding catcher of the three day event.

RSA Swimmers In Win Column

The Redstone Arsenal YSP swim team blitzed Chapman last week to even its season record at one loss and one win.

After an opening loss to Southeast Y, Redstone came back strong and simply blew Chapman out of the pool, winning 466-110.

The team has openings for boys and girls aged five through seventeen. Practices are held at the Enlisted Men's Pool each weekday morning.

Redstone competes every Wednesday night in scheduled competition conducted by the Rocket City Swim League.

Medaris Trophy Won By Pearce

Betsy Pearce won the 54-hole stroke play Ginna Medaris Golf Tournament played June 12, 13, and 15 at the Special Services Course.

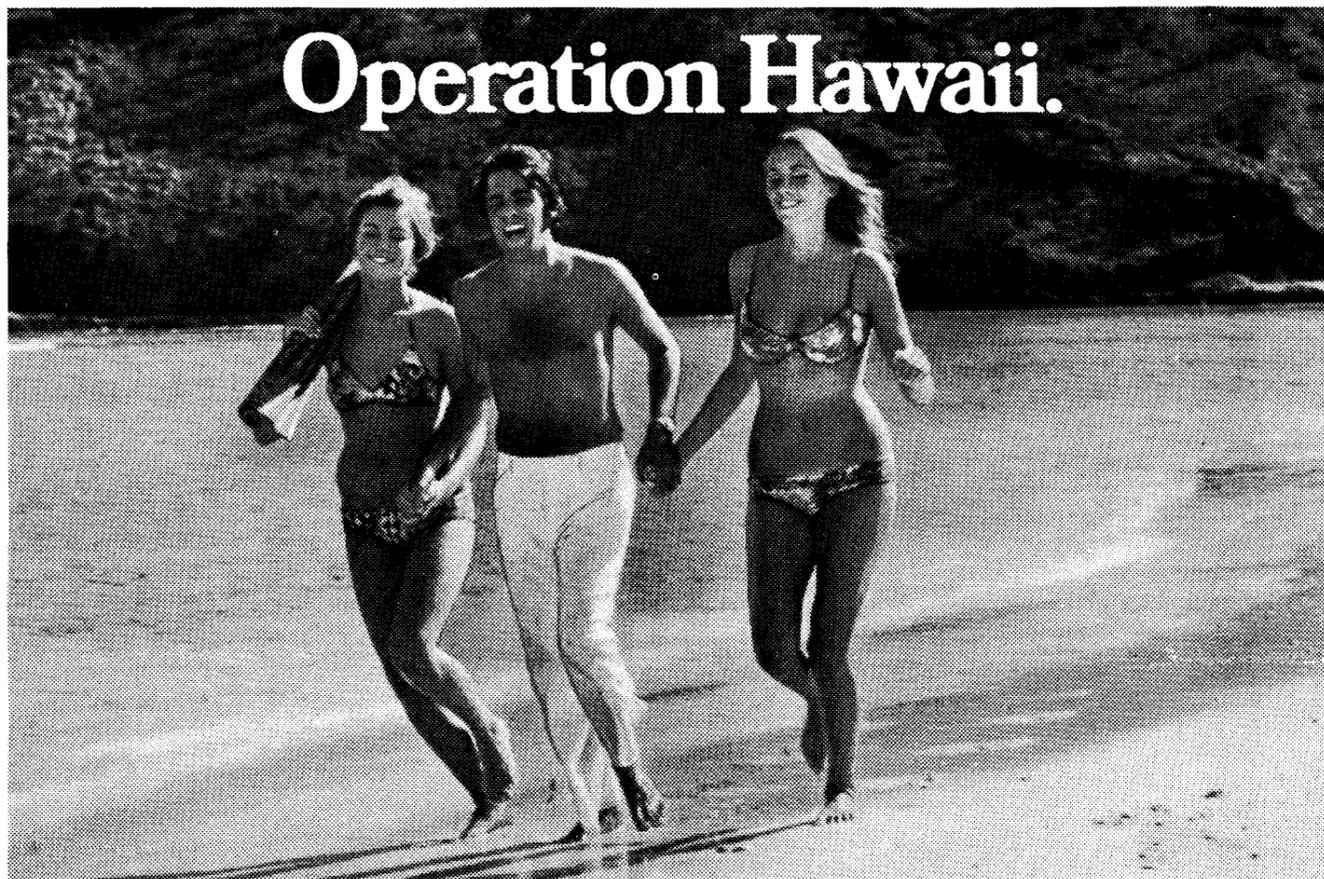
This was the fifteenth time the Officers Wives Golf Group competed for the trophy.

Mrs. Pearce netted 208; Earlene Dials was second with 217, Billy Shuput had 218, and Jane Walker shot 219. There was a three-way tie for fifth place with a net of 223: Grace York, Mary Sutherland and Bev Payne. Camille Schlendering was in eighth place with a 224. Marian Deppensmith was low putter.

Trophies will be presented July 11 at the monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. The date was changed because July 4 falls on the first Wednesday.

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Gibbs, Chief of The Theoretical Analysis Branch Management Information Systems, Directorate started learning karate seven years ago as a student at the University of Alabama.

He found it an excellent form of exercise and also a method of disciplining mind and body. Gibbs holds a second degree black belt and has become so adept in the art that he now instructs others.

According to Gibbs, "Karate is hard work, but it can also be fun. Those who want to learn karate have to practice and learn to control themselves. The objective to conquer yourself instead of your opponent. I used to have a terrible temper, but in learning the discipline of karate, I also learned to stay cool and control my emotions and my temper. Now I rarely if ever display any signs of temper and this has amazed some of the people who have known me for a long time."

Though he started the program as a means of keeping in shape, Gibbs has participated in karate competition. He won second place in the National Karate Championship held in Atlanta in 1971.

Some of his students have also done well in competition. One female student won fourth place in the U.S. Karate Grand National in Memphis in 1972. Another female student took first place in the U.S. Open here in Huntsville in 1973. She participated in brown belt competition.

A male student won fourth place in the Open for free fighting techniques.

Originally devised as a means of discipline and self defense, karate has been recently designated as a sport.

Though he has never been attacked and had to use karate in anger, Gibbs knows just what he

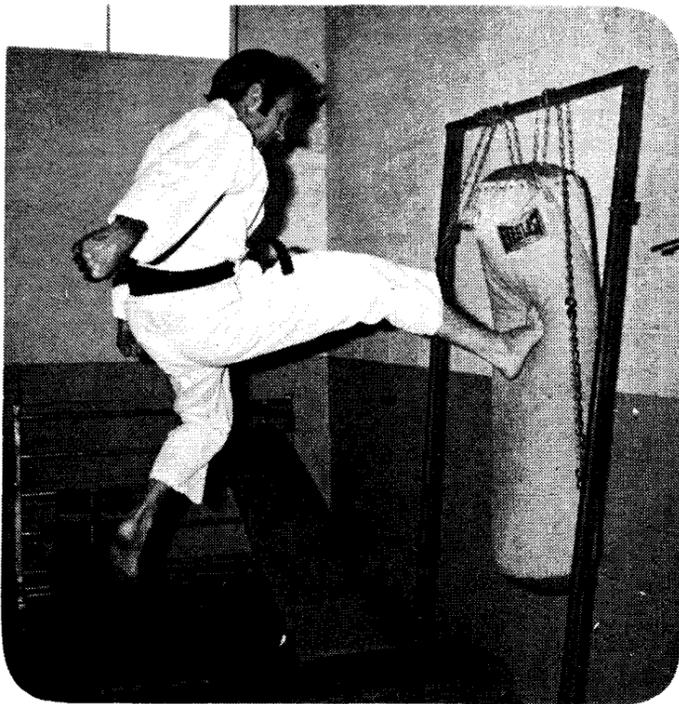
would do: "Should I be attacked, I would use my skill to protect myself and not to hurt my opponents. I think with the skill I possess I could keep them from hurting me and so discourage them that they would take off and leave me alone."

Gibbs stressed the discipline of the art: "A good karate expert is judged on his ability to get into position and deliver a blow or kick that would be lethal if the person did not exercise control. Some of the novices or inexperienced personnel sometimes hurt themselves or their opponents because they have not yet learned rigid control over their movements. To keep in shape and get the movements down pat, the student should practice a

movement at least 300 times a day. Some of the orientals who are masters of the art practice a single movement as many as 1,000 times a day. With them the movements of karate are like a religion and they continually practice them until they become a conditioned movement or reflex."

While he was only 31 when he started learning karate, Gibbs feels he started too late. He emphasized that 16 or 17 is the ideal age to start learning the art and it is during this period that the muscles and joints are most adaptable to the movements.

It is a sport that all the family can participate in. Gibbs' wife has a first degree black belt and enjoys karate, but the two never work out against each other.



TAKE THAT — Bill Gibbs delivers a karate kick on the gymnasium punching bag...and while the bag gets pounded quite regularly it never receives a blow as hard and as potent as the karate kick demonstrated here.



Rich Northcraft, owner of six MICOM I homeruns this season, takes a close look at a P&P pitch as Catcher Joe Paddock awaits the ball and the call from umpire Al Ralston.

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Rockets, Sprints Vie for Playoffs

The Rockets displayed home run power in smashing the Sprints 15-3 in creating a three-way tie going into the second half of the Little League season.

Cris White and Andre Brilant provided two-hit pitching, backed by home runs by Darian Vitorini and Marty Goings. A single game playoff Monday night determines which team meets the Herc's for the championship. The playoff will be a two out of three series.

STANDINGS

Major	
Rocket	5-2
Sprints	5-2
Herc's	5-2
Ajax	2-5
Nikes	2-5
Hawks	2-5
Minor	
Red	5-1*
Lions	5-2
Eagles	4-3
Pirates	3-3*
Falcons	2-5
Tigers	2-5
*Protest game	1-6

Arkansas Unit Ends Training

Twenty-two Army Reservists from the Little Rock, Ark., area recently completed two weeks of summer training at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School here to upgrade their skills in providing technical advisement and support to reserve ammunition companies handling a wide variety of munitions.

Each officer and man of the Materiel Section, Headquarters Company, 336th Ordnance Battalion was instructed in one of four disciplines.

One group of enlisted men received classroom and field instruction in ammunition storage. They studied handling, storage and accounting of ammunition commodities and explosives, as well as layout and operation of ammunition installations.

A group of non-commissioned officers studied material related to ammunition inspection, a skill new in the munitions field. MMCS began teaching the Ammunition Inspector course just last year to produce senior enlisted men well-versed in procedures and criteria for long-term storage of munitions.

Some of the officers from the Little Rock unit spent their time in a course for ammunition officers,

while others covered material needed for ammunition and missile maintenance officers.

Captain Carroll W. McDaniel of Little Rock, materiel officer for the battalion, was in charge of the section during the training.

McDaniel said the unit actively trains throughout the rest of the year through Army correspondence courses and group study during the unit's drill periods.

"We're really looking forward to the evaluation at the end of our training period," McDaniel said. The evaluation period lets the reservists apply their training in problems and exercises.

New Commands

(ANF) — July first is the date two new major Army commands come into existence.

The US Continental Army Command is being re-organized into the US Army Forces Command, and the US Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The Continental Army Command will be retained as the headquarters for establishing the two new commands. CONARC will be discontinued in December.

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Civilian Retirees

If you've begun to believe there are a lot of familiar faces missing in the Army Missile Command, you're right.

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Here is a listing by organization of those individuals who have retired since January 1.

MISD

Howard Taylor
Eugene Cooper
Dorcas Smith
Annie Chapman
Robert S. Ferguson

Communications Electronics

Thomas Wideman
Harvey McCrary
Daniel Della-Calce
Zelma Curnel

Metrology and Calibration

Lloyd Daniel
James McLaren

RASA Safety

Product Assurance Directorate

Irving Laity
Cecil Bishop
Miles Hardenburgh
Hugh Bondurant
John D. Russell
James T. Morgan
Donald Kieran
James C. Bond

Equipment Management

Leo Oliver
Wendell Terry
Thomas Frazier
Ike Hott
James Cuzzart
Harry Bradshaw
Rube McElyea
Harold Leach
Leo Fanning
Kenneth Shields
David Anders
James Maynor
Hugo Leathers
Carl Meeks
Roy Williamson
Luther Adcock
William Weber

Comptroller

Edwin Fransioli
Emmette M. Jennings
Ralph Bentley
William Bledsoe
James Mobley
Juanita McCary
David Bowman
John McCance
Albert Waller
George Bittenbinder

RD&E

Samuel Thompson
Robert C. Taylor
Earl Malcom
Donald E. Dixon
William M. Newman
Archie C. Water
William H. Harrison
Raymond Strickland
James Cox
Harry Vincent
Maggie Kimbrough
Roy Pugh
Stewart Tulloch
Joseph Gassen
James Thornton
Richard Rausch
Charles Nixon
Hazel Mollett
Earl Dougherty
Charlie M. Davis

Facilities Engineer

James M. Drake
Delmas Woodis
Samuel Blackwell
John M. Cotter
Leband Gardiner
Kermit Lawrence
Daniel Eves
James E. Coker
Pauline Norris
Ernest Segler
Russell Gilbert
Leneer Royer
Leaton Summers
Robert Shubert
Oscar Russell
Orvis Johnson
Robert L. Grider
Alfred German
Ferdinand Reinhart
Jarry J. Lee
Fred Hatchett
Lemuel Gulley
John Jackson
Joseph McCutcheson
Clarence Potter
Bob Smith
Otis Rodgers
Freeman Knight
William Klieber
Fred Henson
Roy Randolph
Charles Adams
William May
Alvin Swamer
Otis Rodgers
Charles Copeland
David Pittman
Charles Burns

Legal

John Lynch
Albert Hadlock
Walter Murphree

RASA Admin.

Carl Boyd
Betty Lyons
Louise Kenney
John T. Berry
Allen Cruse

Finance and Accounting

Llewellyn Templeton

Missile Intelligence

Christopher Renton

Internal Security

Glath Rives
Rayford Latham
Tunis Cooley
Charles Benson

Hawk

Roman Theusch
William Brodeur

SAM-D

Joseph T. Pugh

Lance

Max LaVine
Charles Nesbitt
Prince Danlev
William Bright

James Lester
Asher Ayres
Walter Haney

Hospital

Donald Williams

Plans and Analysis

John Mills

Target Special Items

Nannie Jennings

Maintenance

Hubert Stewart
Armand Munoz
Samuel Boda
James Durham
Edward Short
Chesley Donahoo
James Linton
Ernest B. Smith
Samuel A. Campbell
Robert C. Roper
Gloria Harwell
Bernard Knight
Norman Fleson
Gordon Farrar
Walter Slay
Raymond Wilson
Martha Ervin
Arthur Peterson
Virgil Beddingfield
Dorothy Rigsby
Owen Moneypenny
Oscar Williams
Winford Patton
Arthur Robbins
Thelma Pugh
Troy Faulkner
Frank Holden
Robert Presley
Thomas Gannon
Katherine Stinnett
Robert L. Mitchell
Keith Henson
Charles L. Arnold

Alvin Camp
Thomas Neal
Dorothy Dorough
Charles D. Davis

Materiel Management

Bernard Fisher
Jennie Dorchauer
James Bates
Maria Fanning
Clyde Whitaker
Audrey Buford
Willard McKewen
Exie Beene
Woodrow Garner
Grady Berryman
Katherine Richert
Thomas Byrd
Henry Wesson
Mason McCary
Jack Crumbley
Aileen Martin
Burlina Emery
Robert Dudley
Marshall Sanders
Irene Walling
Enoch Sparks
Robert Stephenson
Hettie Burnett
Ruth Higley
William Patrick
Jack Holmgren
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Richard Mummet
Mary C. Livingston
Herbert L. Ferner
Franklin Sheridan
Lawton Hall
John Mackesy

Pershing

George A. Butz
Scott Cozby
Lewis Ellenberg
Lawrence Nicastro
Harold Jackson
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NAMES IN THE NEWS
 By SP4 Larry Marsh

Captain Dennis J. Coyle is the new CO at Company C. He moves to his new position from an assignment with the special ammo division at MMCS. The new CO is a native of Norristown, Pa., where he graduated from Bishop Kenrick High School in 1958. He entered the Army in the same year. He and his wife, Cecilia, live on the Arsenal.

1LT Ronald C. Shaffer has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal for service as installation security officer at Presidio



COYLE

SHAFFER

of San Francisco from September, 1970, thru February of this year. He is presently a student in the missile maintenance officer course here. Shaffer hails from Somerset, Pa., and holds a 1969 degree in education from West Virginia University.

Promotions

LTC Louis W. Adams was promoted to his present rank recently. He is chief of the materiel system branch of the Force Development Division at MMCS. Adams, originally from Havertown, Pa., received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering in 1957 from Drexel Institute in Philadelphia, then picked up his MBA degree from the University of Alabama in 1967.

The author of this column was promoted to Specialist Four last week. He is assigned to Company C and works in the Information Office, specializing in sportwriting at the present time. Marsh is a native of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and is a 1971 journalism graduate of Purdue University. He has also been selected as this month's First Battalion Soldier of the Month. Says Marsh, "A good haircut goes a long way."

A recent arrival at MMCS is

SSG James G. Roller. He is assigned to Company B and works in the EOD Division. He comes to MMCS from an EOD assignment at Ft. Stewart, Ga. Roller is a native of Rogers, Ark.

WOI Billy R. Fields received his warrant officer appointment Monday. Assigned to Company C as a Hawk instructor, Fields entered the Army in 1960. He leaves now for an assignment in Korea.

Honor Graduates

SGT John W. Lafferty is the honor graduate of his Pershing guidance repairman course with a 94.3 grade index. Assigned to the 6th ETC, Lafferty is from O'Fallon, Mo., where he graduated from Ft. Zumwalt High School in 1966.

From the 3rd ETC is PFC Richard C. Mula, honor grad in his Hawk missile and launcher repair course. Mula is from San Anselmo, Calif., and attended California State Polytechnic University before entering the Army last September.

The Marines' PFC John Walls of St. Louis was the honor graduate of his ammunition storage



LAFFERTY

WALLS

class which graduated last week. He is a 1970 graduate of Central High in St. Louis.

Blood Donors

Results are in from the Red Cross on the May bloodmobile visit. Among the units, the 7th ETC won the large unit trophy with 61 donors and a 61% participation rate, while the 9th ETC took small unit honors with 36 donors or 52.94% unit participation.



RARE OCCASION — Though soldiers at MMCS often receive awards for distinguished service here or at previous assignments, award presentations in the field are somewhat less frequent. Specialist Five Ronald A. Hicks, a supply specialist for the 100th Ordnance Detachment, received the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam from Lieutenant Colonel Domenic Vittorini, executive officer of the School Brigade.

Vietnam Vets Going To School

(ANF) — The Veterans Administration reports that nearly half of all Vietnam-era veterans have taken advantage of the GI Bill education benefits.

Single vets now receive \$220 a month in education payments. A married veteran gets \$261 a month, and the veteran with one child receives \$298 monthly, plus an extra \$18 for each additional child.

GI Bill education benefits also are available to many active-duty soldiers who have more than 180 days of service.

Success Brings Wider Usage

(ANF) — Preparing unnecessary reports is something that, in the past, has burdened many unit commanders at the division level and below.

But last September, a special project was introduced to reduce reporting requirements. It was aimed mostly at the Continental Army Command and Army Combat Developments Command. Since that time has reduced reporting by more than 30 per cent.

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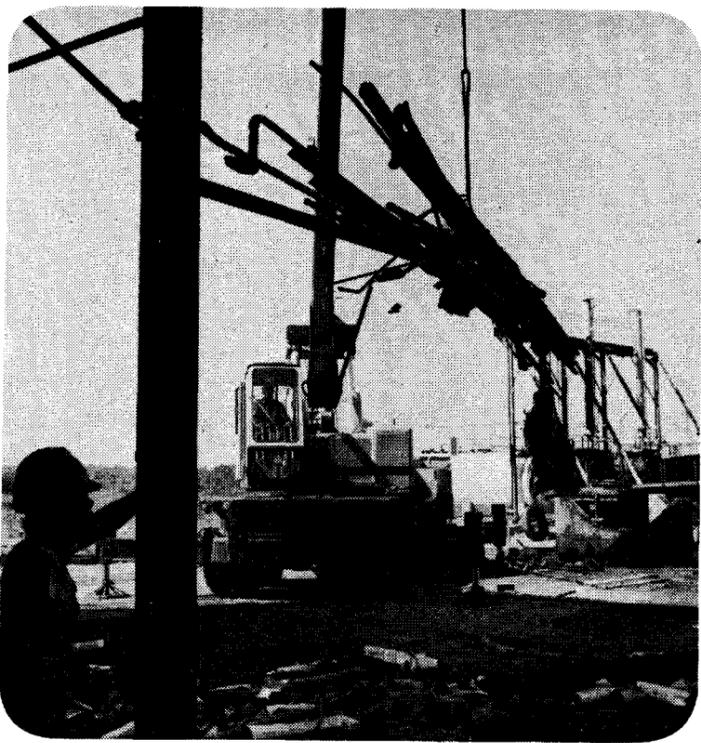
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OLD LANDMARK GOES — Personnel of the Bama Demolition Company, Inc., of Birmingham are tearing down and hauling away the old DDT plant on Redstone Arsenal. When demolition operations are concluded all that will remain of the World War II facility will be the concrete slab foundations where the buildings and equipment used to be.



GETS AWARD — Bobby J. Clayton, an aerospace engineer in the Guidance and Control Directorate, has won the Meritorious Civilian Service Award. Major General Edwin I. Donley presented the award to Clayton for significant contributions in fluidic technology while serving as Technical and Engineering Team leader of the Fluidic Directional Control Project with Honest John.



They Each Cover Any Situation

Hatch Act Upheld

WASHINGTON— The Supreme Court ruled Monday that federal and state governments can continue to bar employees from engaging in partisan political activity.

Earlier a three judge federal panel had struck down the Hatch Act, passed in 1939, which prohibits partisan political activity by federal employees.

In its ruling Monday, the Supreme Court overturned that decision by the lower court.

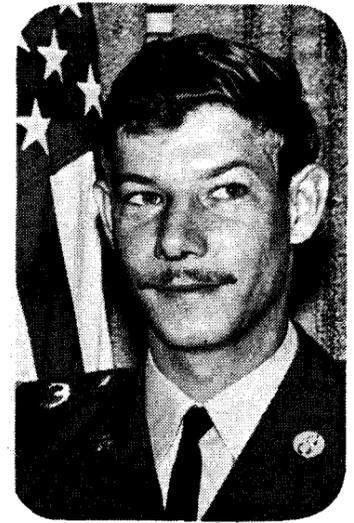
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MAKES WARRANT — Warrant Officer Joseph Johnson, a Nike HIPAR specialist, was promoted from Specialist 6 in ceremonies at Troop Command recently. He has been in the Army six and one-half years, served a tour in Germany after graduating from MMCS and returned to MICOM when the overseas assignment was completed.

Drop Extra Month Korean Tours

(ANF) — Beginning July 1, duty tours in Korea will be only 12 months long, instead of 13, for servicemen without dependents.

Originally, the 13-month short tour in Korea was established to allow 12 months of duty there. The 13 month was set aside for the long trip by sea from the United States to Korea — and the return.

But now that servicemen travel by air to and from Korea, it's been decided the extra month is no longer needed. Almost 40,000 servicemen are being affected by the change.

First Termers

(ANF) — Beginning September 1, MOS evaluation tests will be given to all first-term enlisted men during their 17th month in the Army.

This will bring E-3's and below into the Enlisted Evaluation System for the first time.

The EES consists basically of a soldier's MOS test score, and his enlisted efficiency report. It is used for such purposes as determining a soldier's job performance, eligibility for pro pay, and promotion qualifications.

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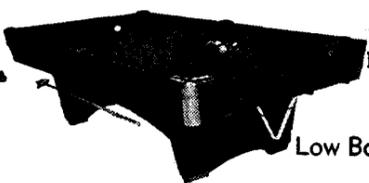
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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT — Some of the young persons who will be employed this summer at Army agencies served by the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division receive orientation before they start work. They are, left to right around the table, Vicky Larjour, Sammie Jackson, Karen Howard, Lora King, Vanessa Foster, Linda A.

Carter, Mary Wright, Susan Stephens, Teresa Elledge, Rouualind Louisl Carrie Watkins, Frankie Foster and Linda Jones. Standing are Janice Summerhill, a summer aid working in Civilian Personnel, and Rose Edwards, a Civilian Personnel staffing specialist.

CID Seizes 8.5 Tons of Drugs

WASHINGTON (ANF) — The Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID) is thwarting the drug flow between pushers and soldiers. In 1972, CID seized or caused seizure of more than 8.5 tons of narcotics or marijuana. The intercepted dope was valued at a minimum of \$8.5 million.

As part of the Army's drive against drugs, special CID agents are trained to conduct suppression operations aimed at stopping the drug traffic as close to the source as possible.

This way, the individual soldier is prevented from coming in contact with the drugs.

Marijuana and non-narcotic controlled substances are handled by Military Police Investigators under CID supervision.

In overseas areas, undercover operations are conducted in conjunction with host country police forces. In the U.S., extensive cooperation is in effect between CID, local police departments and federal agencies.

The street value of narcotics is based on availability and demand of the drug. It is the actual price paid by the addict to the pusher.

CID handled over 13,000 drug-related cases in 1972, 37 per cent of its total workload.

The breakdown of CID-seized drugs by type, amount and value follows: opiates, 224 lbs., \$2.8 million; marijuana/hashish, 6.9 tons, \$4.8 million; dangerous drugs, 1.3 tons, about \$94,000; hallucinogens, 22.3 oz., about \$648,000; other drugs, 37.5 oz., about \$85,000.

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Sergeant Roy Smith was going for more than the bonus when he reenlisted.

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"I enjoy the job I'm doing now as a drill sergeant. But I'd also like to try military intelligence. And eventually get to go to OCS.

"It's all there. It's completely up to me and my qualifications for it."

Sergeant Smith views the Army as one big opportunity for a guy who wants to get ahead.

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Sergeant Smith has good reasons for staying in.

Why are you staying in?

Military Community. . .

Recreation Opportunities Almost Unlimited

"Something for Everybody" comes pretty close to describing the available facilities at Redstone for the after-hour pursuits of members of the Arsenal's military community.

There are organizations that promote athletic type diversions, such as boating, flying and shooting; hobby shops with almost unlimited diversification; recreational areas for family and unit get togethers; places for quiet rest and relaxation; and facilities for most every form of competitive athletics.

Service Club

The young enlisted persons are the most active participants in the programs offered by the Service Club and the Sky Pilot lounge. The regular Saturday tours sponsored by the Club draw waiting lists, especially for longer trips such as those to Nashville, Cathedral Caverns and other all-day excursions.

Who takes the tours? Many are men with their wives and occasionally babies. Most are young E2s through E4s. The trips are an inexpensive way to see this part of the country and some of its most interesting aspects.

The club itself is a popular place for family-type entertainment. Many wives participate in the programs: the monthly Coffee House where a guitarist-vocalist leads the program and the talented among the audience are invited to perform; table games are popular, especially among the young marrieds; there is a shortage of music rooms where groups form and play instruments drawn from the Service Club stock or bring their own. In the evenings, the TV room is usually full. Ping pong and pool tournaments draw a crowd.

Snacks are usually available and the coffee pot is always perking. Sometimes the Coffee House draws a bigger audience than the regularly scheduled stage shows. Participants in the Service Club programs appear to prefer informal affairs.

The turnover in personnel using these facilities precludes forming

chess and card clubs, although the equipment is available.

Sky Pilot Lounge

The Service Club is not a quiet place, inviting meditation, but the Sky Pilot Lounge is.

The Lounge was opened by the Chaplain's office in the troop area to give the young troopers living in the barracks a place to come and talk, listen to music, watch television or just meditate.

The doors open around two each afternoon. The coffee pot is always brewing and occasionally women working in the chapel bring in snacks.

Religious literature for all denominations is available and a man can shut himself in the meditation room and read or think while others may want to sit around and rap. The stereo is equipped with ear plugs for private listening. Usually the biggest crowd drops in after dinner.

Afternoons are often slow, but occasionally a troubled individual will drop by during the hours a chaplain is on duty between 3 and 5. The Lounge empties sometime between 8 and 9 p.m.

Special Services

These activities are strictly for the military as are the programs sponsored by Special Services. Some activity may be shared with civilian guests on occasion.

Special Services offers variety. For those who like to work with their hands, there are wood-working, automotive and welding shops. Wives encourage their husbands to use these facilities. Better to have grease under the fingernails than on the carpet floor, or sawdust in the kitchen, and military housing does not include home workshops.

For the craftsmen there is a lapidary, a ceramics facility, a photo lab, leathercraft, sculpting, painting and electronics test equipment and benches. Instructors are on hand in all these areas. The instruction is free but the materials must be purchased. Most of the latter can be obtained

through Special Services.

Special Services has another face — an active sports program in which the emphasis changes with the seasons.

The workout facilities are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. for women. After 10:30 the workout equipment is turned over to the men.

Judo and karate classes are on the agenda. The handball courts are crowded and the tennis courts are busy on clear days. From May to October swimmers fill the three pools, two run by Special Services and one by the Officers Open Mess.

Activities

The Activities Building operated by the Military Joint Fund Council, is available for group meetings (Scout Leaders, the NCO Advisory Board, ballet classes) and even catered parties attended by both civilian and military members of the sponsoring organization. Special interest groups such as the back packing club also use the building.

Nearby is the Yacht Club, now closed to new civilian members but with a few of the charter members still active. About 250 boaters participate in the cruises that run from April through October, most of them on the Tennessee River. Other cruises have included trips to Destin, Fla., Lake Barkley, Ky., Lake Logan Martin near Birmingham and Pickwick Landing.

Four warehouses are assigned the club which uses part of one of them for a meeting room and as a

ship's store. All of them are used for boat storage.

The monthly meetings of the general membership are fairly informal, usually including a lecture on boating — safety measures, the development of the Madison County Boat Harbor, water and air pollution and new things in boats and motors.

Some of the boaters like moonlight cruises which can end with a cookout in Gunterville, or dinner in Decatur.

Some people prefer handling horses in their leisure time and join the Redstone Saddle Club. Only military families are eligible for membership. Like the Yacht Clubbers, almost all classes are represented.

Most of the children start with ponies, but some of the stock is suitable for everything from rodeos to fox hunting. Sunday morning trail rides are year-around events with two big rides scheduled annually drawing from 50 to 200 riders.

The club is the self-help type wherein each member takes care of his own repairs to barns stalls and paddocks, exercises his own animals, sees that they are properly fed, inspected by the veterinarian and generally tends to the horses' well-being.

The club numbers 70 sponsors and families, usually average two horses each. Flexible rules let the owner do pretty much his own thing whether his preference is formal equitation or rodeo bulldogging.

No horse goes into the herd without undergoing a quarantine period whether he is a fine Arabian or nonpedigreed pony. When the quarantine period expires the horse is turned into either the West or South pasture to graze. Membership meetings are held regularly, sometimes ending as a social event which includes entire families.

For those who prefer to take to the air, the Redstone Flying Club occupies the southwest corner of the Army Airfield. Membership is open to both military and civilian flyers.

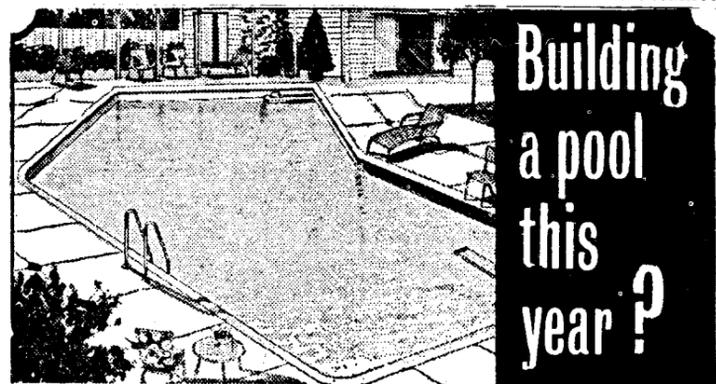
The club numbers approximately 75 members with varying degrees of flying skills.

Costs vary with different types of planes. The club owns two Cessna trainers and has an instructor available. There is a T-41B, the military version of a Cessna C-12, and they anticipate getting a Cherokee 180 and one or two more L-19s in addition to the two Bird Dogs already available to the flyers.

Railroad buffs have two choices: models or the local chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

The Rod and Gun Club probably has the most members. Shooters number about 370, and they have a choice of a trap, skeet or archery shooting.

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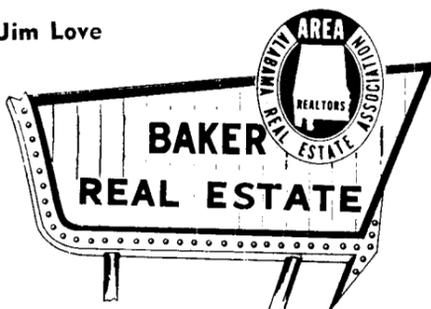


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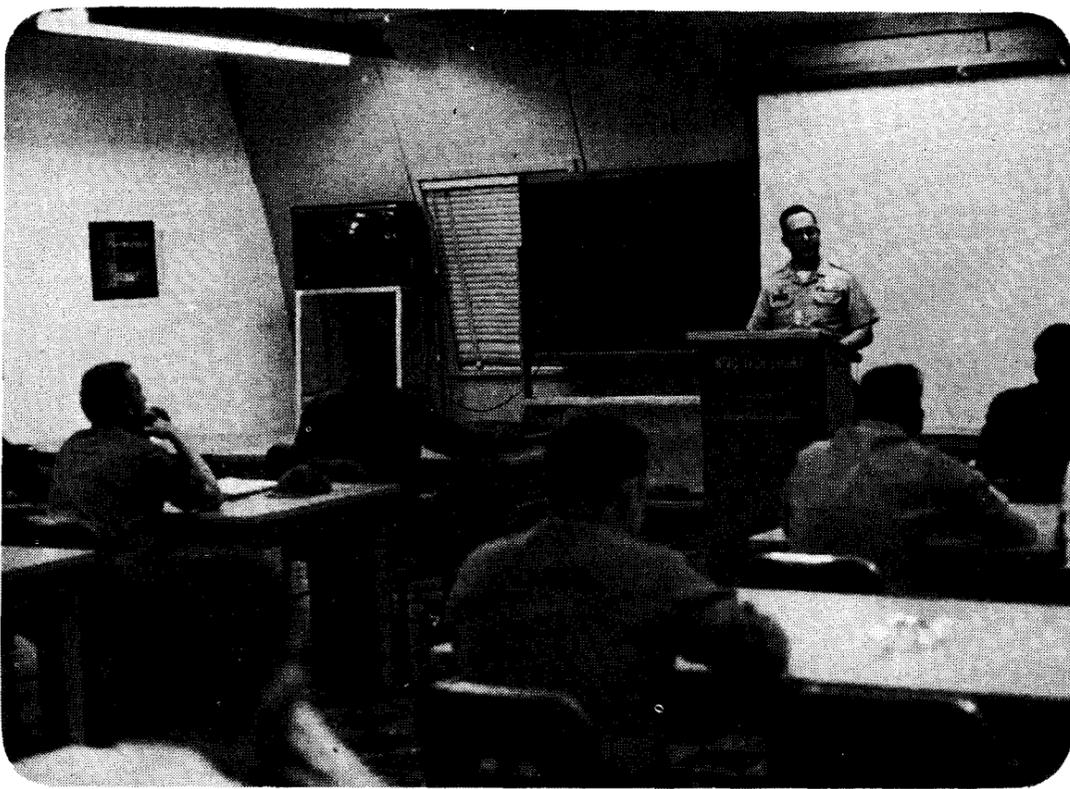
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FIRST CLASS — Major Guy Lovelace welcomes new arrivals to their first day of instruction last week in Technical Escort, part of the training recently transferred to MMCS from Ft. McClellan, Ala.

New Classes Begin At MMCS

Two classes of students began receiving instruction within the past two weeks in the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

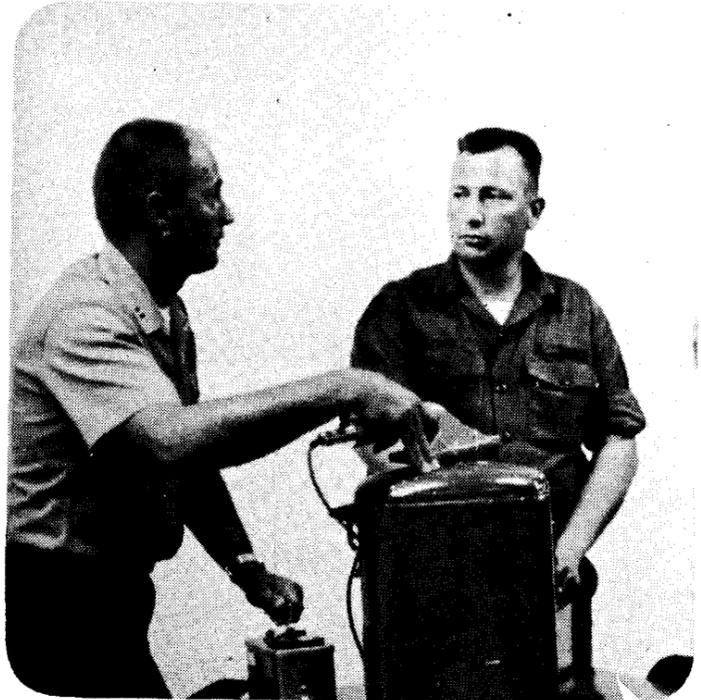
The two courses of instruction are part of the training mission MMCS picked up from Ft. McClellan, Ala.

The first 27 soldiers to begin training in Technical Escort at MMCS will gain a working knowledge of the technical aspects of nuclear radiation, radiac instruments, safety in the transport of

radioactive material as well as administrative and operational facets of handling, shipping and monitoring chemical and radiological materials.

The first phase is four weeks long.

Twenty-six students, including an Australian officer, began studies in the first phase of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) instruction at MMCS last week. The EOD phase at MMCS is two-weeks long.



RADIAC INSTRUCTION — Captain Theodore R. Geries, USMC, begins a brief explanation of a radiation measuring instrument used by the Armed Forces. Geries, one of the instructors for Technical Escort, is part of the multi-service faculty in the branch.

A Challenging Experience, Teaching

The teacher leaves her office and walks down the corridor to her classroom a few minutes before class begins. The new students enter the room in groups of two and three, take seats, and class begins.

The woman stands in front of the chalk board for a few moments, surveying her students briefly before she begins. As usual, they're all soldiers. This class of fifteen American soldiers is ready to learn the basics of electricity and electronics at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Lois Massey may stimulate memories of junior high school teachers trying to show why a gerund is not considered as a verb though it's exactly the same as the present participle.

But Mrs. Massey deals in terms of capacitors, resistors and circuits.

At Redstone since 1962, she began her career as an instructor during the early part of World War

II, teaching radio to U.S. airmen.

Learned New Field

"When I applied for a teaching job, I told them I knew nothing about radio. My degree was in math," she said. But the Air Force needed radio men, so Lois Massey started on her own homework so she could teach the subject. She already had her MA in math from Oklahoma University.

She's been teaching electronic-related subjects ever since.

"I enjoy my work immensely," she admits with a smile. Her job, teaching basic electricity and electronics to a group of soldiers with a wide spectrum of experience, can be somewhat of a challenge, she says.

"Some of the young men who walk into the classroom have never had any training in the subject. A few of them seem to have never been successful in anything."

"Here, they have a chance to be successful, perhaps a few of them

for the first time," she says enthusiastically.

Mrs. Massey says she helps slower students with extra instruction and review whenever necessary. "I sometimes use the quicker students to help the slower ones," she said. Her payoff for the extra effort usually comes at the moment the student gains the understanding that had eluded him before.

"You can see the facial expression change when he finally understands," she said.

So the women who left the cotton fields of Oklahoma and Texas to study at Harding College and the University of Oklahoma found a rewarding career. But it hasn't been easy.

"At various times and places, I've been the only instructor with a degree, and I've been promoted to a supervisory capacity three times," she said. That includes serving as principal in Torville, Texas high school.

But Lois Massey says a degree alone isn't enough. It takes experience, too. In several of her assignments she says, she had the strongest academic background among the instructors.

She says she taught about every piece of airborne navigation equipment in use while she worked for the Air Force. She's had in-depth exposure to a wide range of equipment.

Writer-Manager

She's also served as a writer and manager for two special projects.

"It takes more than a degree and experience to get a promotion, and that's true for a man as well as a woman," Mrs. Massey said.

"But most important, an instructor must master three skills — writing, teaching and troubleshooting," she added.

The writing skills involve generating and updating lesson plans to make them effective. The teaching skill covers the process of getting the contents of the lesson plan across to each student. A knowledge of troubleshooting is important to apply theory to the nuts-and-bolts problems of electronics and repair, she says.

Yet Mrs. Massey has remained an instructor since 1967.

"Here, we're constantly striving for more effective education, and that involves a lot of revision and improvement of instruction," she said.

And, hopefully, students who receive more effective instruction are more effective on the job.

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PUEBLO DELIVERS IMPROVED HAWK — Several hundred people took part in the delivery of the first Improved Hawk battery to be refurbished at Pueblo Army Depot and shipped recently to American troops stationed in Europe. Among attendees were, from left, Colonel Donald Millar, Army Air Defense Command; Colonel Charles Kolankiewicz, Special Assistant for Project Management who represented Major General Edwin I. Donley; Colorado Representative Frank Evans; and E. K. Charlton, Hawk Deputy Project Manager.

RCAA Sets Open House

Astronomy buffs are invited to attend a presentation by Wilhelm Angele on telescope optics, mounts and drives at the July 6 meeting of the Rocket City Astronomical Association. The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the planetarium on Monte Sano mountain.

Angele will use slides in explaining optical systems commonly used for astronomical observation and photography. He will also discuss briefly the Schmidt camera and mirror materials and forms.

Various mounts — equatorial,

fork and gun — will be shown, as will mechanical and electrical drives for ascension and declination axis.

The presentation will include focal length, magnification and resolution data of the Association's 21-inch Cassegranian telescope.

Jack Perkins, Safeguard's Handicapped Employee of the Year for 1972, has received a letter of commendation from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs praising the "extraordinary courage, perseverance, and initiative" he has displayed in overcoming his handicap.

Perkins, a logistics officer in the Kwajalein Range Directorate, was struck by polio in both legs when he was 16.

The letter from Hadlai Hull said Perkins was among 22 nominees for the fifth annual Department of the Army Handicapped Employee of the Year Award. The letter cited his "ability character and...quality of...performance" and commended his record of accomplishments.

After three years of surgery and physical therapy, Perkins emerged from the hospital wearing a leg brace and walking on crutches. He worked his way through college and eventually to an MA from the University of Missouri.

He joined Thiokol Chemical Corporation in Huntsville in 1958 and came to the Army's ballistic missile defense program in 1966 after two years with NASA.

Perkins is modest about his accomplishments. Except for the special attachment that permits him to drive and avoid ice and snow, he seems unaware that he has any physical limitations.

His colleagues say Perkins declines assistance from others and actually volunteers for many activities that require ex-



PERKINS

traordinary physical effort, such as inspecting equipment and facilities.

And he does not slow down off the job. He is a little league baseball coach and a Webelo den leader, and he is active in PTA and church activities and neighborhood collections for charities.

It is easy to see why Secretary Hull wrote in his letter to Perkins, "You have served as a constant source of inspiration to others and have been a positive influence toward opening opportunities for handicapped persons in the Federal civil service."

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(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. These announcements are posted on the bulletin board in the Civilian Personnel Division T-3159 for interested persons to obtain further information. No phone calls please).

VIRGINIA

Defense Communications Agency announcement no. 699, supervisory electronics engineer, GS-855-15 or supervisory mathematician, GS-1520-15; also, announcement no. 700, computer systems analyst, GS-334-12/13/14. Both positions at Defense Communications Agency, Arlington, Va.; both positions close July 7, 1973. Submit SF-171 to Defense Communications Agency, ATTN: Code 721, 8th and So. Court House Road, Arlington, Va. 22204.

OHIO

Merit Promotion Program vacancy announcement no. DPCMB 73-6, visual information specialist (exhibits), GS-1084-12 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio (closing date July 9, 1973.) Submit application to Civilian Personnel Office 2750th ABW/DPCMB, ATTN: Bill Langley, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433.

FLORIDA

U. S. Army Transportation Center and Ft. Eustis vacancy announcement no. 60-73, training devices management officer, GS-1001-13 at Orlando, Fla. Submit Merit Placement and Promotion Application to Civilian Personnel Office, Recruitment and Placement Division, Building 1303, U. S. Army Transportation Center and Ft. Eustis, Ft. Eustis, Va. 23604.

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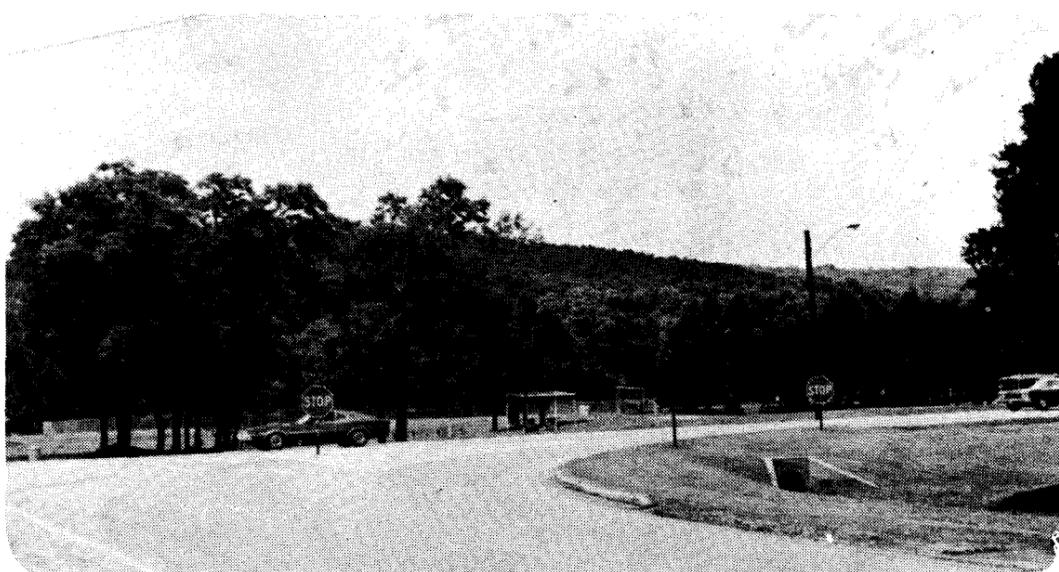
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Performance And Conduct Count

(ANF) — The Army's Chief of Staff — General Creighton Abrams—has clarified the Army's policy on "PASS" privileges.

He emphasized that the pass is a privilege for U.S. soldiers — not a right. And he said "performance of duty, and conduct, of most soldiers will earn them the privilege of being on pass during off-duty hours."

"But he goes on, "some soldiers will not earn that privilege and should not be granted pass privileges."

Abrams stated that some soldiers — out of necessity — will be denied passes because of operational requirements or temporary administrative control.

Wide Support

(ANF) — AFL-CIO President George Meany has given his support to labor-federation members who are in the national guard or reserves. And nearly 11,000 employers across the U.S. have done the same.

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(ANF) — There's a special program to help government-employed civilians who have drinking problems. The Federal Civilian Employee Alcoholism Program has been established to help employees help themselves, and reduce the working losses that result from alcohol each year.

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Jobs For Veterans Progress Is Rapid

(ANF) — The federal program to find jobs for veterans has surpassed its goal for the current fiscal year according to Labor Secretary Peter Brennan. Brennan said jobs and training placements under the program have passed the one million mark. The number includes almost 405,000 returning servicemen placed in jobs, and more than 600,000 enrolled in training, or given other job-finding help.

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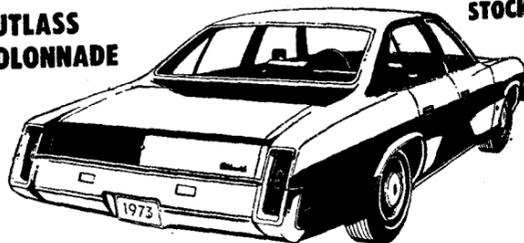
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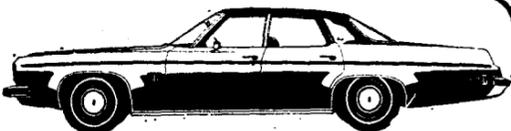
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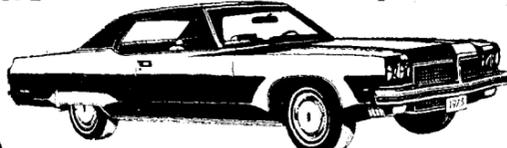
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