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—And The Beat Goes On



Since the first caveman banged a rock against the side of his cave and said, "Ugh, sound good,"—music has been with us.

The United States Army has done its part to maintain that part of our civilization by supporting music through military bands.

Although the purposes of bands have varied, one major reason stands out. Music makes you feel better or at least tries to.

It has been used in times of war to raise troop morale and in times of peace to enhance the ceremonies of the military. With a song in its heart, the Army has instituted a program of instruction for its musicians and built facilities for their study.

Now, it has taken another step. Last year, for the first time in history, women in the Army were permitted to play in previously all-male military bands.

And three of the newly-welcomed

musicians are right here at Redstone, as members of the 55th Army Band.

Their arrival marks the attempt of the Army to remain current in its outlook and utilize the talent of each of its members to the utmost. As one of the new WAC's stated, "It's certainly refreshing and I believe a wise move by the Army."

The 55th Army Band participates in a variety of musical endeavors. In addition to the regular marching band, the group has a stage and a rock combo. With this versatility, the group is able to perform in a number of different situations as the need arises.

Army bands have come a long way from the fife and drum corps of the Revolutionary War. Their capabilities have expanded to encompass almost every area of music.

And, through it all, the Army has shown that it considers music a vital element to be supported by all.

Small Business Energizes The Economy

The history of America is in large measure the history of independent enterprise. From the earliest days of our history, the trader and the merchant, pushing westward, laid the foundations for what has become the world's greatest economic achievement. "What most astonishes me," wrote de Tocqueville of our young Nation in the 1830's "is not so much the marvelous grandeur of some undertaking as the innumerable multitude of small ones."

It is upon the foundation established by those small undertakings that the most dynamic society known to man has been built. And today America's small businesses continue to thrive.

Nineteen out of every twenty firms are considered small business. They provide approximately 35 million jobs and contribute more than \$476 billion annually to the gross national product.

The pioneering spirit that underlies our success as a Nation will continue to flourish for as long as the small businessman remains the mainstay of our economy and our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning May 19, 1974, as Small Business Week. I ask all Americans to share with me during this week a deep pride in the many accomplishments of our Nation's small businessmen and women, and in the invaluable contribution they have made to our free way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.



SMALL Business Week May 19-25

Stamp Show

Collectors of stamps and postage items will have a chance to exhibit or view at Huntspex '74 to be held in Heart of Huntsville Mall, May 25 and 26. The event is sponsored by the Huntsville Philatelic Club.

Exhibition hours on the first day will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; on the second from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open exhibition will have classes in U. S. and U. N., general foreign, topical and junior.

An auction is scheduled for 2 p.m. on the 26th. Auction lots can be viewed during the day.

DRUGS—DRUG ABUSE

Society for the Advancement of Materiel and Process Engineering will host a Ladies' Night at Michael's Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28.

Bob Eddy, chief, Narcotics Intelligence Officer, Madison County Sheriff's Department, will talk about drugs and drug abuse.

The public is invited. Those wishing to attend without eating are welcome. Dinner reservations are being handled by Ray Parker, 876-3464.

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The objectives of AUSA, particularly the support rendered by the local chapter to local programs is being stressed by drive leaders, who believe the need for a strong local chapter should be self-evident to Army military and civilian personnel.

Major Army agencies participating in the current membership drive and their approximate percentage of participation according to the first report include:

ABMDA:	32 percent.
SAFSCOM:	29 percent.
MICOM	8 percent.
MMCS:	10 percent.
HDCOE:	(no report)

Preliminary reports from the AUSA membership drive committee indicate a slow start according to reports received for the period May 1 through 15.

Some membership chairmen have yet to submit reports for their organizations and it is assumed that overall participation to date is somewhat higher than the first report would indicate.

GI Bill Ending For Some

School training under the GI Bill expires May 31 for approximately four million veterans who left service between 1955 and 1966, according to the Veterans Administration. But those pursuing farm cooperative, flight, apprenticeship and on-job training have until Aug. 30, 1975, to complete training, it was noted.

The two deadlines do not apply to veterans released from active duty after June 1, 1966, the date the current GI Bill went into effect. These veterans have eight years after their date of discharge to complete institutional training.

Because on-job and similar training were not in the original June 1 bill, veterans, who elect this type of training, have eight years from the date it did become available - or until August 1975 - for completion of these courses, officials explained.

Enrollments under the current GI Bill have increased each year since fiscal year 1967 when there were 468,000 trainees. Enrollments reached 2.1 million in fiscal year 1973, and are expected to climb to 2.4 million during the current fiscal year.

Some 350,000 whose eligibility will expire in this month are now enrolled.

Sure And Safe

"Share a Common Bond" is the theme for the 1974 U. S. Savings Bond promotion campaign being conducted this month.

The form used to apply for a U. S. Savings Bond are DA form 1341-2 (military personnel) and DA Form 1727 (civilians).

Military forms should be forwarded to AMSMI-FAEM, civilian forms to AMSMI-FAEP.

The U. S. Savings Bond is being promoted as the surest and safest means of sustaining personal financial security while helping the Government maintain a stable economy.

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The Rocket

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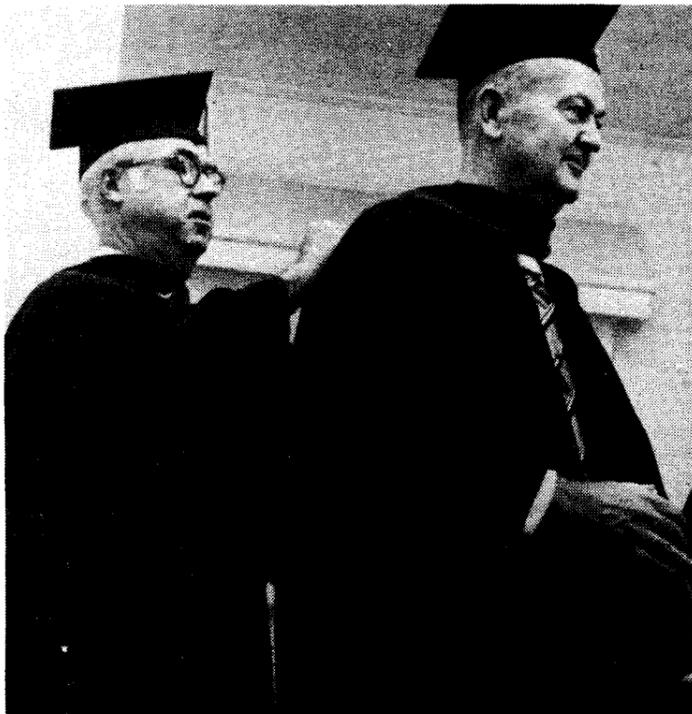
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Guidance System In Test



RECEIVES DOCTORATE—Dr. John L. McDaniel, Director of the Missile Research and Engineering Laboratory, (right) receives the honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Athens College last Saturday. Thomas A. Rodgers, Academic Dean and Vice President, (left) did the honors. Rodgers retired from the Army in 1967, as director of the Missile Intelligence Agency at Redstone.

Philco Ford has just delivered to the Army Missile Command the first set of airborne equipment built for the Army to guide and support a family of terminal homing weapons.

MICOM already has begun extensive laboratory and environmental tests here at the Arsenal with the Airborne Laser Locator Designator (ALLD).

"We're conducting acceptance tests to see how well it works—and if it meets Army specifications," said Major Phillip Williams, Product Manager for the Precision Laser Designator Office who has the mission to develop both ground and airborne laser guidance equipment.

Packaged in a pod and mounted on the wing of the Army's new Cobra gunship, the ALLD consists of a laser, rangefinder, day and night sight devices, and related electronics. The equipment not only can steer terminal homing weapons, it can acquire and identify targets, determine range night or day, and accommodate target handoff.

"This is one of the first systems designed completely

for a helicopter environment," Williams said. "Although it's being developed to Army specifications, the ALLD could be utilized in a variety of applications."

Williams has tri-service responsibility for ground designator equipment.

"After testing here, the ALLD will be flown to Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation in California to support Hellfire operational tests," Williams said. "Those will be user tests to get answers to all operational parameters of the system."

One way to reduce cost, Williams said, is to develop a common designator and range finder that would satisfy both ground and airborne roles.

"Right now we're planning to use a portion of the ground equipment in the airborne role—the Modular Laser Range Finder Designator," he added.

Using the equipment, a designator operator could steer a terminal homing weapon to a target whether the weapon is a missile, bomb, or artillery shell fitted with a laser seeker.

New SAM-D Success . . .

Control System Verified

SAM-D added to its unbroken string of successes at White Sands Missile Range in completing the sixth of 10 scheduled firings to verify the control system and structural design of the Army's new Air Defense missile.

One major objective of this test was a dynamic plume experiment—to evaluate the effects of the missile plume on radio frequency signals transmitted from the missile to radar.

Brigadier General Charles F. Means, SAM-D Project Manager said the tests was successful and all test objectives met.

Means said the missile, guided by an on-board programmer, flew a low-to-intermediate altitude trajectory and responded to 100 percent command maneuvers.

The current series of firings is scheduled for completion in July and is being conducted currently with prototype radar tests. These tests will lead to the fully guided test series scheduled to begin in October.

SAM-D is being developed for use against high performance aircraft. The highly mobile, all-weather system is the only air defense weapon of its kind, and with its capabilities, under development in the Free World. It will replace both Nike Hercules and Hawk missile systems.

Raytheon Company is SAM-D prime contractor and Martin-Marietta Aerospace is principal subcontractor. Thiokol Chemical Corporation is subcontractor for the propulsion system.

Deadline On Friday

National Memorial Day is Monday by Act of Congress and will be a holiday for most Arsenal personnel.

Memorial Day is one of those holidays changed by congress to assure a long week end each year for the holiday.

The Holiday was originally May 30 each year — a day for commemorating deceased soldiers and sailors, later airmen.

The occasion was also used for decorating graves of many other persons without military backgrounds and was sometimes called "Decoration Day."

As usual when a holiday falls on Monday, it changes the Rocket's copy deadline. All copy for the June 5 issue must be in the Missile Command Information office by noon Friday.

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Half Day Off

Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees, has requested publication of this correction of an error that appeared in the union's May, 1974, newsletter.

The error was contained in the newsletter article titled: "Blood and Money Needed".

The story recommended that union members give money and or blood to the Red Cross to aid victims of the recent tornadoes. It contained a statement that said blood donors would not be given time off. That was in error. Personnel donating blood will receive four hours off the job.

Persons desiring to contribute blood should note the following schedule of hours: Mon-Tues (9-12); Wed (12-5:30); Thurs (9-5); Fri (9-12).

The location for giving blood is the American Red Cross Chapter House at 701 Andrew Jackson Way, NE, Huntsville. Further details may be obtained by telephoning the Red Cross at 539-3721.

RIF Blow Lessens

The number of civilian employees who had been scheduled for change to lower grades during reduction in force procedures being used at MICOM continued to fall last week as vacancies and reassignments occurred and retirements increased.

Changes to lower grades went down to 34 versus 43 reported earlier this month while reassignments increased to 84 as opposed to 83.

Reduction in force procedures are being employed to protect the rights of individuals during realignment of the work force.

Original notices sent to affected employees at the end of March totaled 155. The number is now 118 individuals to be reassigned or to receive lower grades.

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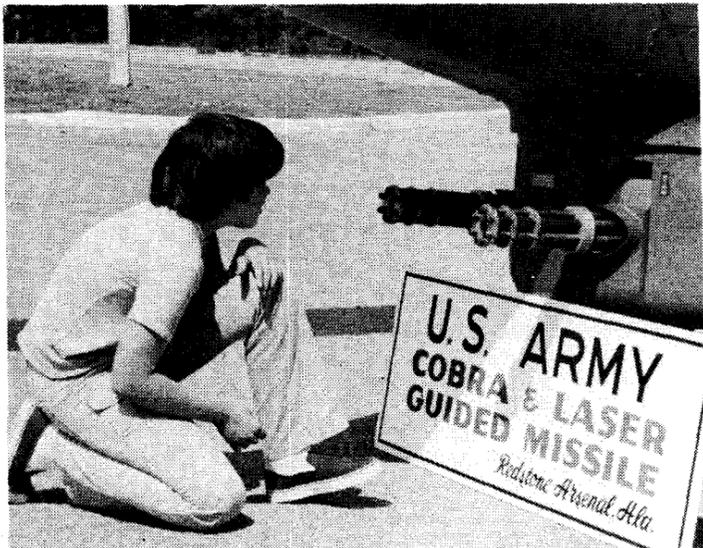
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A CLOSER LOOK—This young man finds a better view of the missile equipment displayed at the Armed Forces Day open house.

What Are Your Chances?

(ANF)—The Army has released its promotion plans for June, with officer promotion estimates being released in two increments. The second increment will be released later.

Here's the breakdown for the first increment. There are 45 promotions planned to Warrant Officer Grade 3, 3 to Warrant Officer Grade 4 and 1,566 to Captain.

There are 285 promotions planned to Major in the first increment, 72 to Lieutenant Colonel and 96 to Colonel.

Here's the picture on the enlisted scene.

There are 14,000 promotions planned to E-4, 2,300 to E-5 and 300 to E-6. There are also 1,000 promotions planned to E-7, 160 to E-8 and 104 to E-9.

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June Wage Board Raise Possible

The annual wage survey of private industry in the Huntsville Wage Area to collect data for use in fixing the rates of pay for federal wage grade employees has been completed, the chairman of the local wage survey committee announced last week. The Missile Command was host activity for the 1974 full scale survey.

Prevailing rate data compiled by the local wage survey committee has been forwarded to the lead agency, the Department of Defense Wage Fixing Authority. The DOD Wage Fixing Authority and the lead agency wage committee are in the process of reviewing the data, fixing the wage rates, and issuing the new regular wage rate schedules for this area.

The DOD Wage Fixing Authority indicates that the new Federal Wage System wage rate schedules for the Huntsville wage area are expected to be effective on or about June 9.

In a separate but related item of interest to local wage grade employees, MICOM Civilian Personnel officials received word last week that federal wage grade employees in the Huntsville wage area will not be getting an adjusted rate in pay as the result of the recent lifting of national salary controls.

By law the pay of wage grade employees is fixed as nearly as is consistent with the public interest in accordance with prevailing rates.

An annual survey is made to determine prevailing rates in industry in the Huntsville wage area and other areas in the United States. Then adjustments are made in the wage grade scale as appropriate.

In some areas of the U. S., Scrap Up For Bids

The scrap created by the tornado which ripped through the arsenal has been piled in two areas and is going to the highest bidder.

Sealed bids on the material will be opened May 30th at the Defense Property Disposal Region office in Memphis, Tenn. Information regarding the sale may be obtained from B. E. Burke at the Defense Property Disposal Office, here, telephone 876-2936.

Located in two dumps off Patton and Vincent Roads, the property is available for viewing Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It consists of scrap aluminum, copper, steel, brick, clay tiles, lumber, and poles.

wage surveys indicated industry rates ran more than the 5.5 percent ceiling imposed by federal economic controls. Since the pay of federal wage grade employees could not be adjusted upward more than 5.5 percent because of wage controls in effect, workers in these areas are now due an

adjusted rate.

The last adjustment in the Huntsville wage area pay scale, resulting from a survey in the area, called for less than a 5.5 percent raise, so wage grade workers here are not due higher pay rates because of the lifting of national wage controls.

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Governor Cites Sergeant

A Redstone soldier received the Governor's Award to Outstanding Representatives of the Military Services last Friday during Armed Forces Day ceremonies in the chambers of the Alabama House of Representatives. Governor George C. Wallace presented the award to Master Sergeant Gilbert M. Debus, a

Vietnam veteran chosen earlier as the outstanding non-commissioned officer of the installation. During his remarks, Governor Wallace commented on the importance of the Armed Forces to the Nation, and that citizens of Alabama realize that significance. He also expressed gratifica-

tion that military commands within the State had applied the talents of the enlisted men chosen as Outstanding Representatives of the Military Services. Debus, now assigned to the Missile and Munitions Center and School was cited for his contributions to training for Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialists. This year, Debus completed a task list to determine training for EOD specialists, including instruction related to disarming of improvised explosive devices, a category including makeshift explosives and letter bombs used in the past by terrorists. Debus and others in the EOD field have reduced the impact of extortion and terrorism by helping produce specialists capable of dealing with such devices. Since he entered the Army in 1958, Debus has actively pursued college studies. He has studied at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, earning honors in chemistry in 1970. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1973 with an academic average of 3.8 out of 4. He holds a bachelor's in business with minors in chemistry and economics. In addition, the 34-year-old native of Lincoln, Nebraska has been nominated and accepted to attend the Army Sergeants Major academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. Debus, his wife, Sandra, and their two daughters will leave Redstone in June. Debus had previously been assigned here from 1966 to 1970. Gilbert and Sandra Debus have been active in community affairs in Huntsville, including volunteer work for Redstone Army Hospital, the Red Cross, scholarship and cultural activities.

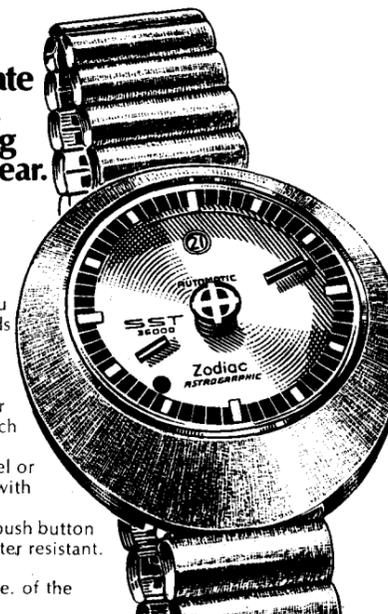


GOVERNOR HONORS SOLDIER—Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama presents a citation with a handshake to Master Sergeant Gilbert M. Debus of the Missile and Munitions Center and School. The Governor honored top Alabama-based members of the active Armed Forces, Reserves, National Guard and Reserve Officers Training Corps as part of the State's Armed Forces Day observances.



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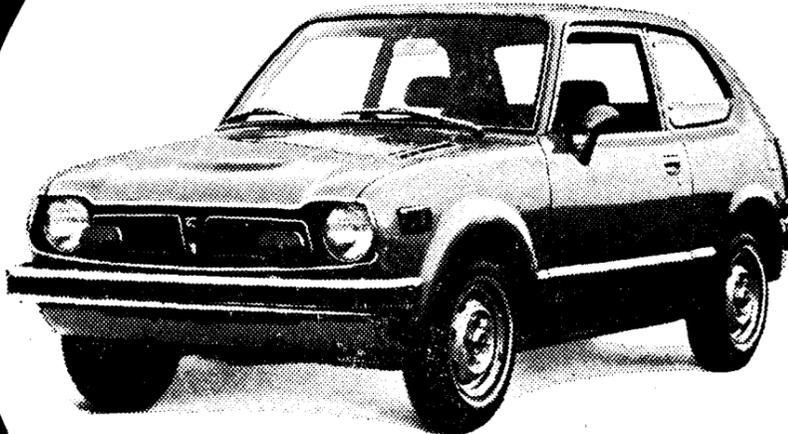
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Arsenal Is Their Stage

"Re-write this or find someone else to play the role," the actor said as he pushed the script aside in a gesture of dismissal.

It happens everyday in Hollywood or New York, but this time it happened at Redstone Arsenal and the man insisting that changes be made in the movie script was a soldier, specifically Captain Darryl P. Yank, Chief of Internal Security.

Yank, and several other Redstone soldiers, are becoming increasingly familiar faces in Army films. They play themselves, doing their job.

The Audio Visual Division of the Army Missile Command turns out most of the films now being made for the Army. Many are done by the H. G. Peters Company, which operates on the arsenal under contract administered by the Audio Visual Division. As a result, Yank and many other Redstone soldiers know a lot about the movie business. They also know that the movie makers listen when they ask for changes.

Yank, for example, discussed the changes he asked for in his most recent appearance before the cameras this way:

"Actually it wasn't so dramatic I didn't want to do it their way because the script called for me to issue a man an Article 15 for drunk driving and send him to his company commander for the punitive process, but the regulations state that this can only be done if the soldier was driving a government vehicle," he explained.

"Since the man in the script was driving a private car, he would normally be sent downtown to Magistrates Court. It would be out of his company commanders' hands.

"I don't want to portray a situation that goes contrary to regulations. The Peters company and the Audio-Visual Division abide by the same principles, so seven scenes of the script were re-written."

"The H. G. Peters Company imports professional actors from New York and Hollywood for some acting roles," said Edward R. Evans, production specialist with the Audio-Visual Division. "But when we can, we often use soldiers in their own job or one similar to it. Many people with no acting experience whatever do very well when they just act naturally.

"Wherever we can do it, the modern Army film uses the real Army," added Evans.

"I like acting 'even though I don't get paid,'" said Yank, who has had no acting experience outside of Army films.

Other films Yank has appeared in, all filmed at Redstone over the past year, include: "Alcoholics Behind the Wheel", "Guarding Against Sabotage"; and "Re-entry", not released, about the return of soldiers to civilian life.

"Film making is interesting," he said. "In 'Alcoholics Behind the Wheel' there is a scene where a car was hurtling along Martin Road at 25 miles an hour. The sequence was shot at a slower frame rate so when run at normal speed the car appears to be speeding."

Other members of the Internal Security staff appearing in Army films are Sergeant Alan A. Babich "Alcoholics Behind the Wheel", Specialist four Charles Blalock, "Guarding Against Sabotage", and Specialist four Gary Retz, who played a desk clerk in "Pre-trial, Post Trial Investigation".

"I decided I don't like acting," Retz said. "They flooded the place with lights as they filmed me trying to do my job, answering phones and tripping over their light cords. They sprayed my hair with something that smoldered under the lights and sprayed my medal, after I had polished it, because it sparkled on the cameras."

"The biggest hassle is the way they shoot scenes in the summer," added Yank. They insist we wear greens, instead of khaki's, when making films, and that results in many sweltering episodes."



THEY CAME BY HUNDREDS—Arsenal employees and Huntsville residents responded with enthusiasm when McMorrow Laboratories opened its doors on Armed Forces Day.

Officers Wives Set Spring Fling

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Ruling Limits Retired Computation Base

An increase in voluntary retirements before October 1 among military personnel is anticipated due to a recent ruling from the Comptroller General that limits the base for computing retired pay to the current basic pay, or to the immediately prior basic pay rate plus the consumer price index (CPI) increases applicable to a person who retired while those rates were in effect.

A message from Department of Army received at MICOM last week provides the following information:

"Normally members (of the Armed Forces) can expect to receive a higher rate of retired pay

if they retire after an active duty pay raise."

"Because of the recent abnormal growth in the CPI combined with shortcomings in present statutory provisions governing retired pay, this may not hold true after the projected active duty pay raise of October 1."

"The problem is that the rapid rise in the cost of living during the past year may cause the percentage increase in CPI adjustments to retired pay to exceed the percentage increase in active duty pay raises."

"Thus, the pay of future retirees could lag behind that of previous retirees whose pay has been CPI adjusted. To date, the present

statutory save pay provision has precluded retirees from receiving less retired pay than similar members who have previously retired."

"If the CPI growth continues, the existing save pay provisions will not guarantee this same protection to members who retire after the projected October 1 active duty pay raise."

"The financial impact on future retirees is difficult to predict because it is contingent upon two variables:

(1) the percentage of the CPI adjustment projected for July, although estimated to be approximately 6.5 percent, final data will not be available before May 21, (and)

(2) the percentage increase in active duty basic pay projected for October. This could range from 6.1 percent under the present law to 6.2 percent if the pay raise system is modified to authorize equal percentage increases in allowances quarters and subsistence as well as basic pay."

The message included selected examples of potential retired pay loss military personnel could experience by delaying retirement until after the projected October 1 pay raise.

The computations also assume a 6.5 percent CPI increase on July 1.

The message also said that military personnel should be advised that voluntary retirements must be made by August 31. "This is due to another Comptroller General decision in which a determination was made that if a member retires on the last day of the month, he or she is put on the retired list on the first day of the next month. His retired pay is based on the rates effective on the first day of that month," the message said.

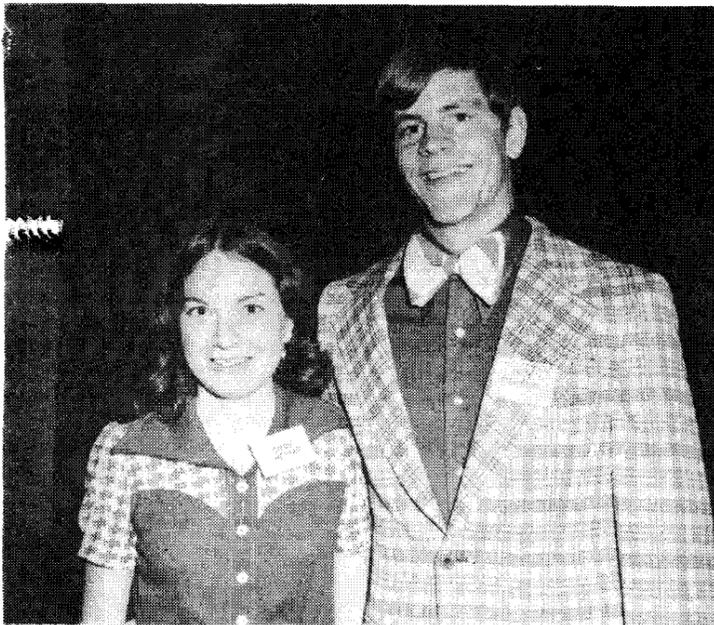
In other words, someone retiring September 30 would have his retired pay based on the pay rate of October 1 when an active duty pay raise is projected.

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O-5 OVER 22	22.49	15.04
O-4 OVER 20	17.15	11.48
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E-7 OVER 22	10.61	7.09
E-6 OVER 20	7.99	5.35
E-5 OVER 20	6.72	4.47

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SHARE SCHOLARSHIP—Cindy Hopper, and Jack Morrison split a \$1000 scholarship awarded by the Redstone Officers Wives Club. The Butler High School students were guests of the club for a lunch at the Officers Open Mess.

Wives Club Scholarship Shared

New officers were installed after a lunch meeting of the Redstone Officers Wives Club last week at the Officers Open Mess.

Mrs. Bates Burnell served as installing officer for Mrs. Frank P. Ragano, president; Mrs. E. M. Simonson, first vice president; Mrs. L. Hergert, second vice president; Mrs. W. Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. James Amago, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Lloye R. Wright, treasurer.

Hostesses for the lunch were

wives of Redstone Arsenal Support Agency officers with Mrs. George Gregg serving as chairman.

Cindy Hopper and Jack Morrison were special guests who each received \$500—the Wives Club scholarship merit award. Cindy is the daughter of LTC and Mrs. Timothy G. Hopper; Jack is the son of COL and Mrs. Robert C. Morrison. Both attended Butler. Cindy will study early childhood education. Jack will attend the U. S. Military Academy.

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Over half a century ago an army bandmaster, J. A. Kappey, wrote, "While historians revelled in descriptions of the music of princely palaces and royal playhouses, the music of the people has been passed over as if they were, so to say, ashamed to mention the poor cousin who found inspiration in the open air—or went 'a-soldiering'."

Music was there and remains today, though the purposes have varied. Gone are the days when regiments of colonial soldiers marched into the smoke of battle with flags flying, trumpets sounding and drums beating. But, martial music plays on.

The history of bands in the United States Army dates back to 1773. At this time the bands were comprised of volunteers who belonged to state militia forces.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his "Green Mountain Boys" sent up the victory cheer after capturing Fort Ticonderoga. Music filled the ranks with the help of a fife-and-drum corps.

These groups performed for social events as well as military purposes and one unit serenaded George Washington on his birthday in 1778.

The first authorization regarding bands in the Regular Army came in 1834. Enlisted bandmen were paid \$8 per month.

During the Civil War, most regiments had their own bands. In 1862, the Federal regimental bands were mustered and subsequently, brigade and higher units furnished the bands for Federal troops.

Many of the units maintained fife and drum corps made up of men from the regiments. The majority of these individuals were "young lads in their teens."

In the early part of the Civil War, some regiments hired civilian bands to accompany them to the front. Others enlisted bandmen specifically for that purpose.

Unlike today, the band music was played for the benefit of the marching column which followed the band. The steady beat of the drums provided an even pace for the soldiers marching.

Since the soldiers were marching behind the band, instruments were constructed so that the bells pointed over the musicians' shoulders. This provided more volume for the troops to follow.

Brass instruments were used primarily during this time and there was a marked absence of woodwind instruments.

The value of army bands and their music was emphasized during the two world wars. When the United States declared war in 1917, bandmasters were immediately promoted to the commissioned rank and the number of bandmen was raised in each regiment from 28 to 48. At the same time, the Army Music School had to work overtime to provide bandmasters and bandmen to fill the vacancies.

After the close of the war, bandleaders of the American Expeditionary Forces were discharged as officers and allowed to enlist as bandleaders. In 1920, Congress authorized warrant officer grades for the bandleaders and based their promotions on a specially prepared technical examination.

The ending of the war also saw the rise of the U.S. Army Band out of the old American Expeditionary Forces Band of the 1917-18 establishment. This band won widespread European acclaim during a visit to Spain in 1929, under the baton of W. J. Stannard.

During World War II, the international language of music was taken to wounded and weary soldiers in North Africa in 1943 and later to Britain.

Music was a vital support of troop morale and the wave of patriotic spirit sweeping the country.

One example of musical influence occurred in 1960, when the United Nations forces occupied the Congo. The size and sound of a Moroccan regimental band made such an impression on the native insurrectionists that they surrendered their weapons without further resistance.

One observer remarked that "A few good brass bands in the Congo . . . would be worth their weight in riflemen."

The primary purpose of military bands is to promote and maintain the morale among the troops. And it has become a tradition.

Through the years, the songs have changed and the instruments have been modified. But every generation can say that the band played on.

Army Band — In Tr



FIFE AND DRUMMER—Sp4 Pam Hamway isn't a drummer but the flute she plays in the band is a descendant of the classic form of the fife used during early wars.



COME BLOW YOUR HORN—Sp7 Wanda Blair can and does after years with the Women's Army Corps Band. She finds the opportunities now available to women refreshing.

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In recent weeks, three i scene—all women. The WA lations were changed permi in previously all-male band

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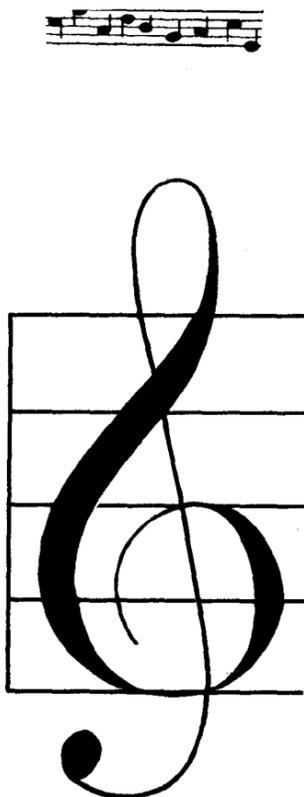
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'Picking and grinning' Sp4 Julie Zurn is a novelty as the only woman guitar player in the 55th Army Band.



Mr. Music Man

Redstone has a music man with a wealth of experience and interests to match. Chief Warrant Officer 2 David G. Mathis became bandmaster of the 55th Army Band in October.

He's one man that can say he has grown up with music, taking up the trumpet in elementary school. His interest later spread to the French horn which he now considers his major instrument.

During high school CW2 Mathis served as drum major in the marching band.

He attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M., and graduated with a degree in music education in 1961. With this background, he taught school in New Mexico and Texas for five years.

The year 1966, found him enlisting in the United States Army with assignment to the 62nd Army Band, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

While in the Army he attended U.S. Army Element, School of Music in Norfolk, Va.



CW2 MATHIS

Military assignments have included serving as commander officer of the 399th Army Band, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and as staff bands officer, Headquarters 5th U.S. Army, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

He also completed a tour of duty in Vietnam.

His time away from Redstone is filled with still more music. He plays with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, the Huntsville Community Band, a woodwind quartet and a French horn quartet.

Additionally, he is a member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville Wind Ensemble and Symphony Brass. He also sings at the Post Chapel and still finds time to give private lessons on the French Horn.

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Ruth, and her husband Carl, who also works in the Metrology and Calibration center, have been active for many years in the Huntsville Little Theatre, which has been staging plays for 24 years. Carl Morrison is the group's membership chairman.

"Little Theatre actors are not paid. Anyone who wants to be a member or try out for a part is welcome to do so," Mrs. Harrison said. "No parts are pre-cast. It is not necessary to have had any acting experience to try out. Many of those who get roles are people who had never acted before, but upon auditioning were found to be the best for the role."

"When we voted among ourselves for 'best actress' in 1972, the girl who won it, Micky Ellis had walked on and auditioned for a part with us for the first time."

Mrs. Morrison directed Micky in 'Mame' which also was voted the best production that year.

The Little Theatre puts on four plays a year. This year's productions included a musical, 'Annie Get Your Gun', with the orchestra conducted by Chief Warrant Officer David G. Mathis, 55th Army Band director; two dramas 'The Glass Menagerie' and 'The Tempest', and a comedy 'Charlie's Aunt', to be presented later this month.

"We try for a balanced season," Mrs. Morrison said. "We do one musical a year, and usually one suspense show, one comedy, and a drama."

A theatrical season runs from September to May.



Ruth Morrison and Rene Sevigny in a 1972 Little Theatre production "The Lion In Winter."

"Since many of our actors are inexperienced, we also coach while we practice. In casting for parts, we listen for voice and reading interpretation, general appearance—how he will physically fit a part, and for a blend of two voices reading against each other. We look for a balance of characters rather than simply how well each can play a certain part."

"We also realize that many who are auditioning are reading the play cold, and that some people don't read well but take directions well and have an intuitive feeling for the part. They fit right in."

"One requirement to be active in the Little Theatre is that you really enjoy acting. We put long hours into our work so you see many couples here where both are active."

Among others are Melvin Levkoff of special systems and his wife; Gerald Y. Cortright of civilian personnel; Helen Hubbard of procurement and production; Tom Yarbrough and Dr. Rene Sevigny of NASA. Dr. Sevigny is president of the Little Theatre.

Yarbrough has been with the Little Theatre for 22 years. "I hadn't considered acting seriously until I got a villain's part in a melodrama in 1953 when a friend jokingly invited me to audition. I wandered in and landed the part, demonstrating my mean personality by sneering and stroking a make-believe mustache," he said.

"I find the stage much more aesthetically rewarding to the actor than films," said Yarbrough, who has had some film experience. "The stage is an actor's medium the film a director's medium. The film director throws you repeatedly through segments till you get them right, as though he's training a squirrel, but the stage is a one-shot offering and it is up to the skill of the actor to carry it off."

"There are many talents needed in making of a play," Mrs. Morrison said. "Acting, directing, art work, set design, painting, costume design, publicity, and carpentry work are some examples. We are always short-handed. High school students and children quite often work with us too."

"We have been operating out of the Lee High School auditorium since the tearing down last summer of the Temporary Arts Center which was our home. We are scheduled to present two of our four plays next year in the small auditorium of the new Von Braun Civic Center."

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Robert Boerner and his 15 year old son Bobby do a lot of kicking and swinging at each other, but it's all in fun. Boerner, an engineer with the Safeguard System Command, decided to join a karate class with his son and from that time on the two have been going at each other.

Though they started classes together, Bobby is already ahead of his dad and has his yellow belt. Boerner had a slight accident that left him with a broken arm and unable to practice many of the karate moves for a while.

When Bobby and his Dad start a practice session, Dot Boerner and her three daughters, Beverly, Susan and Cindy have a hard time deciding who to root for without hurting any feelings . . . and it's hard to root without showing partiality. Boerner and Bobby continued their

karate practice. They feel it is good exercise and a way to keep them in good physical shape for their other hobbies.

As a rule most of the hobbies around the Boerner household involve the whole family. They all like camping, boating and water skiing and they have the equipment to do all three. There's an 18 foot travel trailer that sleeps six in the driveway parked next to the 19 foot runabout that they use for water skiing.

Boerner has been in Huntsville since 1961 and the family likes it so well he had just as soon stay here forever. They are only a short drive from the Tennessee River where they can water ski or just go boating. He is also a member of the Redstone Yacht Club and takes the family on many of their planned trips.



Take That . . . Father, Son in Practice

Runners Mark Course

The Huntsville Track Club will hold one of its races on the Arsenal, May 25. Persons who work here are invited to participate.

The event features two courses, one 3.3 miles and the other 8.2 miles. There are 11 categories under the short race and 7 in the long course. Winners in each will be presented awards. A novice mile run will be conducted while the long course is being run. It is for runners who have not run a mile in less than six and a half minutes.

All races will begin from the parking lot north of Bldg. 5494. The short course is set to begin at 9:30 a.m., and the long run will start at 10 a.m.

Clothing changes can be made in the gymnasium, Bldg. 5663, which is near the starting point.

Entry will be made at the race location before 9:15 a.m. The fee is \$1.50 for each race entered. Student rate is \$1.

3rd Grade Class

Third grade classes of Calvary Hill School will visit the Arsenal, Tuesday. They will enjoy a riding tour and eat lunch here.

Mrs. Ruth Williams, the group escort, teaches at Calvary Hill. She arranged the visit in conjunction with study of community activities and how they function.

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Old Method Still Has Merits

In these days of modern technology and new techniques there are still people who cling to the old ways because they like them and want to keep them alive.

Frank Hiserodt, a production and procurement specialist with the Safeguard System Command, still likes to hand tint his own pictures instead of depending on

the new types of color film.

Hiserodt specializes in wild flower and nature photography and many of his hand tinted wild flowers hang in homes throughout the area. He and his wife, Nancy, spend many hours in the woods looking for wild flowers and scenes to photograph. They are perfectionists, more concerned with photographing the wild flowers and nature scenes in areas not polluted and contaminated by people.

For the Hiserodts a good time is packing sandwiches, a thermos of ice tea or coffee, the camera equipment, and heading for the woods. In many cases they spend more time looking for the rare and exotic wild flowers than they actually spend photographing them.

The quest for perfection doesn't end with taking the pictures. Hiserodt develops his own pictures, setting high standards for himself. Pictures that many photographers would gladly accept, end up in the trash can because Hiserodt just won't keep them if they don't achieve the realism he demands.

Applying the oil base colors in just the exact shades is an art in itself. Sometimes he spends weeks working to get a flower with all the tints and delicate hues that nature gave it.

Utilizing special lens and close up techniques, Hiserodt gets enlargements of exotic wild flowers that are small and many times unnoticed by the average observer.

Though he sells some of his pictures, he is his own greatest critic. He never equates the cost of the picture with the time and effort that he expends in the actual production. If Hiserodt isn't satisfied with the picture, he won't offer it for sale.

Hiserodt and his wife described their hobby this way: "We love wild flowers and we enjoy going out in the woods to find them. We work together as a team. Nancy has a knack for picking the right angles that best show the colors of the flowers to advantage... and I rely on her judgement."

Though Hiserodt agrees that color film has improved drastically over the years, he still prefers to take his time and hand tint his pictures.

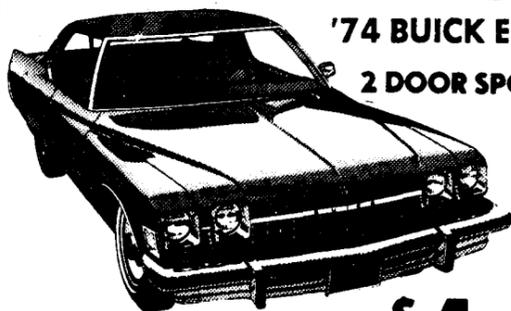
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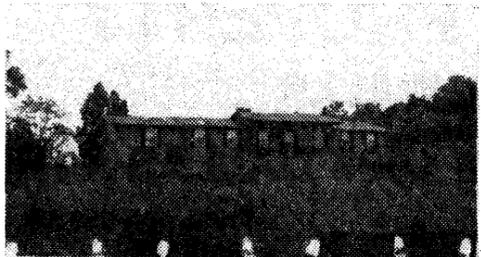
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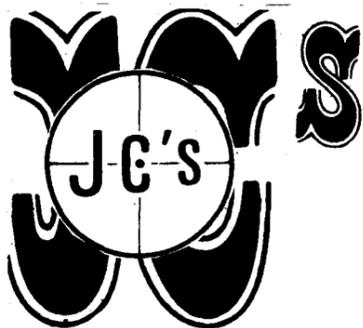


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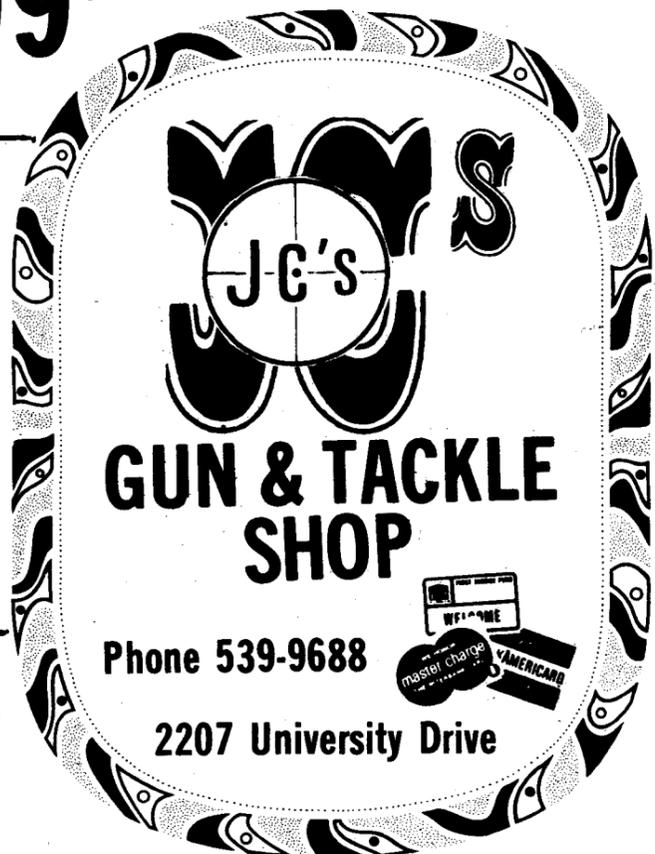
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The long ball, strangely silent during the first couple of CWF slo-pitch sessions at the Tennessee River recreation area, was back with a bang last week when three rounds of action went into the books.

MISD and the Interns were triple winners with the former jumping outfront of the eight team race with five consecutive wins.

Last year's runner ups edged GEM 4-2, and trimmed the Comptrollers, 23-5, before side tracking a 12-game winning skien put together last year and this by Materiel Management.

The Interns bombed T&E, 25-4, came from way back to catch and whip F&A, 17-14, and then made it three for three with a 28-8 lacing of Maintenance.

Materiel Management accounted for a pair of wins before their rude treatment from MISD, winning 15-0 from F&A and 15-8 from T&E. GEM was another double winner, taking Maintenance, 19-7, and the Accountants, 12-2.

In other games Maintenance entered the win column for the first

time at the expense of the Comptrollers, 5-4, and the latter did the same in a 12-11 squeaker against T&E.

Elliott Agee blasted a two-run homer and Bruce Coker spun a six hitter as MISD outscrapped GEM in the week's opener. Two nights later seven home runs jumped off the MISD bats in the win over the Comptrollers.

Russ Ward and John Roberts contributed a pair apiece to go along with solo shots by Agee, Theotis Horn and Buddy Lewis. Coker picked up the win with the loss going to Gene Rubert.

In the first "crucial" contest of the season, MISD exploded with a 12-run burst in the fourth to coast home with a surprisingly easy win. Roberts, Ward and Agee each measured the outfield fences with long drives in the rally and Coker turned to his usual tight pitching performance for the win over Lindon Calvert.

The Interns got four hits apiece from Keith Heck and Harold Austin in waltzing to their win over T&E while Jim Redman and Ken Lomax contributed the heavy

hitting in the win over Maintenance.

In the third win the Interns fell behind the Accountants 14-0 but shoved ten runners across the plate in the fifth and seven more in the sixth for their big comeback. Lomax and Austin got three hits apiece for the winners and Hal Jacobs stroked a three-run homer for F&A.

Lyn Stuckey homered and Mike Fahey contributed a trio of base hits as Ray Parker hurled GEM past Maintenance. Two nights later Parker let the Accountants down on a seven-hit diet.

The defending champions from Materiel Management got home run support from Jerry Williams and Dave Bryant in racing past the Accountants. Williams continued his lusty swatting with a pair of four basers good for five runs in the win over T&E.

Maintenance got into the win column when Wayne Jones singled sharply into center field to send his brother, Gordon, home with the winner. George Bogdan picked up the win over Marty Martin.

Ken Heflin hit safely four straight trips to the plate and Bob Nichols collected three more safeties as the Comptrollers got their win over T&E. Rubert got the win and Bud Smith took the loss.

John Robinson connected for a pair of homers and a double as T&E was unable to overcome an early Comptroller lead. A five-run last ditch rally fell a run short.

Eighth Homers Overcome Sixth

NOTE: Dave Cowan is TDY at the NCO academy for four weeks. Sports will be covered by Larry Hogam and Malcolm Carr.)

The 1974 softball season got started with a bang last week, when the 8th Student Company was declared the winner over the 6th Student Company by a score of 14 to 4.

Umpire Jerry Whitsell invoked the rule that a ten-run lead after five innings of play is sufficient for a declared win. That was after back-to-back homers by James Johnson and Hilton Hollis of the 8th.

Credit for the win went to pitcher David Lewis. Great fielding, strategy, and power-house hitting were the other keys to success. Third baseman Charles Williams expertly fielded a hard hit grounder, tagged the runner coming from second and threw to the second baseman for a double play, killing a potential rally for the 6th.

Michael Durgan had an earlier three-run blast for the 8th.

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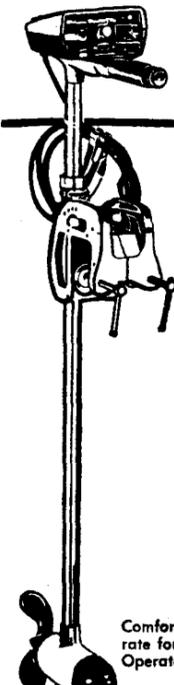
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