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Season's Greetings

We Americans begin this joyous holiday season facing problems at home and abroad that concern us as a people and as individuals. Our concern may tend to obscure the very real difference between this Christmas and those of recent memory.

For the first time in a decade, Americans are blessed with peace—an absence of armed conflict—as we observe the birth of Jesus Christ whose great message to all mankind was peace on earth, good will toward men.

I am sure you share my hope that in the year ahead we will move closer to that peace and harmony among people of all races that is also a part of the Christmas message.

To each member of the Army family at Redstone, my sincere wish for a happy holiday season followed by a year of accomplishment and good health.

May 1974 be a good year for us all.

VINCENT H. ELLIS
Major General, USA
Commanding



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Just Say

We Did It Our Way

While several groups of soldiers and employees readied Christmas packages for those whose Christmas would otherwise be austere, most were reluctant to talk about it.

Nearly all the groups declined to be mentioned in the Rocket.

"We have no gripe against you or the Rocket," said one group spokesman to a caller from the Information Office.

"We'd just as soon do this without the publicity," he said.

So while numerous groups and individuals keep the spirit of Christmas through giving anonymously, we won't be writing or reading about them this year. After all, who can question anyone's right to give anonymously? To do that would seem somehow like questioning the tradition of giving.

Those who make a special effort to help others during the holidays put together packages not for the gratitude—they do it for the joy of giving. They do it because one cold, hungry or disappointed child is one too many. But there will probably be numbers of unhappy children in Huntsville and Madison County this Christmas. There will be scores of them in Alabama and perhaps tens of thousands across the country.

Most of those whose holidays will be less happy and bright will spend cheerless Yuletides because somebody forgot to help stuff a Christmas package. Families will sit down to slim Christmas fare because other families were too busy with their own holiday preparations, or didn't know how or where they could help.

Most news media, including the Rocket, try to prevent joyless holidays, often in ways similar to their attempts to prevent blood bank drouths, accidents, fires, death and injury due to weather, even traffic jams—by informing the public.

Most professionals in the news business don't run stories of human suffering because "it sells newspapers."

We do it because we care, and most of us believe the public we serve cares, too.

People who know of a shortage of blood plasma are more likely to visit the Bloodmobile than those who don't know. Those who read of an auto accident caused by mechanical failure or hazardous driving conditions are likely to have their auto checked or exercise more caution on the road.

When we see newsfilm or read a story of a home destroyed by a fire which began on a Christmas tree or in a faulty heater, we may check our own homes for fire hazards.

Timely warnings broadcast by local media no doubt prevented greater numbers of injuries during the recent tornadoes that ripped through several areas of the city and county.

Many radio and TV stations in large metropolitan areas send helicopters aloft during peak traffic hours to warn commuters of danger on freeways or delays in public transportation. A few newsmen have died while performing that public service.

While no one is likely to die of a broken heart this season, the heartbreak will strike families and children.

Hopefully, any local suffering will not be caused by a lack of Christmas stories in the Rocket. Soldiers and civilians of Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville community have annually helped brighten Christmas in the area. So editorial haranguing is unnecessary as well as distasteful.

Instead, a brief reminder:

Thoughtful gifts of food and clothing, however small, can be most effective when co-ordinated with any one of a dozen or more local agencies who provide names or make collections for the needy. They help get Christmas packages to those who need them most, and help prevent duplication or impractical gifts by well-meaning givers. Those groups and individuals who choose to share their good fortune this year are encouraged to contact local agencies for help or information.



Not So Easy

Editor, Redstone Rocket:
 In promoting carpools I hope that planners for Army and NASA are working together and considering that many of us with Army and NASA jointly share rides or carpools.
 I commute 30 miles one way and have been riding with the same man six years. Nine of us come and go in a station wagon and all of us work from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
 Our driver, who works for NASA, has been told his hours probably will be changed to 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. because of the energy crisis. If this happens, two of us at least will have to get new rides or drive our own cars to work and he will be looking for two new riders.
 Rides and carpools from 30 miles away aren't so easy to arrange.
 Lawrence Lemley

Handy PX Guide

(ANF)—With rising prices, the PX becomes even more important to men and women in the Army. But when traveling we all know that it is often difficult to find an Exchange.
 The PX has taken a step to correct the difficulty in the form of a PX locator found at most exchange service stations.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SHINES THROUGH DARKNESS

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 and pondered what the energy crisis did to me
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 and the thermostat turned down to a chilly 68
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 and further edicts of gloom from the White House
 will not surprise
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 is the plan
 All mute evidence of the wasteful nature of man.
 While enveloped in this aura of gloom.
 Voices of children singing carols penetrated
 my room
 My moaning and groaning about what a
 predicament this is
 Overshadowed perspectives about the true
 meaning of Christmas
 So, as you sit by your tree, dispel all fear
 And brighten the room with Christmas cheer
 Have bright hopes for the future and plenty of
 everything again
 With love in our hearts and good will toward men
 Remember the wise men and the Babe in the stall
 And have a Merry Christmas — One and All

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.)

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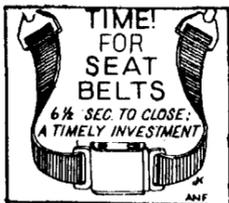
Eileen Hallock

Drug Testing Age Raised

(ANF)—The age for mandatory drug testing has been lowered to twenty-seven.

Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger says this age reduction will allow commanders to concentrate testing in the younger age categories which have proven to be most susceptible to the abuse of dangerous drugs. Commanders may, however continue to require all personnel to participate in the drug testing program when an entire unit is tested at once.

Schlesinger says the testing program has been most effective in helping reduce the drug program in the military.



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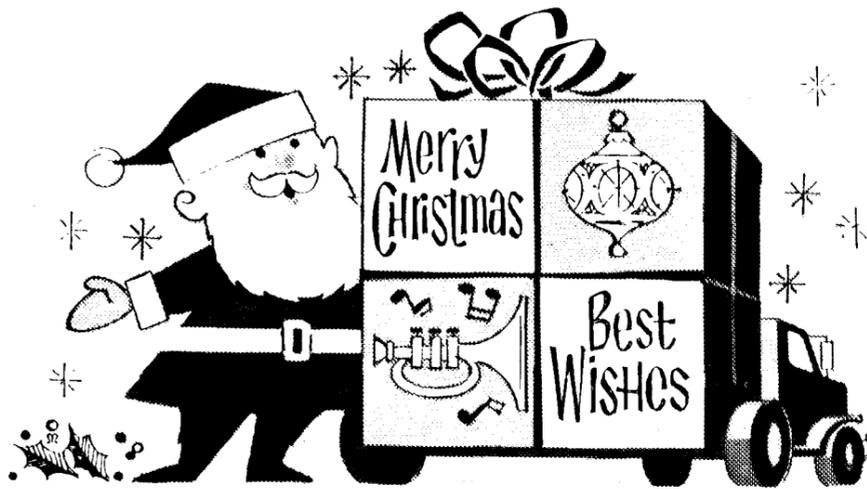
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DISCUSS EEO—General Henry A. Miley, Commander, AMC, and MG Vincent H. Ellis, Commander, MICOM (R) chat before lunch with participants in AMC-wide EEO Conference and Workshop last week at the Skycenter. Others include (L-R) LTC J. L. Lord, Jr, MICOM EEO; S. Sam Schwartz, AMC EEO, and Joseph Bennett, Director, EEO, Department of the Army. Miley made keynote address to the meeting of more than 100 EEO staffers from AMC commands and installations.

Unique Radar Studied

Antenna Gets Whole Picture

The Army Missile Command has begun exploratory development of a unique radar antenna that doesn't move mechanically yet can scan 360 degrees.

"It's the latest technology in electronic scanning radar," said William L. Low of MICOM's Advanced Sensors Directorate which has technical responsibility for the program.

"We call it a Hemispheric Coverage Antenna—and it looks promising for a broad spectrum of Army air defense roles."

Low said MICOM has just awarded a \$7.1 million contract to

Sperry Rand Corporation at Long Island, New York, to design, fabricate and test a prototype system.

MICOM, meanwhile, is conducting some parallel research in laboratories at Redstone.

"We're looking primarily at source arrays to verify design of radiating elements," Low said.

Low, Chief of MICOM's Radar Technology Branch, technology began in the early 60s "...to handle multiple high speed targets." Until then conventional radar, which emitted a single beam of energy from a

mechanically moving antenna, had too slow a scan rate and couldn't deal effectively with clusters of targets.

Phased array systems, aided by computers which operate in millionths of a second, scan electronically.

The Sperry technique employs up to 5,000 radiating elements, arranged by rows and columns across the face of a circular plan (much like the face of a clock) which is pointed straight up. A computer controls and combines the radiating elements and electronically steers the radar beam.

Unlike conventional electronic scan radars, however, Sperry's design provides hemispheric coverage with one fixed phased array—instead of four. That's accomplished, Low said, by covering the antenna face with a dome-shaped microwave lens which gives the system a 360 degree scan capability.

William G. Spaulding of the Advanced Sensors Directorate is Technical Project Officer for the program and Earl Bible of the Advanced Systems Concepts Office is program manager for the contract.

Four-Day Weekends

The White House announced last week that most government personnel would have two, four-day weekends in addition to the official holidays.

In addition to the official holidays of Christmas and New Years Day, the eves of both have been proclaimed non-work days for Federal personnel.

The official news of that and the details as to how leave should be charged, etc., had not

been received at the Missile Command by press time Monday.

As usual the Rocket will not be published next Wednesday. We'll be back with you January 3.

Because of the additional non-work day December 31, it will be necessary for us to have all copy for the first issue in January into the MICOM Information Office by noon, Friday, December 28.

Cutback Misses Huntsville

Huntsville apparently has fared well in the first round of airline flight cutbacks following the nation's concern about its energy crisis according to local survey made last week.

A United Airlines spokesman said his airlines lost no flights from the Huntsville-Madison County

Airport in planned United cutbacks. "I was surprised we didn't lose anything," the local manager said.

Area cities such as Knoxville, Chattanooga and Birmingham will be affected, he added.

According to the Huntsville Eastern Airlines manager, that airlines local schedules will remain intact, at least until spring.

Southern airlines reports adding two flights into Huntsville since a schedule shift to cope with the energy crisis.

One added flight, originating at Memphis, stops at Huntsville and Mobile enroute to New Orleans. The other originates at Bristol, Tenn., stopping at Knoxville, Huntsville and Memphis, terminating in New Orleans.

According to the local Southern manager his airlines did cancel two Huntsville flights effective Dec. 1, because they were money-losers, and not because of the fuel crisis.

The two canceled flights include one with stops at Montgomery, Tallahassee and Orlando enroute to Miami. The other originated at New Orleans and stopped at Huntsville enroute to Nashville.

Air Travel By Credit Cards

Soldiers will soon be able to use any one of several credit cards to pay for personal travel.

Beginning January 1, the post airline ticket office will accept credit cards for payment, according to John Forney, manager.

The only airline card that will be accepted will be American Airlines. Other cards travelers may use are Master Charge, Bank America, American Express, Diners' Club and Carte Blanche, according to Forney.

Early this week, Forney said flight schedules during the holidays should not be greatly affected by fuel shortages. But he added that airlines serving Huntsville may make some schedule changes after Jan. 7.

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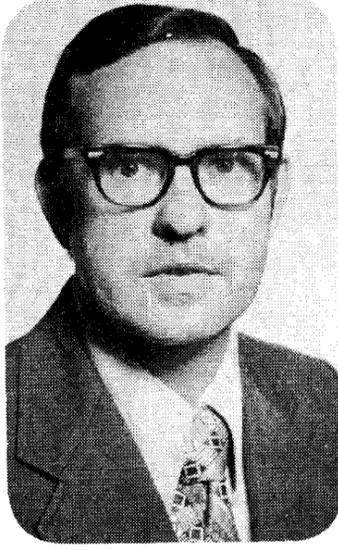
Young Named Maintenance Deputy

Ernest A. Young, Jr. who recently completed a year as the Defense Department's representative to industry on the Presidential Executive Interchange Program, has been selected to be Deputy Director of the Directorate for Maintenance. He will serve under COL Marvin L. Worley, Jr. who assumed the Directorship in July of this year.

The 40-year-old Young, who came to Redstone in 1958, is a native of Union, S. C. He holds a B. S. degree in physics and a master's in public administration. He has been associated with the HAWK program since 1962. He won the Junior Executive Award for 1961.

Young is enthusiastic about his year with industry and credits it with being the determining factor in his selection as deputy.

"It was tough to pull up stakes and move my family, and there was no way to come out financially, but the experience was topknotch. I had every opportunity



YOUNG

to observe industrial managers in action at all levels and I was impressed with the excellent attitude that I found throughout. The people are ambitious and highly motivated. They are profit oriented, of course, but I did not see any evidence of a desire to gouge the government. All that

was asked was a fair return.

The goal of the program is to bring business and government closer together through an interchange of personnel at the middle management level.

Young served as assistant purchasing manager for the Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, a division of United Aircraft. He also served as what, in military terms, would be called aide-de-camp to the president of the company.

"This was excellent experience. I sat in on numerous meetings that afforded an insight into business philosophy and a chance to observe decisions being made."

The company sent Young on liaison visits to 25 or 30 leading corporations around the country and in England. One visit he regrets missing was to the Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, Michigan. "It was January of last year that I was scheduled to go. But they called me that the airport was snowed in, so I had to pass up that one."

Does he recommend the experience to others who might have the opportunity? "By all means. It's a matchless opportunity for personal development."

Mary W. Cassell

Funeral services for Mary W. Cassell were held last Wednesday at the First Baptist Church, Huntsville, with burial following in Memory Garden Cemetery.

An employee of the Missile Command's Hellfire Project Office, Mrs. Cassell had been with Civil Service almost 30 years, coming to Redstone in 1956 from the Army Chemical Center in Maryland. She was 54.

During her career she had been a program analyst, a program specialist and a budget analyst. Before being assigned to Hellfire she was in the Land Combat Special Items Management Office and had previously worked in the Shillelagh and Pershing Project Offices and Supply and Maintenance Directorate.

She had flu a few weeks ago but had returned to work. Monday she called in and asked to be placed on sick leave. Later in the day her condition worsened and her husband took her to the hospital where she was pronounced dead upon arrival, apparently from a heart attack.

Survivors include her husband, Henry S. Cassell, Jr., an employee of the Missile Intelligence Agency, two daughters, Mrs. Kent McLellan of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Beth Bonura of San Francisco, Calif.; a son, Henry S. Cassell, III, of New Orleans, La., a sister and three grandchildren.

Franklin H. Holmes

Funeral services for Franklin H. Holmes were held last Saturday with burial following at Northport, Alabama. He was 51.

In failing health for several years, Holmes has been in civilian personnel work at Redstone since 1954. During the early sixties he headed the Incentive Awards Program.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Genae Patton Homes of Huntsville; a daughter, Miss Jeanne Holmes; two brothers, Clyde Holmes, James R. Holmes, all of Huntsville.

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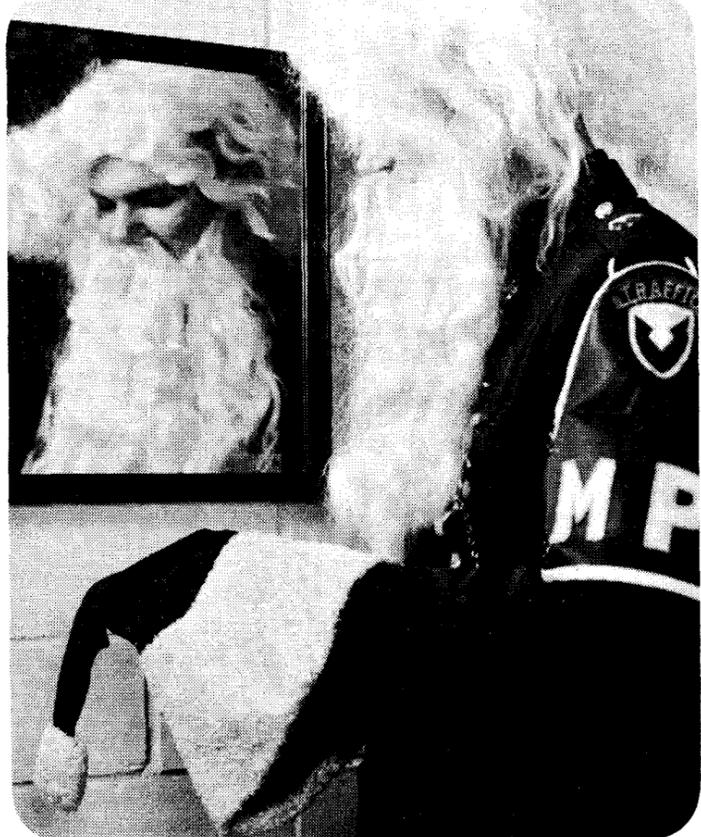


Whoa!—Ann King, Stinger Project, holds the reins of Santa's reindeer running at a fixed gallop across the hallway wall.

Health Benefits Time Extended

The Health Benefits open season for Army civil service employees in agencies served by the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division has been extended through January 2 according to Civilian Personnel Bulletin 111 distributed this week. The bulletin says, in part,

"Employees desiring to make a change within their plan, changes between plans or to enroll in a plan should call 876-7321 for an appointment for the purpose. Employees who have questions regarding the open season should call 876-5715, 876-2336, or 876-4546."



Ho, Ho, Ho—Pfc Rodney Biddix traded his green uniform for a red one and assumed the character of Santa for dependent's Children Christmas Party. He dispensed cheerfulness and gifts to about 800 children at the youth activities building. Assisting Santa were a number of elves from the NCO Wives Club, Officer Wives Club, and the Chaplain Office, with a few Sergeants Major.

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Pony Express Riders Had Nothing On Woodrow Leak

Most Americans are familiar with the idea of a young Pony Express rider pounding up to an isolated way station, dismounting from one tired horse and swinging into the saddle on another without breaking stride.

Woodrow Leak, a mail and distribution employee who retired last week from the Missile and Munitions Center and School, has the Pony Express beat all hollow. His retirement marks the end of over 20 years of federal service.

During his years at MMCS, Woodrow Leak has logged hundreds of thousands of miles, taking care of disposition forms, correspondence, U.S. mail, booklets, pamphlets, daily bulletins, classified material and even the Redstone Rocket.

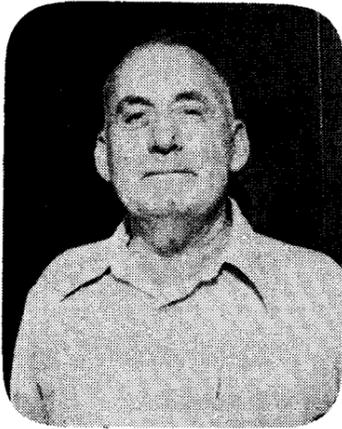
"I've been doing this work at the School for six years and a half, and I believe it's increased double," he said, adding that "probably a lot of it is from the number of schools we got going here now. They're graduating somebody almost all the time."

Another big increase in Leak's workload has been through the growth of the Army Wide Training Support department and its correspondence course program. "We have correspondence courses that go around the world," he said. "People use the books, lessons, tests; they improve themselves, and learn new skills. It's good—one of the finest things about the Arsenal is the opportunity for education."

"My son took courses in Vietnam and afterward, when he was in

Florida," he said. Staff Sergeant Willian D. Leak is now an instructor in Explosive Ordnance Disposal at the School. "I've been driving about ten years, in sedans and trucks. I guess I've gone through about 20 different ones; put 75 thousand miles on one of them when I worked at Finance," he said, "it was pretty well worn out."

Leak has twice received a safe driving award, each time for 10,000 accident-free miles.



LEAK

"When I was a messenger for Finance, I drove as much as 150 miles a day, averaging about 125 miles for about three years, from 1964 to 1967.

Just before he retired, his mileage was about 50 miles a day, he says, along a route designed to keep distances as small as

possible. It was even less when MMCS was young.

"When I first came here, the headquarters building and one classroom building were up. Military Personnel was in building 3300, and they did the kind of work here like they do now in Training Aids," he said.

Since that time, the MMCS facility has grown, and so have the distances. But the mileage Woodrow Leak covers on his route isn't the roughest part of the job, he says.

"I figured once that I was making about one stop every seven minutes. That's a lot of swingin' in and out of that old truck," he said.

Once in a while, a young soldier handles Leak's route. More than once, young men in their twenties have wearily returned to the consolidated mail room or M&D in building 3300 and admitted the work was pretty tiring.

"It takes about five soldiers in one building to break down the mail for delivery, with Argeon Taylor and Georgia Shelton in headquarters to take care of the distribution. They have to stay pretty busy. Now it's James George who'll be doing the deliveries," said Leak.

But Woodrow Leak says he's not going into inactive retirement.

"I plan to work a couple of farms I have near Arab, and my grandson will keep me busy, too," he said with a grin.

About that time, he got ready for his last drive across Redstone Arsenal, on the way back to Arab.



Right Dress—Pvt. John C. Ryan comments as Evelyn Riggs, both of the Staff Judge Advocate Office, hangs the Christmas wreath on the office door.

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Children, Not Lights Make It Christmas

Like other homes nationwide, the residence of Major General and Mrs. Vincent Ellis on Redstone won't be decorated with Christmas lights this year, but that isn't going to detract from the same family spirit they've always shared during the religious holiday.

Most of their Christmas seasons have been spent in the Washington, D. C. area as the general has had recurring assignments there.

"Some Christmases do seem more special than others," Mrs. Ellis said. "The most memorable one was when we were in Ankara, Turkey. We had recently visited the hills where the Christian martyrs had to flee—they'd carved their homes and churches out of the hills—there were early religious paintings on the walls.

"It made Christmas more meaningful for us, much more religious; it moved us all.

"In 1950 we went to the Ellis farm near Meadville in northwest Pennsylvania for Christmas. The wind and snow blew down from the lake, and it looked like a Christmas card. We got the old toboggan out of the barn and coasted on Ellis hill.

"Then in 1967 our son, Dick, came home just before leaving for Vietnam, and surprised us with his contact lenses, and our tape recorder so we could keep in touch.

"To us, Christmas is the children, wherever we are. We're hoping Anne will be home from Georgetown University—she's in nursing school—and Lindy home from Stevens Institute, Hoboken, New Jersey. Lindy is studying chemical engineering.

"The boys are married and have their own families in the Washington area, so they'll be there. Of course, Amanda, our youngest, is here."

Mrs. Ellis said they don't have many Christmas traditions, except that the smallest child is allowed to play Santa and distribute the packages from under the tree.

"We have a Santa face my aunt painted that has been going on our door wreath since about 1955. It may be getting a little worse for wear, but it's always part of our wreath.

"There are the decorations the children have made for the tree, some while they were in kindergarten. Those are our treasures. We don't have a stylized Christmas tree.

Big Weekend Planned At Rec Center

The Recreation Center has five holiday activities lined up for Redstone military members and their families.

A Christmas caper party is scheduled in the Center's lounge at seven, Saturday evening. Gifts will be given to all who attend.

Sunday, also at seven is a Christmas Carol sing along.

On Monday, Christmas Eve, activities get underway at seven with movies, and music. An Open House is scheduled for Christmas Day, with soldiers planning on spending the holiday away from home invited to join the Recreation Center family.

Refreshments will be served at all the Center's activities.



DECORATING—Mrs. Vincent H. Ellis, wife of Major General Ellis, MICOM commander, puts ornaments on a Christmas tree in the front lawn of their quarters on Redstone as she prepares for the holiday season.

"We encourage the children to make presents. When they ask their daddy what he wants, he always says, 'Just a sweet smile.'"

"We let the children look in their stockings as soon as they get up Christmas morning, but we insist they wait until after breakfast before we open the presents under the tree.

"I guess we're starting a new tradition this year. Amanda and my husband went out and cut our Christmas tree.

"We usually have two meals Christmas day, and otherwise we just enjoy each other. Sometimes we go to church Christmas eve, and then open our presents when we get home.

"I'm expecting mild weather, and hoping for it during the Christmas season. I'm from upper New York state, but I don't have to have snow for it to seem like Christmas.

"We are happy to be at Redstone and are looking forward to our first Christmas here."

Junior ROTC Instructors

(ANF)—If you're a high caliber E-6, you're in demand as a ROTC group instructor.

Any E-6 interested in such an assignment should submit an application by disposition form to the Army Military Personnel Center. Consult AR 611-50 for further instruction.

Early Next Year

Classes In Ceramics

June Hughes (Mrs. Billy) and Sgt. Tim Blake, Marine Corps, held an open house recently at the ceramics shop run by Special Services to display some of the work of beginners and experts.

Mrs. Hughes is a certified ceramics instructor, Sgt. Blake is her assistant. The latter is also an instructor in Hawk at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The shop is located in building 3491. Approximately 50 people can work comfortably at one time.

New classes will be started around the first of January. Classes will be for beginners and for advanced students. Mrs. Hughes has a rule that anyone who has never worked in ceramics will receive instruction. She was losing too many molds, broken by people who did not know how to handle them when pouring and when removing the finished products.

The molds are on hand to make everything from ashtrays to large bowls and pitchers.

The instructors are hoping to interest more enlisted men in the art of ceramics. Anyone with questions can call 876-7440.

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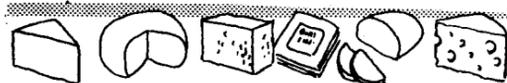
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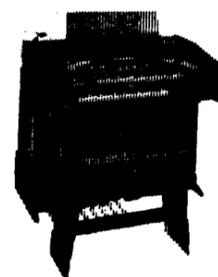
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Travel, Promotions Good—But Education Swings Deal

When Specialist Four John Eldridge decided to reenlist, he checked out the options open to him, and offered one to the Army. The 20-year-old supply specialist for the 8th Enlisted Training Company at the Missile and Munitions Center and School reenlisted for three years under an option that lets the Army send him wherever his skills are needed.

"Eldridge could have taken advantage of the new CONUS station of choice option, but he

took his present duty assignment option instead," said Master Sergeant Raymond LeBeau, career counselor for the School Brigade.

Eldridge, who entered the Army in 1971 from Orleans, Mass., says one of the reasons he enlisted in the first place was for the educational opportunities available in the Army.

"I thought about travel and promotions, too," he added.

Stationed at Redstone since he completed basic training in 1971,

he became a supply specialist through on-the-job training. He's supplemented his job training through the Army Wide Training Support department at MMCS.

"I've taken correspondence courses that relate to my MOS," said Eldridge. He's now taking a course on effective writing, composition and spelling.

"I felt the course would better my performance in my job, making me more efficient in my work. I do subcourses in my spare time, and they've become a habit for me," he said.

Eldridge says his efforts to broaden his education are paying off already.

"My work's a lot easier than it used to be, especially the paperwork. If I have to sit down and write a supply SOP (standard operating procedure), I can do it so everybody can understand it," he said.

Eldridge, with his newly-developed communications skills, says he's interested in improvement of general communications to improve the operation of any organization.

"Improved communications can help any kind of organization, not just a supply room," he explained.

Eldridge says he plans to continue his education in the Army, hoping to advance to the next skill level in the supply career field. That would include learning weapons maintenance and repair and qualification as an armorer, he said.

The young soldier has already had a taste of supervisory responsibility, and says he likes it. He says he hopes to get another promotion and become a supply sergeant in charge of his own supply room.

"When the supply sergeant is on leave, it's up to me to see that everything gets done. Responsibility is part of the job," Eldridge said.

MICOM Artists In Xmas Show

Four leading artists of North Alabama are featured in an exhibit of original art work at Dunnnavants' Mall all this week. Three of the artists are employed with the Missile Command.

All the art work is for sale and part of the proceeds will go to the Sheriff's Boy's Ranch at Selma and Hartselle. Several styles may be viewed in such media as pastel, watercolor, oils, acrylic and silk screen.

The participating artists are Judy Miller, Frank Nelson, Phil Andrews and Don Davis.

The latter three are MICOM artists.



A TASTE OF RESPONSIBILITY—Specialist Four John Eldridge (left) checks on Private Donald Myers' progress on a project for the unit orderly room. Eldridge, hopes to someday take charge of his own unit supply room as a supply sergeant.



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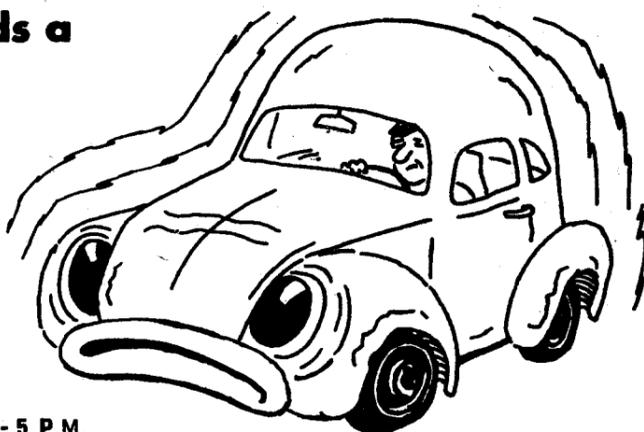
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Home Again In Alabama

PFC Rebecca Clinard is home in Ardmore, Ala., and commuting to her job in the military personnel office at the Missile Command.

PFC Clinard joined the Women's Army Corps nine months ago. After completing basic training at Ft. McClellan and graduating at the top of her advanced individual training class, at Ft. Dix she was assigned to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. This gave her an opportunity to visit California and explore other areas in the West. When she learned a military personnel clerk at Redstone wanted to swap jobs with someone at Ft. Huachuca, she jumped at the chance.

Alabama, to her, is still the best state in the union.

When PFC Clinard graduated from high school, her father was opposed to having her join the military. To her it seemed like a good thing and now he thinks so too.

She said, "He realizes that I have grown more mature. When I joined, I was a baby. Now, he sees that I must live my own life as a person."

Someday she would like a tour in Germany, but first she wants to be a military police woman. "The recruiter didn't tell me I could be an MP," she said. "I am going to apply for training."

PFC Clinard is a medium-sized girl with brown hair and calm blue eyes. When asked about a hobby, she said, "Kung fu." Her eyes showed a sparkle as she said, "I watch everything on kung fu on television. I hope I can find an instructor."

Some Are Good, Others Better

(ANF)—Merchandise in Post Exchanges are good buys—but some are better than others. Exchanges mark their very best buys with bright blue and green tags. These tags are placed on items whose prices have been voluntarily reduced by their manufacturers.

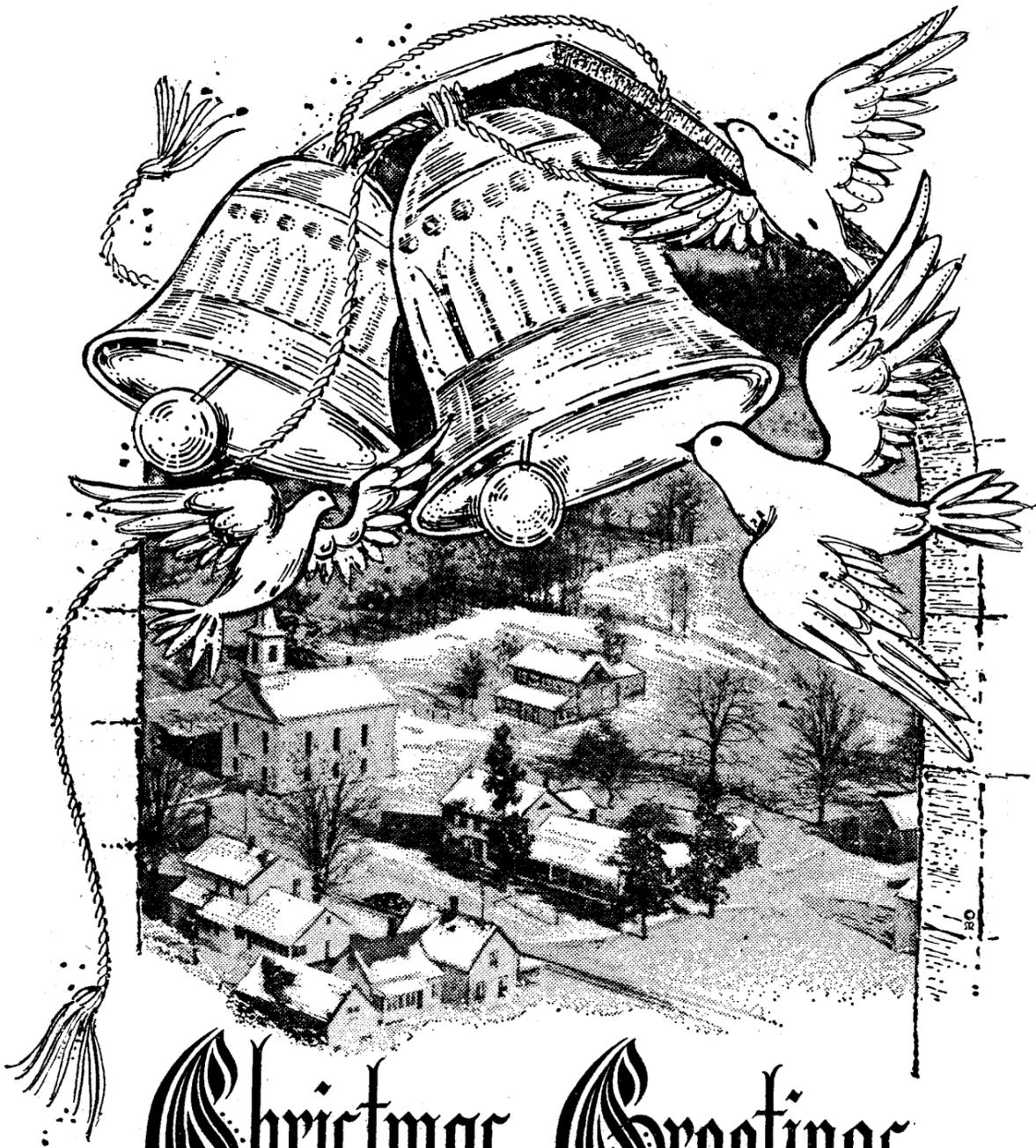
The Exchange then passes the "extra dividend" on to their customers by selling the items at lower prices.

All exchanges carry such "extra dividend" items for periods of 10 to 30 days. The items vary from store to store, but you will find most of them in the health and beauty aid departments.



HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Anita Wingard won this portrait of herself as Maintenance Directorate's first Employee of the Month. She also has a reserved parking space for the month and a letter of appreciation which says in part "You were selected because your Division felt you symbolized this Directorate's image of an ideal employee." In addition to her cooperative spirit at work, Anita is active in church and community affairs, and is a star basketball and softball player. The painting was furnished by Frank Nelson of RASA Graphics.

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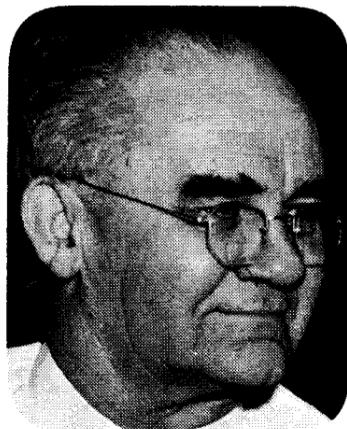
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It's What Comes Naturally

George Robinson is like the man who, when asked why he climbed a mountain, said simply: "because it's there."

Robinson is the Army's top blood donor at Redstone but he doesn't know why.

"It's just something I've done



ROBINSON

every place I've been," said Robinson who is a general engineer in the Missile Command's Directorate for Maintenance.

"Several years ago, when the blood program started, I began to give—and that was it."

He made his regular trek to the blood bank Friday and upped his total to 12 gallons since coming to Redstone nearly 21 years ago. That's what records here

show.

Robinson, who'll be 58 Christmas day, says he's been giving for about 32 years and, although he doesn't have an overall total, says he may have donated twice that much.

He's one donor who needs no introduction to Red Cross nurses and volunteers.

Mrs. John L. Martinus, canteen chairman, presented him a cake, a 12-gallon pin, and a couple of gag gifts Friday for his contributions to the blood program.

And he gets his shart of good-natured kidding.

"A couple of times I was hospitalized, the nurses asked me if I had come to get back a little of that blood."

Robinson said he's never needed it.

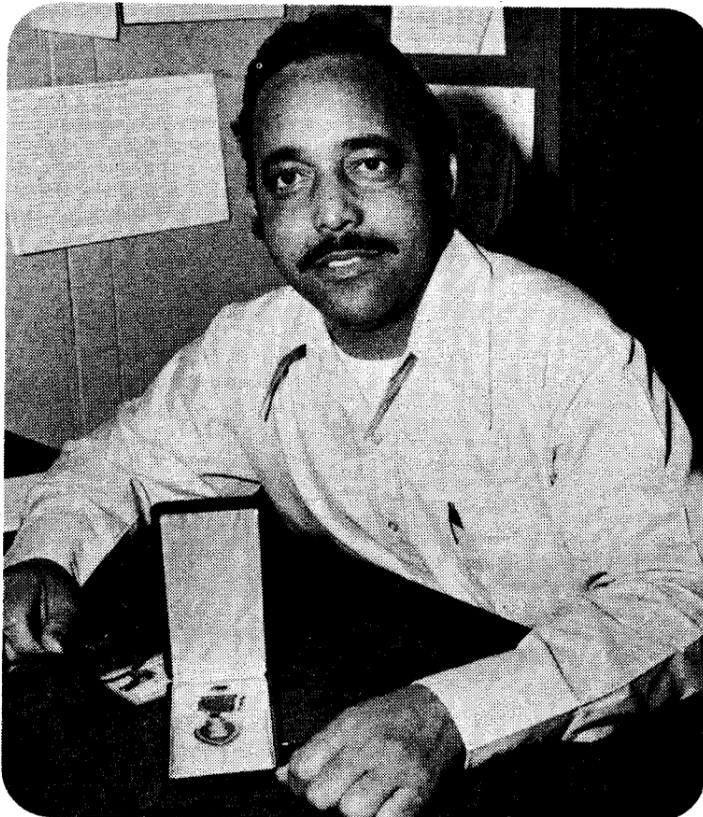
How much longer does he plan to give?

"Just as long as I'm able," he said.

Second Skill

(ANF)—The long-awaited pamphlet on the 47 new officer personnel management system specialties goes to the printers this month. Under OPMS, all officers are expected to be proficient in both a primary and alternate specialty.

This pamphlet is supposed to help officers choose their second specialty.



JIM JONES 20 YEARS LATER

A Long Time In Coming

Jim Jones, an intelligence clerk typist in the Missile Intelligence Agency library, received his Purple Heart 23 years after he was wounded near Po Hang, Korea.

Jones, whose name on the record is Elias, retired from the Army at Redstone after 23 years of service, 17 years of overseas tours. That was in November, 1970. He trained under the GI Bill to become the weathercaster on radio station WEUP, a job he still holds under the name of J. J.

In 1950 he was with the 2d Division, 9th Infantry as a combatman. He was hospitalized at Taegu and apparently some of the paperwork remained uninitiated because the date on his Purple Heart citation reads October 1973.

Meantime, he collected a number of medals; the combat Infantry badge, the Army commendation medal, five knots on his good conduct medal and occupation medals for Germany, Japan and Korea.

The Purple Heart arrived in the mail last week to round out the collection.

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Do It Your Own Way

Sometimes a do-it-yourself project turns out better than a professional job. Hilda Cox, secretary-steno in the Safeguard Contracts Office, couldn't find the type furniture she wanted for her apartment so she decided to build her own.

She drew up her own plans and then went to a local lumber yard and had them cut the pieces of wood the exact size she wanted. Hilda didn't have a lot of tools... in fact all she had was a small tool kit with a hammer, pliers, screwdriver and a square.

Her first project was a bookcase where she could keep her stereo, tape recorder, television and records. When it came to putting sturdy legs on the bookcase to hold the heavy load, she decided to use bricks. She got several bricks, put them together and painted them black to form a steady base that would hold the weight.

Since she decided on an oriental motif for her apartment, the bookcase was painted red and black like other oriental furniture she had seen.

When Hilda couldn't find a dining table like she wanted, she went to work again. This time she got an old wooden door, painted it black and put 12 inch legs on it... and presto a dining table.

She described her idea this way: "I wanted an inexpensive dining table and I figured this was the easiest way to get it. I like the oriental ideas and when people come to eat we sit on the floor and eat oriental style... it's lots of fun."

After looking at the prices on sofas, Hilda decided to get out the hammer and nails again. She got another wooden door, reinforced the corners and middle, got some wrought iron legs and some red cushions... the result, a modern functional sofa with an oriental

look. Hilda considers her creations her own brain children designed to meet her needs. She is not interested in going into the furniture building business and she doesn't plan to make anymore items like hers for anyone else.

She feels her furniture is custom made to suit her... she is 4 feet 8 inches tall, so she put short legs on most of her creations so they would be comfortable for her.

"You'd be surprised what you can do with a few boards, some nails, black paint and a little tool kit... and some different ideas," she concluded.



DO IT YOURSELF—Hilda Cox, building your own furniture is fun and quite a bit cheaper too.



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The Walk-In Clinic will be staffed as usual during the holiday period for those requiring medical treatment, according to an announcement by Lieutenant Colonel James M. Feltis, Jr., commanding officer of the medical facility.

He said: Patients with general medical problems are provided care through the Walk-In Clinic by obtaining an appointment for the same day or on a walk-in basis.

"Visits to the clinic after 8 p.m. on weekdays and 5 p.m. on

weekends and holidays should be limited to emergency medical problems. Appointments are obtained by calling the Central Appointment desk between 8 and 9 a.m., 876-3247.

Pediatric Clinic appointments can also be obtained on the same day for sick children by calling the appointment desk between 8 and 9 a.m. A pediatric nurse specialist may be able to save the patient a trip to the hospital.

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Giving Of Yourself—Greatest Of Gifts

By SP5 Dave Cowan
 Christmas is the time when children hope Santa Claus will bring them that special doll or train set they saw in toyland. Some children may even dream of being an elf in Santa's workshop or a passenger on the sleigh pulled by red-nosed Rudolph.



For many it's all eyes and pounding hearts when the jolly old man from the North Pole, with his famous twinkle and graying cornsilk hair (possibly from an endless journey around the world), arrives sometime Christmas eve or in the wee morning hours Christmas Day.

For many children that's what Christmas is all about.

But, for a few kids, Christmas is a sad occasion. Peering out windows with drooped mouths, eyes filled with tears and hungry stomachs, they wait . . . wait . . . wait — but Santa never comes.

This year the Human Relations Center at Redstone Arsenal is determined to see those sad faces reversed.

"Giving of yourself is the greatest gift of all" is this year's theme, says Emmett Florence, counselor of the Human Relations Center.

"Here is the chance," said Florence, "for an individual soldier or military family at Redstone to 'give,' to underprivileged families who probably

VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS—David Greene, son of Lt. and Mrs. Roger Greene appears to envision the toys Santa promised him on Christmas eve. Santa is appearing at the Bookstore each weekday night from 6 to 9 p.m. for the benefit of dependents of servicemen.

wouldn't share the joy of the holiday like us."

"It doesn't have to be much; it's the thought that counts," he said.

Any persons wishing to contribute something may bring the items to the Human Relations Center, Bldg 3214, on Little John Drive.

The center is presently looking for such items as packaged fruits, canned and dry goods, toiletries (including tooth

brushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, shampoo and washcloths), small simple toys and children's clothing (no used apparel), said Florence.

The elves from the center will package the items in the form of Christmas boxes and food baskets and will distribute them to numerous underprivileged families in the Huntsville-Madison County area prior to Christmas Day.

(ANF)—For enlisted soldiers, this is what the January promotion scene looks like.

There are 12,000 promotions scheduled to E-4, 2,800 to E-5 and 1,216 to E-6. There will also be 390 promotions to E-7, 241 to E-8 and 49 to E-9.

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Cost-Of-Living Annuity Increases Liberal

"I would like to retire right away but, can I afford it?"

That is a somewhat puzzling problem that a number of Redstone civilians are mulling at the present time in view of the liberalized eligibility requirements for cost-of-living annuity increases and the announcement that a 5.5 per cent COL increase would be effective at the first of the new year.

In presenting some financial perspective on the subject of retirement the adjacent chart is printed as a guide in which the individual can measure his present employment income against the projected retirement income.

For many considering retirement, the thought of living on a fixed income in the present climate of inflation may be alarming. However, Public Law 93-136, signed by the President in October, attempts to keep Federal civil service retirees abreast of cost of living increases.

Prior to July of this year, employees who retired before cost-of-living increases took effect, benefitted from this action. For example, an employee who retired prior to July 1, 1973, received a COL increase of 6.1 per cent. Persons retiring after that date were not eligible for the increase.

The new legislation means that employees retiring after July 1 and before December 31, 1973, may receive either the 6.1 per cent increase against the high three computation as of June 30, or the high three computation as of



RETIREMENT COUNSELING—Lester A. Himes of the retired activities office in the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division talks with an employee who has questions about retirement. Himes has all the data personnel seek who are planning to retire. His office is in Bldg. T-3164 at the north end of Redstone. Appointments to see him may be made by calling 876-3902.

December 31, whichever is greater.

The reason for this is that many employees will benefit from the latter method based on the fact that six additional months of service increase the total annuity by one per cent. In addition, the last six months will normally result in a higher three year average.

The Civil Service Commission has advised that employees retiring by the end of 1973 will have their retirements computed both ways. The retiree will automatically receive the higher annuity.

The retirement estimate chart is strictly a guide for those persons who might be contemplating retirement. By subtracting your adjusted retirement income, with or without survivor annuity, from your adjusted employment income you will arrive at an approximate monthly monetary gain by continued work.

Redstone civilians considering the choice of working on, or joining the ranks of the retired may want to ponder some interesting facts in reaching their decision.

There are two types of annuities. They are:

(1) Without survivor benefits which give the Annuitant the full percent of his average high three earnings, and (2) With survivor benefits which reduce the annuity slightly as payment is made to a beneficiary, after the death of the annuitant.

Employees may want to compute the difference between employment and retirement income when the expenses are considered.

Wage deductions include: Federal Tax (from ten to eighteen percent according to the number of dependents), State Income Tax retirement fund (7 per cent), life insurance and health benefits. There's clothing and travel expense (with the possibility of gas rationing and higher prices due to the energy crisis).

Retirees pay none of the taxes (although there is the Federal Tax

Retirement Estimates Guide

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INCOME						RETIREMENT INCOME			AGE: 55 30 YEAR SERVICE		
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						B	\$360	380	39	341	207
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						B	444	468	39	429	227
\$14,000	1,150	6.07	421	729	12,000	A	563	594	39	555	174
						B	529	558	39	519	210
\$17,000	1,417	8.17	487	930	15,000	A	703	742	39	703	227
						B	655	691	39	652	278
\$19,000	1,583	9.14	580	1,003	17,000	A	797	841	39	802	201
						B	740	781	39	742	261
\$21,000	1,750	10.09	665	1,085	19,000	A	891	940	39	901	184
						B	824	869	39	785	300
\$25,000	2,083	12.02	815	1,268	22,000	A	1,031	1,088	39	1,049	219
						B	951	1,003	39	964	304

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after the retiree is paid his original retirement contributions) and they avoid the expense of going to work (will possibly rise because of the energy crisis).

A minimum of 4 per cent is paid retirees when the cost of living rises 3 per cent or more for three consecutive months over the base month on which a previous cost-of-living increase was allowed. An added bonus is free life insurance.

Another advantage of earlier retirement is the possibility of a retiree supplementing his income by taking another job, thus building up credits for eventual social security payments.

It is understandable that each person's situation is different for various reasons. Only the person contemplating retirement or continuing working is in a position to make a decision.

Each person should check his own individual situation, seek counseling if needed, and then determine if retirement is the answer.

Too Many 11c40's

(ANF)—There are too many E-6s in the 11c40 MOS. The Infantry-Armor Branch estimates the surplus at 400 soldiers, so it is requesting that such personnel ask for a new 11 series MOS.

By voluntarily asking for reclassification, an E-6 may increase his chances for promotion.

If there aren't enough voluntary requests, there might be some involuntary reclassifications.

White-Collar Pay Under Nationwide Test

Nationwide field testing of a new method for evaluating Federal white-collar jobs for pay determination and other purpose; began in September, the Civil Service Commission announced recently.

Called the factor ranking-benchmark approach, the method calls for breaking a given job down into factors, then measuring those factors against a previously approved benchmark position description.

Point values are assigned to each factor, and then the points are totaled and converted to the appropriate grade, ranging from GS-1 through GS-15.

Objectives of the field test are to help the Commission determine whether the new approach will result in accurate and consistent grade levels for the positions tested; whether it will be understood and accepted by program and personnel managers, supervisors, employees, and unions; and whether it will be administratively feasible.

The field test plan was developed jointly by the Commission and headquarters offices of major Federal agencies, as were the benchmarks that will be used in the tests.

Approximately 5,000 jobs will be evaluated in tests at more than 100 field activities. The nationwide test is to be completed by mid-December.

The Commission emphasized that no changes in existing classifications (grades) will be recommended as a result of the nationwide tests.

Arsenal Donors Respond To Emergency Call

Four people received blood for open heart surgery and 361 pints were donated to replace blood already used from the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Redstone last week.

In all 695 pints were collected from among 882 volunteer donors. Three of the replacements were large, 80 pints to one man, 69 to another and 52 to a woman.

Four different types of blood were requested for the open heart surgery. Approximately 50 people donated enough O negative, A negative, A positive, and B positive to operate. Among the replacement pints, 15 went to a teenager who was hurt in a motorcycle accident.

The balance will go into the blood bank for use as needed.

Reservations

Again this year, Redstone soldiers may treat their families and guests to a lavish Christmas dinner at budget prices.

Today is the last day for reservations, though, and the price of guest meals must be paid in advance.

Soldiers wanting to have Christmas dinner in Dining Hall 2 must make reservations today at building 3480.

Christmas dinner for troops without dependents and living in billets will be from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., while dining for soldiers bringing their families and guests will begin at 1:15.

This year's menu includes shrimp cocktail and a salar bar for openers. The main course includes roast turkey with gravy and cornbread dressing, glazed sweet potatoes, green beans with mushrooms, mashed rutabaga and the traditional cranberry sauce.

Among the trimmings are oven-hot cloverleaf rolls, fresh fruits and mixed nuts.

Dessert this year includes sliced orange salad with whipped cream, fruitcake, mincemeat pie and assorted hard candies.

Pre-retirement counseling is available for all Redstone employees at the Civilian Personnel Division.
Appointments may be made by calling Lester Himes at 876-3902.

Comparisons between existing grade levels and those indicated by the tests will be made only by the Commission, and the jobs tested will not be identified with individual employees.

Supervisors, employees, and personnel specialists who take part

in the field tests are being asked to complete questionnaires that were designed to elicit their views on the approach to job evaluation.

The results will be used by the Commission in assessing the understandability, acceptance, and feasibility of the new method.



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Retirees Get Extension

Deadline for enrollment of retired military personnel in the new Survivor Benefit Plan enacted by Congress last year has been extended to March 20, 1974 for those who retired prior to September 21, 1972.

Originally, they had only one year to make a decision on the new plan.

Active duty personnel can enter upon retirement.

Provision is made in the new law for a survivor annuity of up to 55 percent of retired pay. This same percentage is also used in computing Civil Service survivor annuities.

Under the new law, when a serviceman retires he pays two and one-half percent on the first \$300 of his designated base amount and 10 percent for anything above that figure up to a maximum of his retired pay.

For instance, if a retiree's base amount is \$500 a month, the annuity is \$275 and his cost is \$27.50 per month. This \$27.50 represents approximately 60 percent of the cost of the annuity; the Government pays the rest.

The minimum base amount is \$300. However, if the individual's retirement pay is less than \$300 per month, he can elect an annuity in the amount of his total retirement pay.

Cost Sharing

Unmarried persons can enter the plan and elect an annuity to be paid to another person with an insurable interest in him. The cost sharing formula is slightly more than for a married retiree.

Enrollment for the full annuity at retirement for servicemen with a spouse or dependent child is automatic, unless the serviceman designates a lesser amount. As presently planned, this must be done 60 days before retirement. If less than the full annuity is selected, DA must notify the spouse in writing.

The annuity ceases if a widow remarries before age 60; however, if she remarries after 60, it continues.

If she remarries before age 60 and the marriage is terminated, the annuity will resume.

At age 62 the widow with no dependent children or one dependent child, will have the Social Security survivor benefit attributable to military service offset from the annuity.

No widow of a retirement-eligible member dying on active duty will receive less than a widow of a similar member (same grade and length of service) dying in retirement.

Annuity Continues

Survivor annuities will continue to be paid under RSFPP for as long as there are eligible survivors.

Present widows of retirees will be guaranteed a minimum income of \$2,120 annually.

Present participants in RSFPP will be allowed to drop that program and elect a survivor annuity under provisions of the new plan. Alternatively, they will be allowed to continue to participate in RSFPP and elect into a new plan up to a maximum survivor benefit level of 100 percent of retired pay.

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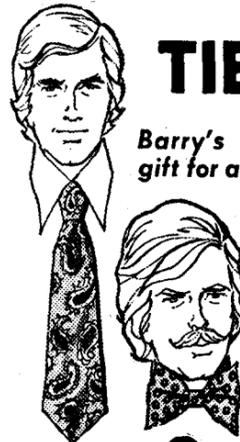
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Merry Christmas Merry Christmas

Pillpushers Control National Cage Market

Missilemen, Students All Even At Top In American

The pillpushers from the Meddac Detachment are out to 'get' several organizations in the underworld of basketball. To be exact, the pillpusher dynasty could be in jeopardy as Companies A and B, after two weeks of bitter battles, are undefeated in the National division of the RSA Men's Basketball league.

The Meddacs have a 3-0 record, but close behind are A and B with 2-0 slates.

TUESDAY

In National division action last Tuesday night, the Meddacs shaded 6th ETC, 67-61; Company B beat 9th ETC, 69-55; while Company A bombarded SSG, 95-18.

Guard Al Ashton led the Meddacs to their third victory as the husky roundballer netted 20 points against the 6th ETC. Contributing to the pillpusher win were Wynn Hoffman and Bob Moore with 16 and 12, while Winston Stephens and George White nabbed 37 and 14 points for the students. Stephens' fine performance pushed him into second place in the "Top 10" scoring of the National division with a 29.7 points per game.

A balanced attack enabled Company B to extend their winning streak to two games with their

victory over the 9th ETC. Leading the permanent party's scoring were Marwillis Cunningham, Dan Roe and Fred Harris with 16 points each, followed by Frank Olmsted with 14. Kermit Crawford, averaging 23.7 points per game, paced the students with 37, followed by Randy Chalmers with 18.

There's only one way to stop Company A and that's to stop Marvin Williams. Williams, Company A's sharpshooter, hit for 15 points in the first half and then netted 28 points in the second half against SSG for a grand total of 43 biggies in a lopsided win over the SSG cagers. It was Company A's second win, but moreover, Williams increased his scoring per game to 35.5 points; tops in the National division.

SSG's Jim Kennedy scored 14 of 18 points tallied by his team as they dropped to a dismal 0-2 record.

THURSDAY

The basketball action continued Thursday night in the National division with the 291st MPs defeating the Marines, 74-50; the 5th beating the 6th ETC, 66-50; and the Meddacs drubbing the 9th ETC, 58-43.

The MPs pistol-whipped the

Marines from "Tin City" as four cops hit in double figures. Leading the MPs barrage were Bob Zelenak with 19 points; Gary Johnston and Robin Sheets, 17 points each; followed by Charlie Sanders with 15. R.G. Grant paced the bulldogs with a 20-point performance.

The 5th ETC, tied with the MPs with identical 2-1 records, outclassed the 6th students. Hitting the hoop for the 5th were Joe Canada, Ed Clark and Jim Green with 14, 12 and 10 points, while in another losing cause for the 6th ETC, Winston Stephens scored 26. Joe Garrett scored 10.

Thus far, the results have been decidedly mixed, and perhaps rather deceptive in the Men's Basketball League. By the end of last week's action, MICOM and 8th ETC were leading the American division, while Company C fell from the unbeaten ranks with an agonizing defeat at the hands of the 8th.

MONDAY

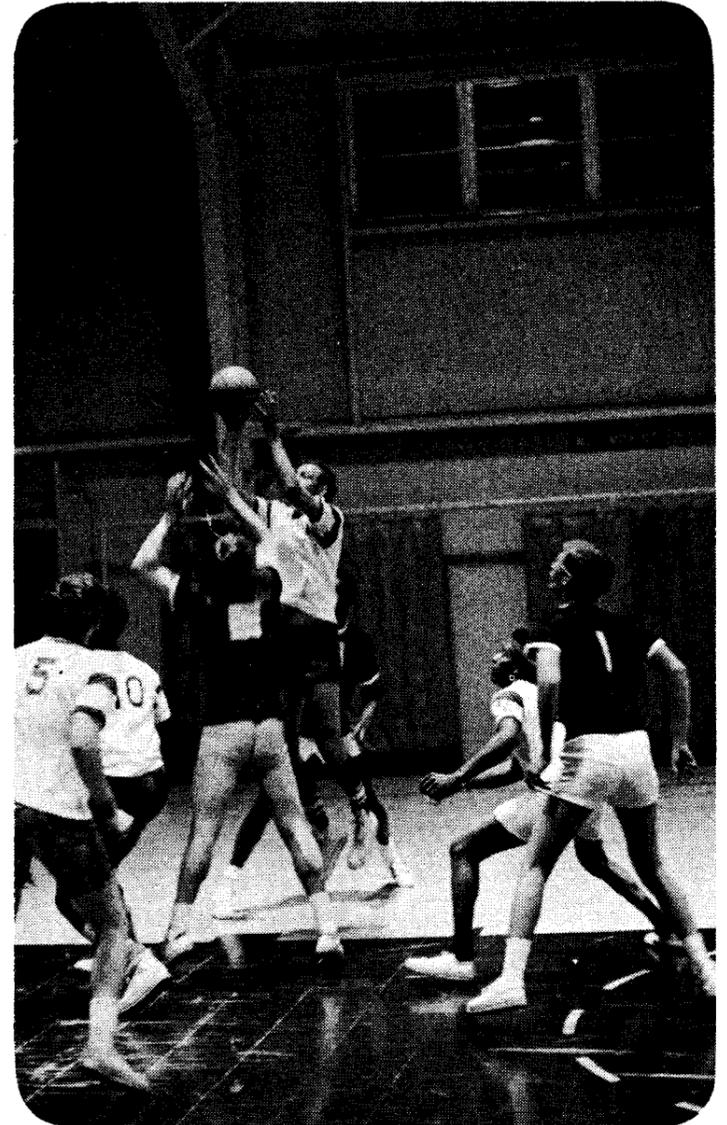
In Monday's action, MICOM blasted the Marines, 76-27; 8th ETC nipped Company C, 47-46; while the 4th ETC romped to a 60-41 win over the 7th.

The bulldogs from the Marine Detachment were held on leash by MICOM as four missilemen scored in double figures in their 76-27 win. Gene Howey, a headlin grabber in all sports at the Arsenal, paced the missilemen with 20 points, followed by Raymond Smith, 19; Arthur Perrin, 12; and Kerry Bell with 11. C. B. Foutz led the Marine contingent with 10 points.

MICOM's victory was their third straight with no losses and already rumors have them as the top contender for the league and playoff championships.

A jubilant celebration earlier in the day resulted in a nightmare for Company C as they dropped a 47-46 decision to the students of the 8th ETC. The game went to the final buzzer before the 8th recorded their third straight win. Bobby Ripley led the students with 15 points, along with Clifford Boler's 12, while Roger Greene and Harry Ross paced Company C's scoring with 18 and 12 tallies respectively.

The students from the 4th ETC



COMPANY C'S SPARK PLUG—Roger Greene nets a two-pointer recently for Company C in a contest against the 4th ETC. The "C" dwellers beat the students, 42-30, while Greene tallied 14 points.

blasted the 7th squad and finished the week tied for second spot in the league with the "C" dwellers with identical 2-1 records.

The 4th held a 22-19 lead at halftime but outscored the 7th 38-22 in the final half for their win. Wonderous Willie Banks paced the 4th with 26 points, followed by Dave Vansleet with eight. Mickey Pence, Nathaniel Crawford and Larry Simmons led the 7th's scoring with 10, eight and eight points respectively.

WEDNESDAY

In Wednesday's action, MICOM out-dueled the 3rd ETC, 66-59; 4th ETC whizzed by the Marines, 70-33; while the 1st ETC belted the 7th ETC, 49-38.

The Missilemen in double scoring with 20 points, followed by Ron Castine and Arthur Perrin with 15 and 12. The 3rd's triplet were Allan Cole, Harry Bryant and

Jerry Starks with 21, 14 and 12 points respectively.

MICOM's Smith is presently in second spot in the "Tip 10" statistics in the American League. He is averaging 21 points per game, only exceeded by Willie Banks of the 4th ETC, who is pacing the league with a 27.5 points per game.

Banks proved his ability to score as he helped pace the 4th ETC to a win over the Marines, netting 29 points for the students, while D.A. Skelton and D.H. Pichler led the Marines with 10 points each.

In the finale, the 1st ETC team, leading 23-19 at halftime, overpowered their neighbors, 7th ETC, in the final half for their first victory of the roundball season.

Gerald Roberson and Harvey Andre led the 1st with 18 and eight points, while Joe Holeman paced the 7th with 10 tallies, followed by Willie Lynch and Nathaniel Crawford with eight points each.



ROGER GREENE—The man that makes Company C's basketball squad tick. He plays center for his team, and is notorious for his rebounding and scoring. He ranks forth among the Top 10 scorers in the American division of the RSA Men's Basketball League.

World Of Sports

By Dave Cowan

Dynasties have often played an important part in sports; baseball had its Yankees, pro football its Packers and pro basketball its Celtics. So you might think the Redstone Arsenal Men's Basketball League would have a dynasty.

But it doesn't. Most of the dynasties in sports were created by the stars of the teams, the men who won championship after championship for their clubs, like Ruth, Gehrig and DiMaggio for the Yankees, Taylor, Hornung and Starr for the Packers, and Russell, Cousy and Havlicek for the Celtics.

For the past two years, four teams have dominated basketball at the Arsenal and each team could have won the league and playoff championships. The Meddacs, led by Al Ashton, Bob Moore and Wynn Hoffman; Charles Sanders, Bob Johnson and Robin Sheets for the 291st MPs, Charlie Reese and Marvin Williams for Company A and Arthur Perrin, Ron Castine, Ray Smith and Gene Howey for MICOM, are stars for their own teams, shedding flamboyant, fast-breaking style and donning a more disciplined brand of patterned basketball.

Any one of the top four teams win every year. All of the "big four" teams are evenly balanced in height, shooting and rebounding. They outclass the rest of the league by a wide margin.

At other times this season, several other teams in the league have looked sharp, but they have looked like troubled, insecure teams—each with five players in search of a leader.

Although this year's basketball season is just underway, the "big four" in the league are just about assured of a berth in the playoffs in February. There are many reasons why other teams in the league won't seem to have a chance. One primary factor is that more than half of the league, both the American and National divisions, is made up of ETC units as the Missile and Munitions Center and School. These units are mostly students, while the "big four" are permanent party dwellers.

Permanent party players can often expect two years at one installation, whereas a player for a student unit is lucky if he makes it through the whole season without being transferred.

So again this year, much will depend on the development of the ETC units, including extraordinary team play and harmony. They must sustain hustle, they must have a polished defense and, most of all, exhibit friendship for their old and new teammates if they plan on being playoff contenders.

Predicted champions

This is the last week before Christmas recess in the Men's Basketball League, but already it seems like the missilemen from MICOM will take their division and the playoff crown.

Although a local observer is not the nation's oddmaker like Jimmy the Greek Snyder (who as a toddler crawled over his crib bars determined to cut his teeth on a pair of dice), he has seen the missilemen play. They have the depth to be a winning team and therefore, local fans don't need a handicapper extraordinaire, a prognosticator of points and penalties, a foreteller of future events, a prophet of politics or a seer of sports.

What you see is what you get; and that's the MICOM team.

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STANDINGS

	W	L		W	L
8th ETC	3	0	Meddacs	3	0
MICOM	3	0	Company A	2	0
Company C	2	1	Company B	2	0
4th ETC	2	1	291st MPs	2	1
1st ETC	1	2	5th ETC	2	1
3rd ETC	1	2	9th ETC	1	2
Marines II	0	3	SSG	0	2
7th ETC	0	3	6th ETC	0	3
			Marines I	0	3

Leading Scorers

	G	Pts.	Avg.		G	Pts.	Avg.
Banks (4th)	2	55	27.5	Williams, M. (Co. A)	2	71	35.5
Smith, R. (MICOM)	3	63	21.0	Stephens (6th)	3	89	29.7
Ross (Co. C)	2	34	17.0	Crawford (9th)	3	71	23.7
Greene (Co. C)	2	32	16.0	Ashton (Meddac)	3	62	20.7
Boler (8th)	3	47	15.7	Grant (Marine I)	3	54	18.0
Howey (MICOM)	3	43	14.3	Hoffman (Meddac)	3	49	16.3
Foutz (Marines)	3	39	13.0	Olmsted (Co. B)	2	28	14.0
Grubbs (8th)	3	38	12.7	Walker (Co. A)	2	27	13.5
Ripley (8th)	3	34	11.3	Moore (Meddac)	3	40	13.3
Castine (MICOM)	3	33	11.0	Sheets (MPs)	3	39	13.0



Bowling Results

S&M League

STANDINGS		W	L
Reba's Bowling Apparel	34	22	
Lot-o-Pins	31	25	
Misfits	31	25	
Outcasts	31	25	
Lobos	29	27	
Outhouse Lounge	29	27	
Sidewinders	26	30	
Interns	25	31	
Strikers	24	32	
Clowns	20	36	

LAST WEEK

Strikers-3 — Lobos-1
 Clowns-3 — Lot-o-Pins-1
 Interns-3 — Misfits-1
 Rebas-2 — Outcasts-2
 Outhouse-2 — Sidewinders-2

LEADING SCORERS

C. Jennings, 564 (201); Carl Black, 562 (224); Chris Leachman, 543; Ken Hefflin, 527; Tom Reid, 524; Sid Douglas, 522; Les Westbrooks, 522; Buck Wade, 521.

AMC League

STANDINGS		Pts
Bandits	39	
Hughes TOW	34	
What Ifs	34	
Alley Cats	33 1/2	
Rockets	32	
Sheraton	31 1/2	
Bombers	28	
Spares	27 1/2	
Sprinters	26	
T-Birds	25	
Fat Cats	22	
Lancers	22	
All-Sports	20 1/2	
Tigers	17	

LAST WEEK

Bandits-4 — Alley Cats-0
 T-Birds-4 — All-Sports-0
 Sprinters-4 — Fat Cats-0
 Bombers-4 — Spares-0
 Lancers-3 — Tigers-1
 What Ifs-3 — Hughes-1
 Rockets-3 — Sheraton-1

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Danny Koklas, 588; Jack Nelson, 583; Eulas Gilbert, 581; Charles Turner, 578; Fred Helmer, 576; Bob Brand, 572; Nick Sparks, 569; Howard Roop, 560; Reggie McLaney, 559; Dick Gill, 553; Clark Tannahill, 540.

Officers

STANDINGS		W	L
ExASPRators	80	32	
Black Jacks	73	31	
Bee M's	74	38	
Sperts	69	43	
Swingers	69	43	
Strikeouts	68	44	
TBDL's	54	58	
Users	46	58	
RASA Widgets	48	64	
Hardhats	48	64	
No Names	48	64	
Wheezers	48	64	

Misfits Group	46	66
Lucky Strikes	41	71
Alley-Oops	40	72
	36	76

LAST WEEK

Sperts-8 — Alley-Oops-0
 ExASPRators-8 — No Names-0
 Swingers-6 — RASA Widgets-2
 Bee M's-6 — Wheezers-2
 TBDL's-6 — Strikeouts-2
 Readiness-6 — Hardhats-2

High Series: Lux, 597; Brotherton, 564; Bryan, 544; Weinberg, 542; Nearhoff, 539; Laska, 538; Brooks, 525; Janeczek, 521; Fuller, 520.

High Games: Brotherton, 221; Lux, 220-211; Mosely, 211; Bryan, 210; K. Johnson, 210; Watson, 207.

Dec. 5

High Series: Dwyer, 600.
 High Games: Debol, 233; Dwyer, 221.

Season Highs: Team Game: Alley-Oops, 903; Team Series: Bee M's, 2480.

High Ave: Coffman, 168.

Monday Mixed

STANDINGS		W	L
O'Dragon	35	17	
Strike-Outs	31	21	
Snoopy Snoozers	31	21	
Gotcha's II	30	22	
L&M's	29	23	
Tanglefeet	29	23	
Moback's	29	23	
Hover-Lovers	26	26	
Odd Balls	25	27	
Nite-Owls	25	27	
Noboutadoutit	25	27	
Black & White	22	30	
213 Bombers	22	30	
Riff-Raffs	21	31	
-3 plus 1	19	33	
Luckless IV	17	35	

High team series: L&M's 1870, O'Dragon 1843.

High team game: Tanglefeet 650, L&M's, 647.

High ind. series: Klaus Yager, 579; Loretta Lowery, 484; Barbara Jones, 466.

High game: Steve Wallace, 227; Klaus Yager, 224; Bill Harrison, 203; Loretta Lowery, 193; Barbara Jones, 181.

Goal's The Same

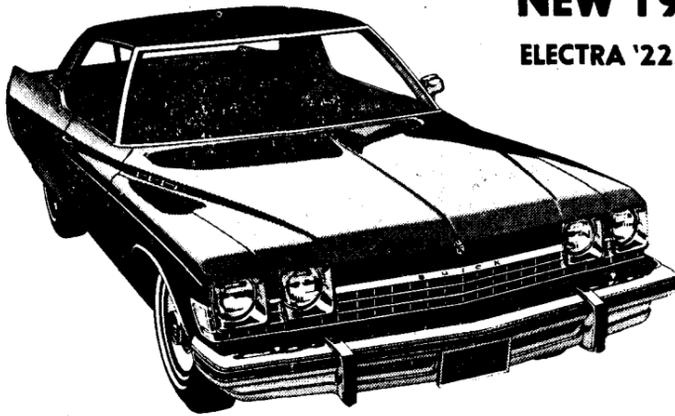
(ANF)—There's a new name for the Domestic Action Program. It's now called the Community Service Program. The Pentagon feels the new name is more descriptive of the program's purpose.

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NEW MAIL CARRIER? — Santa isn't a member of Safeguard's Mail Room staff, but Louise Hargrove is in favor of honorary membership.

Post Service Stations Can Handle Modern Cars

Dallas — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is equipping its service stations and training its mechanics to handle problems arising from many of the new car features.

Luther L. Willard, headquarters Automotive Branch chief, said the action is necessary because of the complexity of the automobile today. He said cars are changing drastically and service stations and mechanics must adjust to them now or run the risk of falling too far behind in learning to service them.

"Recent years have seen the American-made automobile undergo many changes," explained Mr. Willard. "The Environmental Protection Agency now requires all new automobiles to have emission control devices. In addition, disc brakes are standard on many cars and air conditioners are increasing in popularity. These features aren't foolproof — they break down and need to be repaired. So AAFES is preparing its service stations to repair or service them.

Preparing AAFES service stations to cope with new features means preparing its mechanics, too. Mechanics are being trained to service anti-pollution devices, disc- and dual-braking systems and air-conditioners. They also are being further trained in tire

repair, prompted by the increased use of radial and bias-belted tires, both reinforced with steel.

"We also have to anticipate further developments in propulsion mechanics," asserted Mr. Willard. "There is the expanded use of the popular Wankel motor and the possible use of other

motors, such as the stratified charge and electric motors. We don't want to be caught short."

The branch chief said AAFES service stations will avoid being caught short by continuing to adjust to changes in cars as they occur in order to meet the total automotive needs of exchange patrons.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

SFC WILFRED A. GILEAU

GRADUATION/ASSIGNMENT

Several students who graduated from the HAWK Branch last week have been reassigned to Company C, School Brigade, with further duties as instructors in the HAWK Branch.

SP4 Alan L. Hofwolt and SP4 Mickey R. Patterson graduated from the Improved HAWK Missile Continuous Wave Repair course and will now be instructors in the same course.



PATTERSON HOFWOLT

PFC Jeffery D. Bowman and PFC David A. Laing were graduates of the Improved HAWK Missile Repairman course and will be instructing in the same



BOWMAN LAING

course. Laing, a native of S. Hadley, Mass., entered the service in March 1973. Bowman, a native of Iowa, is a 1972 graduate of Western Illinois University



KELSTRUP EUELL

and holds a BS degree in Recreation and Part Administration. He entered the Army in March 1973.

SSgt. John G. Carr will be instructing in the HAWK Fire Control Branch.

Pvt. Nathan E. Kelstrup, 18, USMC, was honor graduate of his Ammunition Storage class with an academic average of 97.20%. Kelstrup, a Montana native, entered the Marine Corps in March 1973. He will receive a meritorious promotion to PFC as a result of his academic accomplishment.

SP4 Amanuel Euell, Jr., 23, has been selected 1st Battalion's Soldier of the Month for December. Euell, assigned to Company C, is a supply clerk in the 1st Battalion. The Michigan native is a 1970 graduate of Cooley High in Detroit and entered the service in August 1970. While in High School, Euell set a two-mile run record which still remains unbroken. His last assignment was with the 38th Artillery Brigade in Korea.

Mail Will Go Thru

The mail must go through, as the Pony Express riders say in so many movies.

At the Missile and Munitions Center and School, it will have to go through despite fuel cuts and the recent retirement of one mail and distribution employee.

To keep the U. S. mail and organizational distribution going, Captain G. A. Redding, chief of the MMCS administrative division, announced a revised pickup and delivery schedule last week.

"We've consolidated what was formerly separate schedules for mail and distribution. We'll be using one vehicle where we used to use two, and making one run a day instead of the former two runs," said Redding.

Though the new plan would seem to cut gasoline consumption by 50 per cent, it's not a total saving of that amount, he said.

"We've adopted new routes, including more deliveries and pickups at key points in the system. The actual fuel saving is somewhere around 40 per cent," said Redding.

A notice explaining the new system to users featured a complete schedule of stops along the new run, including a provision for expediting computer printout information to appropriate destinations.

"This helps assure that graduating classes will leave MMCS on schedule," according to Redding.

But, he said, the system can be foiled by users who don't become familiar with routes and times on the schedule.

"If people procrastinate work and fail to allow for distribution time, it doesn't help the system at all," he said.

"Distribution time will remain at least one day in most cases," he added.

Redding says a common complaint he hears is that paperwork is "lost in distribution."

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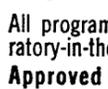
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(Editor's note: Published here are Civil Service job openings away from Huntsville. The same information is not given for all job openings because the announcements are received in various formats. The Rocket is extracting information from them for its readers. The announcements are posted on the bulletin board in the Civilian Personnel Division, Building 1-3159 for obtaining further information. No phone calls please.)

WASHINGTON

Vacancy announcement dated Dec. 3, 1973, PERSONNEL STAFFING SPECIALIST GS-212-11 (three positions); PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST GS-201-9/11; POSITION CLASSIFICATION SPECIALIST GS-211-9/11 (closing date Dec. 31, 1973). Submit application to Civilian Personnel Division, Bldg. 9503, Attn: Mr. Curtis, Ft. Lewis, Wash. 98433.

NEVADA

Naval Ammunition Depot vacancy announcement no. 34-73 dated Nov. 27, 1973, PIPEFITTER WG-4204-10 (closing date Jan. 3, 1974). Submit SF 171 to Civilian Personnel Office (0612), U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nev. 89415.

CALIFORNIA

Army wide vacancy announcement no. 503-73 dated Nov. 29, 1973, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICER GS-160-12 (closing date Dec. 28, 1973). Submit SF 171 to Civilian Personnel Division, Attn: Chief, Recruitment and Placement Branch, Western Area, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Calif. 94626.

TEXAS

Army wide vacancy announcement no. 505-73 dated Nov. 30, 1973, EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST (ordnance) GS-1670-9 (closing date Dec. 28, 1973); also announcement no. 506-73 (same dates), EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST (automotive) GS-1670-9; and announcement no. 507-73 (same dates), EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST (engineer) GS-1670-9. Submit SF 171 and DD form 556 to Office of Civilian Personnel, Attn: Chief, Recruitment and Placement Branch, Hqs. Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. 78234.

Job Openings

VIRGINIA

Defense Supply Agency vacancy announcement no. 231-73 dated Nov. 13, 1973, VOUCHER EXAMINER SUPERVISOR GS-540-10 (closing date Dec. 26, 1973). Submit SF 171 to Office of Civilian Personnel, Defense General Supply Center, Richmond, Va. 23297.

Army wide vacancy announcement no. 501-73 dated Dec. 3, 1973, SUPERVISORY INDUSTRIAL SPECIALIST (food service equipment) GS-1150-14 (closing date Dec. 24, 1973); also announcement no. 496-73 dated Dec. 5, 1973, SUPERVISORY COMMISSARY SPECIALIST GS-1144-14 (closing date Dec. 26, 1973). Submit SF 171 to Civilian Personnel Officer, Attn: Chief, Recruitment and Placement Branch, Civilian Personnel Division, Hq. U. S. Army Quartermaster Center and Ft. Lee, Ft. Lee, Va. 23801.

SPAIN

Announcement date Nov. 29, 1973, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (training and administration) GS-343-13 (no closing date indicated). Job located in Madrid; applicant must be able to speak, comprehend and read Spanish. Submit SF 171, CSC form 909 and DD form 556 to Hq. DA, DAPE-CPC&R, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20315.

The Army Overseas Recruitment Center Office of Civilian Personnel lists the following vacancies in its December announcement. Submit SF 171, DD form 556 and CSC form 909 for all positions, those designated ORC reply to Department of the Army, Overseas Recruitment Center, Old Post Office Building, 12th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20315.

Positions designated AMC reply to Hq. U. S. Army Materiel Command, Attn: AMXMM-AR, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Room 1N-28, Alexandria, Va. 22304.

Positions designated OCE reply to Office, Chief of Engineers, Attn: DAEN-EPC-E, Room 4B-239 Forrestal Building, Washington, D. C. 20314.

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ORC-ELECTRICIAN (lineman) MG-2806-10; ELECTRICAL ENGINEER (utilities) NM-850-11.

ENGLAND

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ORC-COMMISSARY OFFICER GS-1144-8.

GERMANY

Three year tour of duty; concurrent travel; government quarters or quarters allowance; PX and commissary privileges.

ORC-ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER GS-341-9; AUDITOR (club & open mess) GS-510-11; AUDITOR GS-510-11; CLUB MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST GS-301-11; CLUB & MESS SPECIALIST NAF-301-12; COMMISSARY OFFICER GS-1144-11; COMPUTER SPECIALIST GS-334-11; HOUSING PROJECT MANAGER GS-1173-11; ILLUSTRATOR GS-1020-8; MANAGEMENT ANALYST GS-343-12; MANAGEMENT ANALYST (manpower) GS-343-11/12 (two positions); SECURITY SPECIALIST GS-080-9; SHORTHAND REPORTER GS-312-7/8

(two positions); SOCIAL WORKER GS-185-9; SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM SPECIALIST (drug & alcohol) GS-101-9; SYSTEMS ACCOUNTANT GS-510-11; VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST GS-1715-9.

AMC-CHEMIST GS-1320-9; INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS -896-11; MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST (ammunition) GS-301-11; SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OFFICER GS-2003-11.

OCE-CIVIL ENGINEER GS-810-11 (two positions); MECHANICAL ENGINEER (utilities) GS-830-12.

HAWAII

ORC-EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SPECIALIST (race relations) GS-160-11/12 (two positions); EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER (employment) GS-160-12.

AMC-SUPERVISORY INDUSTRIAL SPECIALIST (general) GS-1150-12.

JAPAN

Three year tour of duty; concurrent travel; no government housing for employees below GS-12; adequate private housing extremely hard to find; quarters allowance; PX and commissary privileges.

ORC-CLERK STENOGRAPHER GS-312-4; SUPERVISORY COMPUTER OPERATOR GS-332-11; EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICER (employment) GS-160-12; EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SPECIALIST (race relations & equal opportunity) GS-160-11.

OCE-SUPERVISORY INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN GS-895-10; REALTY SPECIALIST GS-1170-11.

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KOREA

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OKINAWA

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ORC-COMPUTER OPERATOR GS-332-10; PLANNING SPECIALIST GS-301-11; TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST GS-2130-9.

AMC-CHEMIST GS-1320-9; EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST (general) GS-1670-9; PHYSICIST (general) GS-1310-12; QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST GS-1910-9; SHIP SURVEYOR GS-873-11.

OCE-MACHINIST WG-3414-12.

SAUDI ARABIA

ORC-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT GS-341-11.

U. S. Army Engineer district, Omaha, lists the following vacancies in an announcement dated Nov. 27, 1973, no closing date indicated. For these jobs submit SF 171 to District Engineer, U. S. Army Engineer District, Omaha, Attn: Personnel Office (MROPO-R), 6014 U. S. Post Office and Court House, Omaha, Neb. 68102.

At Omaha: COMPUTER OPERATOR GS-332-7; CIVIL ENGINEER (four positions) GS-810-9; SAFETY ENGINEER GS-803-11; REALTY SPECIALIST (two positions) GS-1170-11; APPRAISER (two positions) GS-1171-11; CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN GS-1371-5; CONTRACTOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSISTANT GS-246-5.

At Denver: MECHANICAL ENGINEER GS-830-11; ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN GS-802-11.

At Niobrara, Neb.: ATTORNEY-ADVISER (real property) GS-905-11 (two positions); REALTY SPECIALIST GS-1170-11.

At Fort Thompson, S. D.: SUPERVISORY CIVIL ENGINEER GS-810-11.

At Pierre, S. D.: HEAVY MOBILE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC WG-5803-10.

At Nekoma, N. D.: COMMISSARY OFFICER GS-1144-9.

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- 1972 Chrysler** \$3695
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- 1973 Chrysler** \$5495
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- 1972 Chevrolet** \$2795
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- 1972 Plymouth** \$2195
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- 1973 Cadillac** \$5395
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- 1971 Chrysler** \$1895
New Yorker, 4 door, full power.
- 1971 GMC** \$2595
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- 1973 Chevrolet** \$3395
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- 1972 Ford** \$2595
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- 1971 Chevrolet** \$2195
1/2 ton pickup, power steering, air conditioned, local.
- 1973 Satellite** \$3195
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- 1972 GMC** \$2295
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- 1973 Satellite** \$3195
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- 1973 Satellite** \$3095
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- 1973 Satellite** \$3095
Custom 4 door sedan, silver frost finish, radio, heater, automatic, power steering, power brakes, factory air. St. No. 212.
- 1973 Satellite** \$3195
Sebring, 2 door hardtop, autumn bronze finish, radio, heater, automatic, power steering, power brakes, factory air. St. No. 214.
- 1973 Satellite** \$3295
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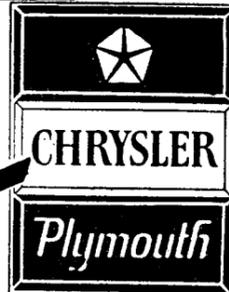
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"Money Savers" Increase Buying Power At Exchange

Dallas—In the midst of talk of higher costs and rising prices, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) makes a welcome announcement: the AAFES line of low-priced merchandise has been expanded, and further widening of the money-saving program has become a priority project of all exchanges worldwide.

"So important is this effort to improve the buying power of military families that it has been

given a new name—the Money Saver Program," said Major General C. W. Hospelhorn, AAFES commander. "Beginning immediately, Money Savers will be found in various departments of exchanges throughout the worldwide AAFES system."

Formerly known as the "Budget Bunch," the program of especially low-priced merchandise features items that are particularly appealing to the budgets of lower-paid single and married service

people. Money Saver prices compare favorably with those charged for similar items sold by major U. S. discount chains.

Most of the Money Saver items are American-made goods. Clothing, particularly children's, is a major part of the program.

All Money Savers are identified by distinctive yellow and brown piggy bank signs and tags. The items are mingled with regular-priced goods to offer customers on-

the-spot comparison of quality and price.

Although an initial assortment of merchandise has been selected for the Money Saver Program, Gen. Hospelhorn emphasized that the selections will be modified periodically as additional suitable items can be procured.

All Commissary activity at Redstone, including the mobile annex (rolling store), will be closed on December 21, 25, and 31, and January 1, according to Richard Turner, deputy commissary officer.

Turner said the shopping hours at the Commissary Resale Store would be extended from the usual 6 p.m. closing time to 7:30 on December 21 and 28.

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EARLY CHRISTMAS—The daughter of a German Air Force student at MMCS watches intently as Santa reads from his book what she has done good and bad during the past year. The German Air Force detachment annually holds a party celebrating St. Nicholas day where small presents are given to the children prior to Christmas day.

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Stock Car Racing Part Of His Life

By SP5 Dave Cowan

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Insanity? Some people might agree, but for a Redstone soldier it's part of his life, and in his blood.

Sergeant First Class John E. Mishler, a senior instructor in the Electrical-Mechanical Branch at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, enjoys racing although he has never placed in the top three positions.

"I enjoy racing for the competition. When you're competing against other drivers and cars, everyone is working from the same rule book. No one has an advantage — except possibly — more skill and guts," said Mishler.

A native of Porterville, Calif., Mishler drives a '64 Chevelle three-speed with a 350 cubic inch engine. He gives a conservative estimate of 450 horsepower for the engine.

Mishler, a member of the National Association Stock Car Racing (NASCAR), decided to have some one else drive his modified racing car this year.

Under NASCAR rules, Mishler's car must have a minimum weight of 3,300 pounds. Basically, all cars must weigh 9.4 pounds per cubic inch.

"It's hard to work on the car right up until the last second before a race and still maintain the needed concentration for the race," he said, "With my own driver now, I can work exclusively on the car."

"Locating cars for races isn't

quite as frustrating as it may seem," added Mishler. "I build my own cars to meet my personal preference and NASCAR specifications. Instead of buying an expensive car in which I would have to tear down and rebuild again, I buy junk cars for little or nothing," he stated.

The late model sportsman driver, however, was quick to add that the expenses begin after the purchase of the car. First of all, the vehicle must be torn down; taking the body off the frame. Then the frame is modified for clearance and safety. The body is then gutted on the inside, including the removal of windows, seats and insulation. He then installs one seat, safety belts and roll bars at strategic points for impact protection.

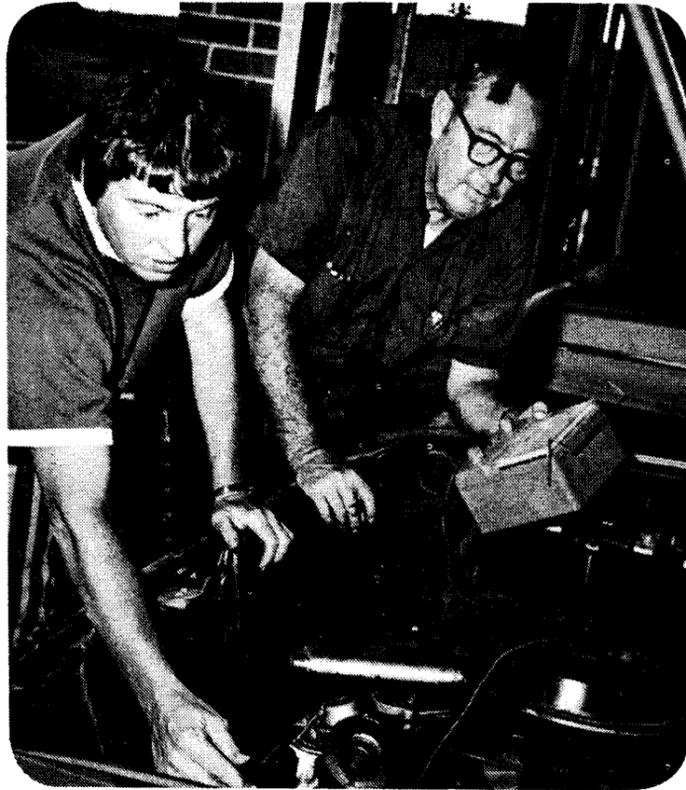
Technical modifications include floating hubs, modified front and back suspensions, a quick change rear end, and modification of the engine. Also, part of the frame has to be cut away so that 10-inch tires can fit within the body of the car.

"It's a hobby, but a very expensive one," said Mishler. He says he has more than \$1,000 dollars tied up in tires alone. "At times, my hobby, for tax purposes, becomes more a business," quipped the racing enthusiast.

Any racing "bug" endures long hours preparing for races professionally or for the fun of it.

Presently, Mishler spends three to four hours each night working on his car after a day-long session in the classroom. During the summer, the hours increase to as much as eight hours an evening.

Pausing in his work for a moment, Mishler answered, "I'm not



STOCK CAR RACING—Sergeant First Class John E. Mishler and wife, Rosemary, check for minor adjustments on their stock car. Mishler drives a '64 Chevelle in the late-model sportsman class in area races.

entirely alone on this project—I have my wife, Rosemary. She's becoming an exceptionally good mechanic."

Rosemary, mother of three girls, is a former member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC), where she was assigned to a motor pool. She currently attends a vocational school in Huntsville taking a two-year course in mechanics at the J. F. Drake Technical School.

Mishler's wife has been working on his stock car since he

started his hobby in 1966.

"I suppose I'm very lucky," said Mishler, "I have never been injured during my racing career."

He races mostly on asphalt pavements in the Huntsville, Birmingham and Nashville areas. On the tight quarter-mile tracks, he usually maintains an average speed of 60 m.p.h., reaching peak speeds of 86-90 m.p.h. on the straightaways.

Mishler has never won any big purses, and some folks might assume he would be a very disappointed man after a race.

"Never, I've never won anything, but I normally go all the way to the checkered flag. I try my best, but it's not good enough," commented Mishler, "But we have a lot of fun out there."

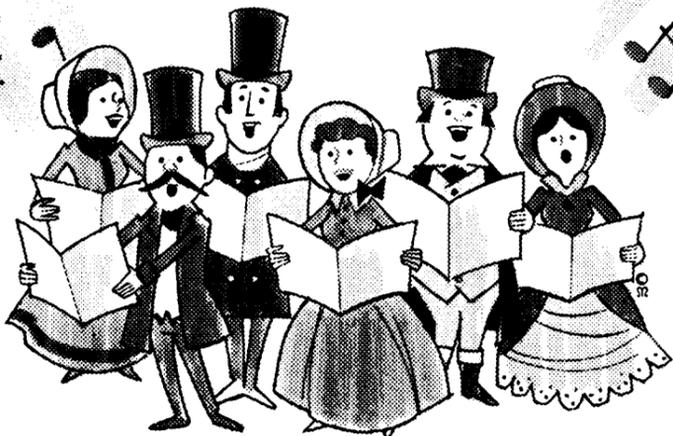
This winter, he's content to putter with his car in hope of a brighter spring when racing once again gets underway.

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(ANF) Here's some good news for enlisted soldiers heading overseas. Beginning in February, permanent party troops will get their overseas assignment orders much sooner.

The current five-month lead time will be extended by an additional four months. The actual schedule of requisitions for overseas duty is in DA message 121530Z, November 1973.

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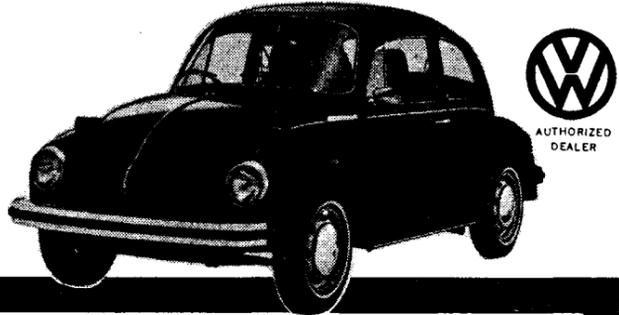
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