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WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense has made public a major study of the Army's materiel acquisition process which recommends major changes in the organization and method of operation of the U. S. Army Materiel Command.

DOD said many of the recommendations of the Army Materiel Acquisition Committee (AMARC) have already been adopted. Those that might involve shifting people from one geographic location to another or major re-allocations of work, however "are under careful study and the decision to accept or reject these recommendations must await the result of these studies," DOD added.

Nothing in the report, released August 15, indicates any major changes impending for the Army Missile Command or its people. One major recommendation, for example, was that AMC move away from its present commodity orientation toward systems orientation. MICOM is already organized on a system basis and capably performing both its readiness and acquisition missions, the committee noted.

The AMARC committee was formed by the Secretary of the Army last December and tasked with a thorough review of the Army's acquisition process. In general, that term applies to research, development and initial production, the series of steps by which weapons move from ideas to the point where operational hardware is placed in the hands of soldiers. "Readiness", on the other hand, the committee defined as supporting operational Army Combat units. It found AMC generally does a good job on "readiness", something less than that on materiel acquisition because of its concern with readiness.

One of the major recommendations of the committee — as yet still under study — is that AMC's research development and engineering activities be consolidated into several system development centers.

Six such centers were recommended: armaments, ground mobility, air mobility, troop support, communications and missiles. Missile RDT&E is already consolidating at Redstone in MICOM's labs, indicating no major change here. Other areas, however, armaments for example, are now spread among several AMC installations and activities.

The Army said last week "Initial results of studies and conceptual plans relating to the establishment of development centers are not expected until late in 1974. Until that time

the Army will not be in a position to render decisions on any other study recommendations in this multi-facet and difficult area."

Much of the thrust of the AMARC recommendations, however, go to the materiel acquisition process itself, rather than people and installations. The committee suggested numerous changes. One in particular that could have significant long term consequences if adopted: delay in settling on a required operational capability for a weapon system until after successful completion of advanced development. Traditionally the Army has defined required operational capabilities first, then attempted to tailor technology to meet the requirement.

AMARC also proposed that the Army be more conservative in its search for new weapons, adopting an approach that stresses evolutionary development and major product improvement of existing weapons rather than seeking major forward leaps in technology.

Some of the AMARC recommendations already adopted by the Army include:

—strengthening the Army organization for materiel acquisition by designating a single DA staff agency (Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition) to monitor the process.

—directing the Army Operational Test and Evaluation Agency to report directly to the Chief of Staff.

—transferring the Army Safeguard System Evaluation Agency analytical capability from Safeguard to the Training and Doctrine Command, and

—improving the materiel acquisition personnel posture through a personnel development program which will grant proper recognition to the project manager because of his value as a resource manager.

Others being implemented include the improvement of TRADOC testing capability and developing ways to improve the professionalism and incentives of civilian cost analysts and testers.

AMARC recommended sale or lease of the Detroit Tank Plant, putting in standby Dugway Proving Ground and selling or turning over to contractor operation much of the idle production capacity it found in Army arsenals.

The Committee, headed by Dr. Wendell B. Sell, president of Hoffman Electronics of Los Angeles, completed its study in April. Members were drawn from industry, universities, consulting firms and other government agencies. There were only a few military team members.

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Their Summer Both . . .

Meaningful And Worthwhile

The Summer Employment for Youth Program (SEY) has been going strong at Redstone for seven years. This year 261 summer aides are employed in various positions ranging from office worker to projectionist.

The youth are referred by the Alabama State Employment Office and are placed by Rosie Edwards, Personnel Staffing Specialist at the Civilian Personnel Office. One hundred ninety-four students were referred and 143 were hired.

Ninety-one students who were working for the government under the Youth Opportunity Back To School program (YOBS) were added to the SEY rolls along with 27 Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) employees.

The SEY program is designed to give students from low income homes a chance to gain work experience and earn money to pay for school expenses. To be eligible for the program, a youngster must be between sixteen and twenty-two years of age and be enrolled in school.

Activities for the summer aides were planned by SEY counsellors Bettye Knowles and Diane Ritter. The programs were designed to orientate the students to government work and to make them better employees.

Summer aides attended programs on the use of communication, drug and alcohol abuse, and educational opportunities. They received group counselling along with their orientation at the beginning of the summer.

SEY employees interviewed by the ROCKET cited the on-the-job work experience plus the opportunity to earn money in the summer as strong points of the program. Most agreed that their counsellors and supervisors had contributed to making their job experience meaningful and worthwhile.

Charles A. Latta, working as a projectionist in the conference rooms found that his summer job "Taught me responsibility. I have learned how it feels to have someone over you. I would like to go to the Air Force Academy and I know that in the Air Force I will have an officer over me just like I have a supervisor this summer."

Latta, who will be a junior at Butler High School in the fall, also thinks "in the government an employee is given more of a chance to prove himself and to develop . . . the government has more programs like the one that I am in . . . and they are good programs."

"Increased responsibilities" have made Yvonne Craighead's job at Civilian Personnel Office meaningful to her. Yvonne worked in the CPO office last summer and as a result of her good work was

Retired Doctors

(ANF)—The Department of Defense has received approval to hire retired military physicians. The Civil Service Commission approved the hiring of retired regular military physicians as medical officers in pay grades GS-11 through GS-14.

The ruling is designed to help alleviate the critical shortage of military doctors by allowing them to draw both retirement and full time pay.

given a job with more responsibilities this summer. She is a senior at Alabama A&M and would like to get into the intern program. She knows that her experience in personnel will be helpful to her in the future.

Margaret Eason, office worker in Hellfire, graduated from Butler in 1973 and plans to start Alabama A&M in the fall. Her job has taught her "responsibility plus the ability to deal with different personalities" which should help in her plans to be a probation officer.

Four years of government experience in the YOBS and SEY programs have made Patricia Tibbs a valuable employee at the Redstone Scientific Information Center. Patricia is a junior at

Alabama A&M majoring in computer science. She finds that her work in research has given her valuable experience in programming because of the various machines that she works with.

"Interesting . . . a good learning experience" are some of the comments Deborah Webster made about her job as a typist in the ARDA Support Office of RD&E. Deborah is a junior at Oakwood College studying to be an elementary school teacher. She feels that the program is a good idea because it helps students find summer jobs. She also believes that the fifty dollar bonus offered outstanding SEYs, "Helps us put all we can into our jobs."



SEARCHING—SEY employees Katherine Petty, Iola Kieth and Patricia Tibbs find information at the Redstone Scientific Information Center.

Who Am I?

From MAC News Service

You say you love me, but sometimes you don't show it. In the beginning, you couldn't do enough for me. Now you seem to take me for granted—some days I even wonder if I mean anything to you at all.

Maybe when I'm gone you'll appreciate me and all the things I do for you. I'm responsible for getting the food on your table, for the clean shirt you wear each day, for the welfare of your children and your home—for the thousand-and-ones things you want and need.

Why, if it weren't for me you wouldn't even have a car to drive! I've kept quiet and waited to see how long it would take for you to realize how much you really need me.

Cherish me—take good care of me, and I'll always take good care of you.

Who am I? I'm your job.

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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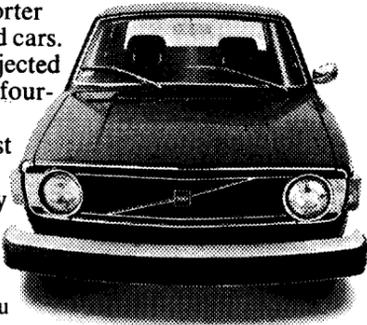
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Judge Denies Busing Plan

Last week U.S. District Judge H. Grooms ruled against Justice Department school desegregation proposals that could have involved shifting some Redstone Arsenal dependent children to Huntsville schools other than the ones they now attend.

The proposals included pairing or clustering for some Huntsville schools—including Madison Pike Elementary School which most Arsenal youngsters in elementary grades attend—and were aimed at reducing black majorities in Terry Heights and Calvary Hill Schools.

Pairing and clustering would have involved combining portions of the student bodies of selected schools.

In denying the Justice Department proposals, Grooms termed the Huntsville school system "well integrated." His ruling eliminates the prospect of forced busing to city schools this year. Grooms said for the Huntsville system "the neighborhood zone is the appropriate basis for determining public school assignments."

Grooms' ruling is subject to appeal before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

MP Award

Redstone's 291st Military Police Company has been nominated for the Brigadier General Jeremiah P. Holland Award, given annually to the Army's most outstanding MP unit of company size or smaller.

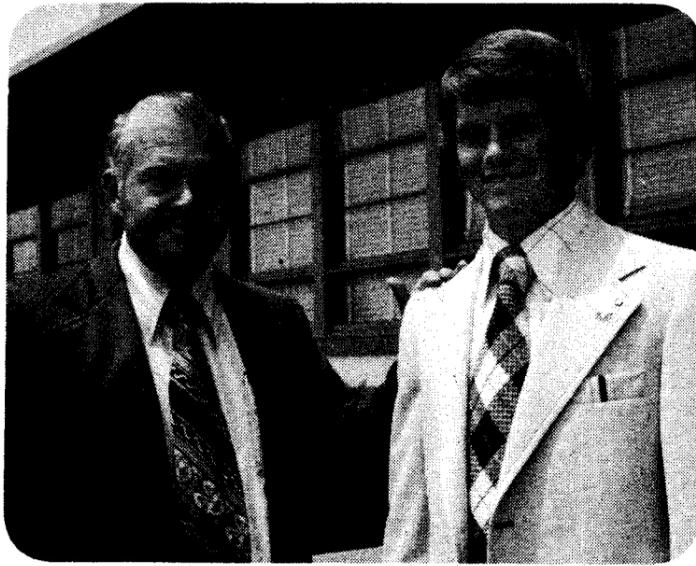
In making the nomination Major General Vincent H. Ellis, MICOM commanding general, noted the Company's performance of duty during the February presidential visit and their actions during and after the tornado April 3.

A board of officers will select a winner and the award presented in Washington Sept. 26, anniversary date of the MP Corps.

Readiness Wives Open New Season

The Redstone Readiness Group officer's wives will initiate a new season with a coffee on Thursday morning, September 5. The 9:30 event will be at the home of Mrs. John E. Persons at 1201 Rustic Circle in Huntsville.

Bridge for the month will be given by Mrs. Van Quick at 274-A Wesson Circle on the Arsenal, on Tuesday, September 17.



THAT'S MY BOY—R.A. Clinton, assistant director, technical operations of the Missile Intelligence Agency proudly congratulates his son, Rankin, on his election to the office of President pro tempore at Boy's Nation in Washington, D.C. The Grissom High School student, who was elected lieutenant governor at Alabama Boys State, is the first Alabama representative to capture a national office.

1st Battalion Gets New CSM

Command Sergeant Major William P. Simmons recently assumed the duties of top enlisted man of the First Battalion of the School Brigade of the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School. Simmons arrived from his second tour on Okinawa to begin a first tour at MMCS.

He joined the Army after graduating from high school in 1949 in his home town of Purvis, Miss.

In addition to the Okinawa tours, he has served overseas in Italy, Korea and twice each in Germany and Vietnam.

The 25-year veteran was an infantryman and later, a combat engineer before being elected for Command Sergeant Major.

He has received the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and the



MAJ. SIMMONS

Philippine Parachutist Badge among his decorations.

Due to the quick relocation of vital school elements, the school was able to continue training after only two days of lost training time.

Currently an education specialist for the Deputy Commandant for Combat and Training Development, Horsely has been with MMCS since 1957.

NAUS Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the National Association of Uniformed Services will be held at 7 p.m. August 26 at the Pershing Room of the Officers Open Mess.

Active or retired personnel of all services are invited to attend, according to Matt Salopek, NAUS spokesman.

MMCS Civilian

Samuel P. Horsley was recently awarded a Department of the Army certificate of achievement, by the Department of the Army for his work after the tornado that struck the Arsenal and Huntsville this spring.

Horsely, a civilian employee of the Missile and Munitions Center and School (MMCS) was cited for helping restore order to the training and administration areas affected by the tornado which struck MMCS.

Product Manager Back For Third Redstone Tour

Colonel John Reeve talks about his third assignment at Redstone with a smile.

"It's great to be back," said Reeve, who just recently was named Product Manager for Precision Laser Designators at the Army Missile Command. "And I'm particularly happy with my new job."

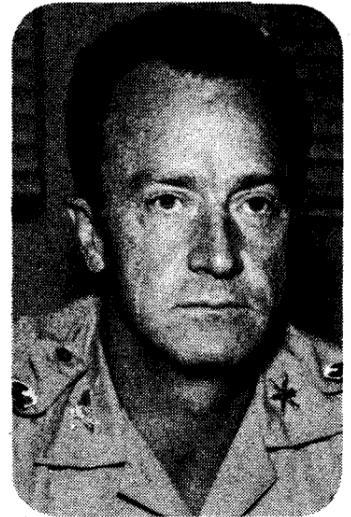
The 44-year-old Brigham City, Utah, native is responsible for developing laser equipment to guide terminal homing weapons ranging from missiles to artillery. Consisting of both ground and airborne designators, the equipment not only can provide steering signals for missiles, bombs, or artillery shells fitted with a laser seeker, it also can acquire and identify targets, determine range day or night, and accommodate target handoff.

Reeve said MICOM has tri-service responsibility for ground equipment.

"We are supporting both the Air Force and Navy in development tests, along with many Army programs."

Just prior to returning, he was commander of the 24th Air Defense Group at Coventry, Rhode Island.

In two earlier tours, Reeve served as Executive Officer, Site Defense Project Office and later as Chief of the Military Studies Division in SAM-D.



COL. REEVE

A graduate of Utah State University with a BS in Agronomy, Reeve holds a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arizona and a master's in business administration from Shippensburg State College, Pennsylvania.

He is married to the former Beverly Weaver of Ogden, Utah, and they have five children, John and Paul, both 14; Teri Lynn 9, Scott 6 and Steven 3.

Civilian Service Awards

Major General Vincent H. Ellis recently presented awards to eight Missile Command employees in recognition of 30 years of federal service and 24 others who have accumulated over 2000 hours of sick leave.

They are by organization:

30-year Certificates
Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Zeb Alls, Effie W. Cummings, Milton Rice and Paul S. Thomas; Directorate for Maintenance, Adelbert M. Athow; Missile Research Development and Engineering Laboratory, Eugene C. Crawford and Melvin F. Crisco; and Mary T. Cagle, Secretary of the General Staff.

Sick Leave Certificates
Comptroller, Peggy S. Beck, Stanley Wicker and George A. O'Reilly; RASA, William H. Gravitt, James A. Brashear, Ralph R. Richey and Abron Hyter, Jr.; Directorate for Maintenance, Ed

Harris, Irvin L. Hadden, Barney E. Kemp, Martin J. Hacker and John W. Torzillo.

Directorate for Product Assurance, Joseph P. Hunn; Directorate for Procurement and Production, George T. Deuel and James C. Turner; RD&E Laboratory, Charles H. Ray, John L. MCDaniel, George W. Dyess, Roland L. Guard and Charles E. Dugas.

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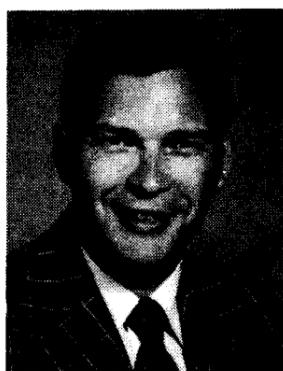
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Home Made Plane Flies

They doubted the Wright Brothers and they doubted Harvel Lawson. But Lawson never doubted himself. He knew it would fly, because he'd built one before. Lawson, a mechanical engineer and supervisor of the MICOM Test and Evaluation Directorate's environmental and metrology test group designs and builds midget airplanes.

The "Lawson Special II", as he calls his latest creation, measures a mere 18 feet from wingtip to wingtip. It's 1930 vintage 40 horsepower aircraft engine powers the little plane along at a respectable 100 miles per hour.

Lawson spent five years building it, beginning in 1968. He did all the work himself—including

fabricating the aluminum fuselage and putting it together with some 5,000 rivets. The brakes are from a Honda motorcycle, the wheels from a quarter-midget race car.

Two pilots have flown the plane. Both, Lawson said, were "pleasantly surprised by its performance and handling characteristics". One of the pilots is Bert Carpenter of the Advanced Systems Concepts Office here. Lawson, who works with Carpenter on missile projects, says jokingly: "I test his missiles and he tests my airplane".

His long affair with airplanes began when as a young boy he hung around an airport near his home, working in exchange for rides. He gave up piloting several years ago.

Lawson designed, built and test flew his first midget airplane in 1955. Dubbed "Lawson Special I", it has, quoting Lawson, "wandered around the states with at least seven different owners and was last heard of up in Connecticut in 1972."

In between Specials I and II he designed and built a gyrocopter. But, Lawson said, he's not inclined to talk about this venture, nor does he like to go around the old Cortland air base where he took the 'copter on its maiden, and last, flight.

Lawson has been in the design and test business professionally for over 21 years. He is an assistant designer with the Experimental Aircraft Association local chapter 190.



What does he derive from his hobby? For one thing, in his words, "I think extracurricular or off-the-job activity in technical fields—not

only in the aircraft area—greatly increases a person's ability to cope with job-related technical work."

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Practice Theories At MICOM

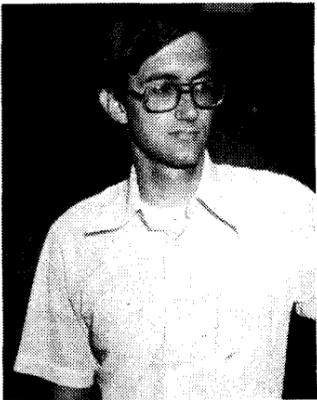
Six men from faculties of five universities have stepped out of their academic worlds this summer to work on research projects at the Missile Command.

All are employed in directorates of the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory (MRDEL).

For some of them this is their first experience in any government agency. Others have worked at MICOM during previous summers.

To a man, they are viewing their work at MICOM as an opportunity to put textbook theories into practice. They are finding their summer employment a good way to brush up on the latest technology in their respective fields.

Dr. Julian Kobler, Project Director in MRD&EL, said, "We are happy to have these academic researchers here this summer. University research teams have done much to advance the state of



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"If they are finding their experience like a refresher course for them, we in turn hope there will be a substantial tread-off by their giving us a refreshing breeze of theory. The link between campus and government is a vital one. Having these men on board this summer helps to maintain that link."

All the men will return to their college campuses this Fall.

Three are mathematicians, three are engineers.

Two of the mathematicians are from Alabama A&M University, Enoch Temple and James Kirkpatrick. Both are getting their first experience in government work.

Temple said that initially he had to become accustomed to the basic concepts of missile work in the Guidance and Control Directorate.

"This is turning into a very valuable experience for me," he said. "Working with the people in this directorate is challenging, and I'm getting an insight into how the math I teach is applied to problems here."

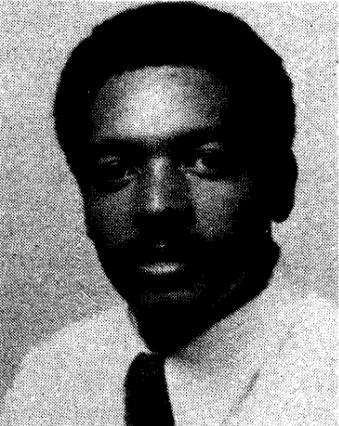
An assistant professor in math, Kirkpatrick is analyzing data received in the Test and Evaluation Directorate to translate it into mathematical equations.

"This is serving as a refresher course for me on the math I need to do my work," he said. "I feel I'm making a contribution, that's personally gratifying."

Dr. Carol Halford, from the Memphis State University engineering department, is an electrical engineer working in the Physical Sciences Directorate on a data acquisition and analysis scheme for a laser radar project.

He is another newcomer to government work and said that he is in a bigger area than he usually encounters in university labs. "There is more equipment here to work with, and I'm learning how various projects all dovetail. Each project alone constitutes one problem, so this is six or seven times bigger than I'd normally be involved with."

"Working in the labs here is giving me an opportunity to learn, keep up with the latest technology.



TEMPLE

Engineers need to keep studying, but it's up to individuals to be self starters. Research here is a good 'keeping up with the technology' process for me."

An assistant professor in mathematics at Western Kentucky University, Dr. Randy York is spending his third summer working on research projects at MICOM. Since he had been involved in several continuing projects, he could readily pick up any current problems with them.

"I find much of the work I'm doing here in the Guidance and Control Directorate can be incorporated in courses I teach so students learn more about practical application of math," York said.

"At the same time I think in terms of how I'm growing personally from the experience."

Dr. Shih Cheng is an associate professor of aerospace engineering at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa who works in the Aeroballistics Directorate.

"This experience is important for me and for my students," he said. "I can give them a first hand account of what it's like in industry, in the government, so they'll have a better idea of what to expect when they graduate."

"There's another side effect, too. Some of my former students have found positions at MICOM, partly because they were better prepared for entering research work in the missile field."

The sixth college faculty member on MICOM's staff this summer is from the University of Wyoming College of Engineering. Dr. Kynric Pell has been at MICOM before on an assignment from a firm that does research work, so is working in a familiar environment.

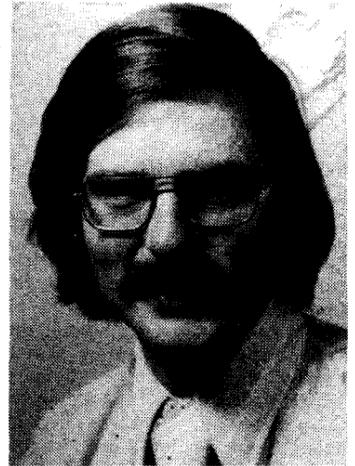
"This position gives me a good overview of R&D work since this directorate's (Aeroballistics)

projects are closely allied with those in other directorates," he said.

"Working here is good professional experience, and as a spin-off, it provides good examples of engineering problems my students can appreciate."

"Some problems—things in the unclassified area—that I've encountered have led to master's theses for students, or dissertations for their doctorates."

Dr. Pell feels that he and the others who come from college campuses to work at MICOM during the summer can often bring particular areas of specialized knowledge that don't necessarily exist among permanent groups in the directorates.



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Gordon W. Dykes is a man who likes to get involved in civic activities and the city of Huntsville is happy about the whole thing. Dykes, an engineer with the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, has been a consultant to the city on the planning and building of the Von Braun Civic Center.

A resident of Huntsville for the last 14 years, Dykes spent eight years at the Marshall Space Flight Center and the last six as Deputy Director of the Safeguard Project Office for Engineering and Sit Operations.

When the city was planning the Von Braun Civic Center, David Newby, head of the Advisory Board, asked Dykes to serve on the board because of his past background in facilities design. This was back in 1969 and the board was trying to establish what kind of design would be most suitable for a civic center.

After researching and checking other civic centers in the country, Dykes advanced the mall concept that was adopted. In 1970 he was appointed Chairman of the Board of Control.

The Board was to hire a director for the civic center, plan operations and actually operate the facility. Dykes got the City Council to pass a second ordinance giving the board control over the design and construction.

ALL-VOLUNTEER

Dykes' work for the city was strictly voluntary, performed in his spare time and on weekends. In addition to his 40 hour work week with the government, he spent on the average of 15 to 20 hours per week on civic center work.

Construction work on the center is due for completion next January and the opening is set for March 14. Dykes is proud of the fact that changes in the construction and equipment contracts amount to less than two percent of \$13 million total cost.

In addition to his work as design and engineering consultant, Dykes also influenced two local firms to donate an electronic scoreboard and message center for the new facility.

Unfortunately, when the new civic center opens in March 1975,

Dykes will most likely be at his new overseas assignment with the Army Engineer Division, Mediterranean Area. If he isn't able to return to Huntsville for the dedication, he will be with them in spirit because the city officials and dignitaries remember his tireless work the project was in its infancy.

Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis had this tribute: "Gordon Dykes did an outstanding job as a citizen of the community and the city profited monetarily and culturally from his knowledge particularly in the area of the Von Braun Civic Center. On behalf of the City I have presented him with a Certificate of Merit for his part in making the civic center a reality."

COMING BACK

"He is going to be missed and everyone is looking forward to the time when he retires and he and his family return to Huntsville to live. We wish him well in his new endeavor."

While the civic center center was his big love, Dykes also acted as consultant on the design and building of the indoor swimming pool facility that will soon be open for use of Huntsville citizens.

Though he admitted that his work with the civic center had been hard and demanding and utilized all his spare time, Dykes had these comments: "It has been rewarding and challenging to serve my community. It has helped me keep my engineering and management skills renewed. I had an opportunity to work with a number of dedicated groups of civic and public officials and private citizens in the area. I really enjoyed it all. My wife, Margaret, says I turned all of her closets into file cabinets and her home into a business. but she enjoyed it too."

September Promotion Schedule

(ANF)—The Army has released its September promotion plans. Here's the breakdown for officers: There will be 10 promotions to the rank of Warrant Officer Grade Three and five persons will make Warrant Officer Grade Four.

There will be 482 promotions to Captain, 40 to Major, 53 to Lieutenant Colonel and 37 officers will be promoted to Colonel.

The promotion plans for enlisted men and women in September are: To the grade of E-4 there will be 8,000 promotions, another 3,000 soldiers will make E-5 and 546 will reach the rank of E-6.

There are also 905 promotions planned to E-7 281 to E-8, and 97 more will attain E-9 status.



Dykes and Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis—with The Civic Center in background.

Nashville On Tour Schedule

The Recreation Center has scheduled a trip to Nashville this Saturday to tour Hermitage, home of former President Andrew Jackson

Those planning to make this tour should register at the Recreation Center as soon as possible or call 876-4531 or 876-5492 for further information.

The tour bus leaves the Center at 8:30 on Saturday morning. The cost to tour the Hermitage for military personnel is free with military I. D. card.

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Soldiers living on-post, and particularly new-arrivals, may find themselves at a loss as to where the girls are.

With this in mind, the Rocket has taken a look around and come up with some suggestions that may prove helpful.



Fellowship

One young private at the Missile and Munitions Center and School offered this tip. "Go to church. No kidding, I've met more nice girls there than anywhere else in town."

He has a point. Most churches have young people's organizations and clubs. And girls go to those clubs. Or maybe you dig music. Why not consider joining a choir? (There are always sopranos.)

Huntsville is represented by almost every faith in existence. And the Post Chapel offers another opportunity right here in your front door.

Wednesday and Friday evenings find young adults gathered at the Post Chapel for fellowship meetings. The Wed. group is primarily a discussion

group that covers a wide range of topics. The meetings are usually followed by a social get-together. If you're interested in music, Friday may be your evening. The Voices of Praise, a group of young singers, would welcome anyone interested in participating or just listening.

The Chapel youth groups also plan outings, such as an up-coming trip to Nashville.

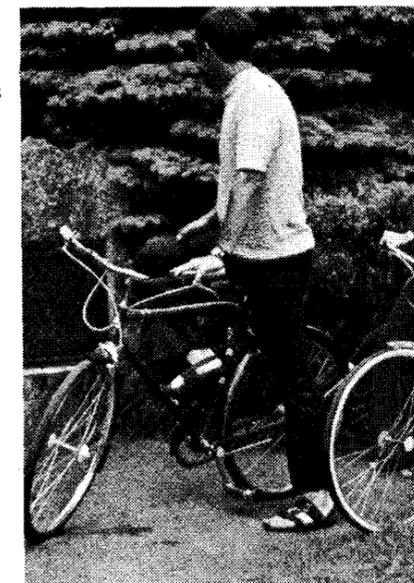


Campus

Education may very well be the key that opens doors to the social scene almost anywhere. Colleges and universities probably offer the most unique opportunity for young people to meet others in their age group and with common interests.

What better way to get acquainted than by struggling over a complex equation or a chemical formula?

Huntsville offers ample opportunity for furthering education, while at the same time making new friends (or girlfriends) not to mention the many clubs, organizations and social events that thrive in a campus atmosphere.



Free University

Have you ever heard of going to college for free? Well, there is such a thing as the "free university" organized by students at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. At the beginning of each semester, interested students organize a program of courses that are conducted at UAH in the evening hours. Instructors are volunteers who teach the classes free of charge.

Are you interested in yoga, beginning or advanced guitar, ballet, the art of bartending or writing poetry? These are only a few of the courses that have been offered in the past.

The new schedule for the fall semester has not been published yet but will be posted around town next month.

Bowling

Sports-minded soldiers may consider another avenue. Local bowling alleys have information on mixed bowling leagues, where men and women match their skills and have fun at the same time.

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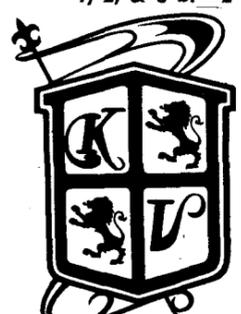
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Skating

If a serviceman really wants to make a big splash in the social scene, he may find summertime swimming is drawing to a close. But there's still hope. Ice skating will be available locally as well as at Point Mallard in Decatur, during the winter months. But, at least for awhile, there will be some bikini-clad beauties frequenting area swimming pools and lakes.

Cycling

The Spring City Cycle Club offers riding and racing events for bicycle enthusiasts. This much-publicized sport is a great way for the car-less soldier to get on the move.

Leading Lady

Arsenal soldiers just might meet their leading lady through the Huntsville Little Theater or the Fantasy Playhouse. Even if a young man doesn't see himself as a Paul Newman or a Robert Redford, there are needs for people to work on props, make-up or costumes. Further information on community activities is available through the Arts Council, Inc.

Touchdowns

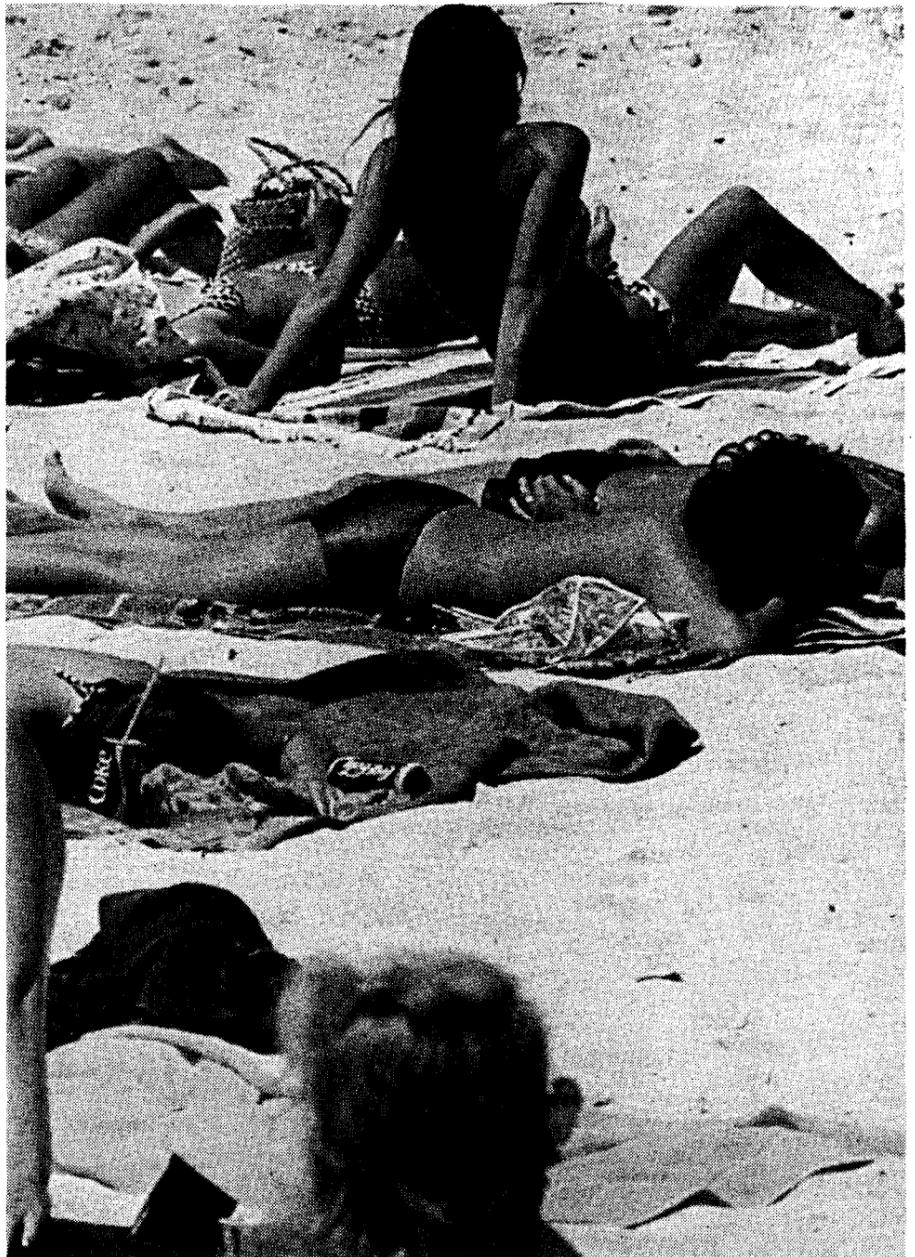
With fall approaching, conversations will be turning to football. Varsity fans shouldn't overlook local high school games, either. Remember, there are always cheerleaders, majorettes or the girl selling popcorn.

Books

One Missile Command soldier met his girl at a local bookstore. These places are particularly crowded on Sunday afternoons.

Girl Watchers

Whatever the interest, soldiers take heart and look around. The girls are here.



AGORA Offers Gathering Spot

To the Greeks it was the marketplace, a place to assemble.

To young people in Huntsville, it is a gathering spot also—to play guitars, read, talk with friends.

AGORA, located at 4206 Oakwood Ave., N.W., opens its doors every night of the week except Sunday.

Private First Class Leslie C. Vickery, Jr., and instructor in the HAWK CW Branch at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, talked about his experience with AGORA.

"It's made the big difference for me in Huntsville. I thought this town was going to be a dull place to live until I made so many friends through AGORA."

Hailing from San Francisco,

Vickery says it is often very hard for soldiers living on-post to meet young people who live in town.

"It's really a problem if you don't have a car. Since there's no public transportation system here, a soldier's pretty well stuck."

Through AGORA, Vickery says he has met people who have introduced him to other activities in Huntsville.

The AGORA building is equipped with card tables, pool and ping pong tables and a computer hockey game for recreation. A dreading room is stocked with books and magazines for quieter moments. There is also a snack bar and lounge for just sitting and talking.

A schedule of activities has been set up for weekdays. Guest

speakers alternate between Monday and Tuesday evenings to present talks on various topics in the lecture series.

Wednesday night is bridge night and Thursday evening finds AGORA stocked full of musicians. They come with guitars, accordians or you name it. Private Vickery particularly likes this session because he plays the violin.

"Even if a person doesn't play an instrument, he can still come and listen," he said.

Friday and Saturday evenings are the big social nights at AGORA. Hours are from 7:30-12 p.m.

Weekdays the building is usually open from 7:30-11 p.m.

The AGORA population is

composed of about 75 percent civilians and about 25 percent military, with males and females fairly well balanced.

There is a small admission fee of 25 cents at the door and the minimum age limit is 18 years.

AGORA funds are raised from benefits and private donations. The organization recently sponsored a rock concert with no admission fee. The expenses were paid with individual donations.

"My first impression of Huntsville was that there wasn't anything to do here," said Vickery, "but through AGORA I've found there's just about anything you could want, if you'll just look for it."



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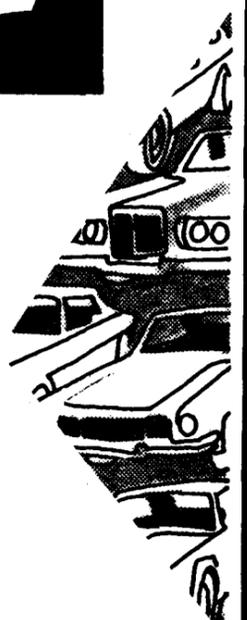
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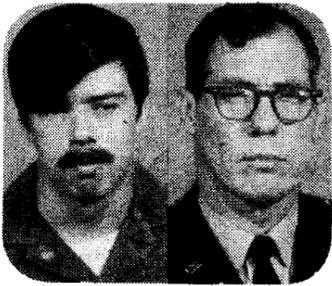
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ARRIVALS

SP4 Glynn G. Lansford of Orlando, Fla. recently arrived for duty as a pulse radarman in the Maintenance division, Office of Logistics. Lansford is returning to RSA from Germany after a two-year absence.

He graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Germany and worked as a grocery clerk for a food store chain before joining the Army in 1971.

Lansford enlisted for Redstone under the guaranteed Training/Station of Choice/Unit of Choice program. Lansford, 22, is assigned to Company A.

SSG Robert K. Raunich, 34, recently arrived at MMCS for his first tour here. He is assigned to Company B. with duty as an instructor in the Electronics division. Raunich's home is Chicago, where he attended Tilden Tech High School. He has also attended the University of Maryland in Korea and Germany.

SFC George S. VanDeWater, originally from Tannersville, Pa. now calls Huntsville his home, and he has been recently assigned to Company C with duties as a senior instructor in the Career Development department. He graduated from Pocono High School before entering the Marine Corps in 1952 for four years.

VanDeWater joined the Army in 1956 and has attended various colleges throughout his Army career.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

PFC MIKE CARTER

He served his first tour at RSA in 1963 as an MP and was later a MMCS student in the HAWK maintenance course.

WO2 Joe D. Carney starts his first tour here as an ammunition technician in Combat and Training Development. Carney is from Maxine, Ala., and has served three tours in Vietnam, receiving the Bronze Star. Additionally, he has had tours in Korea and France before being assigned to MMCS.

Prior to joining the Army in 1955 Carney was graduated from West Jefferson High School in Jefferson County, Ala. He applied for an appointment warrant officer in Vietnam and received it in May of 1969.

PFC Dennis E. Mott, who enlisted under the Guaranteed Training/Station of Choice/Unit of Choice program, with RSA as his choice. He recently graduated from the Nike repair course and has been assigned to Company A with duty in the Maintenance division. Mott hails from Hysam, Montana, where he graduated from high school in 1973 and entered the Army.

The 19-year-old soldier is a member of the U. S. Chess Federation.

LTC Earl W. Waldrop has taken over as chief of the Doctrine and Training Literature branch. His first tour at RSA in 1958 was with MICOM. Waldrop served in Vietnam receiving the

Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

He is from Jacksonville, Ala., and graduated from Anniston High School. Waldrop attended Jacksonville State University, earning a BS degree in chemistry and a U. S. Army commission in 1966. He also holds a MC in engineering from the University of Alabama.

BATTALION SOM

PFC Rickey H. Humphries was recently selected soldier of the month for the First Battalion of School Brigade. He will now compete for RSA Post Soldier of the Month.

Humphries entered the Army in March 1973 and is assigned to Company C with duty as an instructor in the HAWK continuous wave radar course.



HUMPHRIES VANDEWATER

COFFEE HOUSE

Talent is the keynote of next Wednesday's Coffee House at the Recreation Center.

The Center's August Coffee House, in the main lounge comes alive at eight with warmth and hospitality for the service men, women, and their guests.

**Variety Show
On Center Stage**

A variety stage show takes over the Recreation Center stage on Sunday for the evening pleasure of Redstone enlisted personnel, their families and friends.

Featured will be the dance, song, and comedy team of Donna and Kip Kalmar.

This versatile comedy duo has just returned from a tour of South America, and is presently making a swing through the Southeast.

Enlisted personnel are welcome to bring guests for the show, which starts promptly at eight.

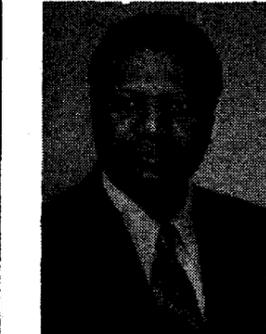
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Point System Adopted For Alabama Hunters

MONTGOMERY—Alabama duck hunters will operate under the federally-approved "point" system this year according to an announcement this week by the State Division of Fish & Game.

State Officials explained they adopted the point system—one in which a specific number of points is assigned to ducks by sex and species—in return for an additional eight hunting days in the 1974-75 season.

The season will open December 4 and continue through January 20. In a sharp departure from the practice of the last decade, starting time on opening day will be noon, local time. Legal shooting time for all other days of the season will be one half hour before sunrise. Closing time each day is local sunset.

A special season for early migrating teal only will be held from September 21 through September 29 with shooting hours each day from sunrise to sunset. Four teal will be the daily bag limit.

The federal point system has been in use elsewhere for several years, but until now Alabama has stuck to the more traditional daily bag limit set by total birds killed.

Under the point system, experienced hunters who can identify ducks in flight by sex and species have the opportunity to take more birds. It works like this:

Canvasbacks and redheads, both sexes, are 100 point ducks.

Hen mallards, wood ducks, black ducks and hooded mergansers count 90 points each.

Drake mallards, ring necks and mottled ducks are 35 point ducks.

All others, included widgeon, pintails, scaup and gadwass, all numerous in the Tennessee Valley, count 15 points a bird.

Shooting stops when the gunner has ducks totalling 100 points in hand, or more specifically, the law says:

"The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken added to the sum of point values of other birds already taken during that day reaches or

exceeds 100 points."

State officials explained that a hunter with say, a drake mallard already in hand, could then shoot a hen mallard, for a total of 125 points, but that would be it for the day.

On the other hand, picking his ducks with care, an experienced gunner could kill seven birds if his limit included only 15 point ducks such as scaup, teal, widgeon and gadwalls.

Another change is a reduction this season of the daily goose limit from two Canadas to a single honker. Goose season opens November 12 and continues through January 20, except on Wheeler, Wilson and Pickwick reservoirs in the area west of Highway 31. In that area only, goose hunting will not be permitted until the opening day of the duck season, December 4.



NEW WINGS—Chaplain (COL) William I. Wetzel received his eagles last week in a promotion ceremony presided over by Major General Vincent H. Ellis and Colonel Gene M. Little. Wetzel takes over as Staff Chaplain on August 31 when Little retires.

Matero, Fannin Share Honors

Tony Matero of the Putt-In-Ons carded a 78 Saturday at Twin Lakes Golf Club in Arab to take low scratch score in the MMCS Golf League post season tournament.

Don Fannin of the Marines netted a 64 to grab the handicap prize. Seybourne Garner and John Miller turned in 65's to share second place.

Jim Rasbury took proximity honors on the 168-yard second hole when he drilled his tee shot to within eight feet of the cup. Rsbury was also closest on the 155-yard number 16.

Joe George eased his iron off the tee of the 140-yard number four to within 18 inches of the flag.

Apparently nobody reached the green on the 190-yard tenth.

Prizes for winners and consolation awards will be presented at the league banquet at the officers Open Mess.

Officers for the next season

and the recipient of the Robert H. Blessing Memorial award will be announced later.

Briefing For Hunters

The Post Game Warden has scheduled four sessions for the mandatory firearms orientation with each person planning to hunt on the Arsenal this fall obligated to attend one.

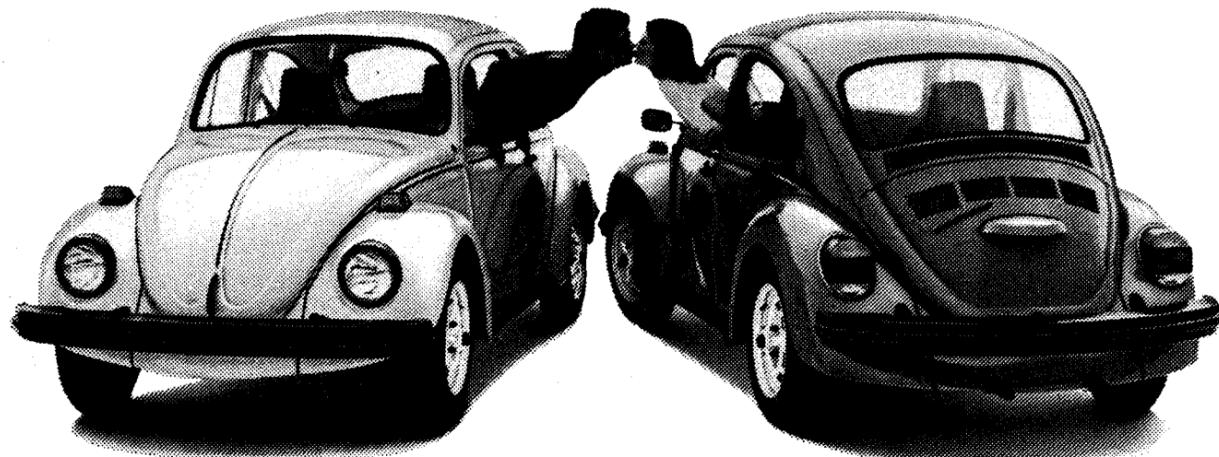
In releasing the briefing schedule, SFC Robert Richards, Chief Deputy Game Warden, said the sessions will be held Saturday, September 7 and 28, Sunday, September 15, and Sunday, October 6. All sessions at the Rod and Gun Club will begin at 1 p.m.

The two-hour briefings will cover hunting safety and an orientation of Arsenal hunting regulations.



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CWF-MARS Slo-Pitch Playoff Underway

Slo-pitch softball may be a hitters game to most fans but a couple of strong armed righthanders hold the key to the Army hopes in the all-Arsenal playoffs now underway.

The season-ending double elimination tournament opened on Monday evening with the top four Civilian Welfare Fund teams testing the best four of the Marshall Center league. Another four games are on tap for tonight with the semi-final contest tomorrow evening and the championship game on Friday.

Games are divided between the CWF diamonds at the Civilian Recreation Area and the MARS fields on Martin Road, just west of Rideout.

Last year Lindon Calvert pitched Materiel Management to the post title with another Ar-

my entrant, MISD, relegated to the runner up status, both in regular season play and in post season playoffs.

The two rivals are in the field again this time around but in reversed order with ace pitcher Bruce Coker in a starring role.

The other two Army entrants are the Interns and GEM.

Coker compiled a perfect 19-0 slate as MISD raced through an unbeaten regular season doling out three of the four setbacks suffered by Calvert and his MM mates.

An all-around player, the MISD ace was voted

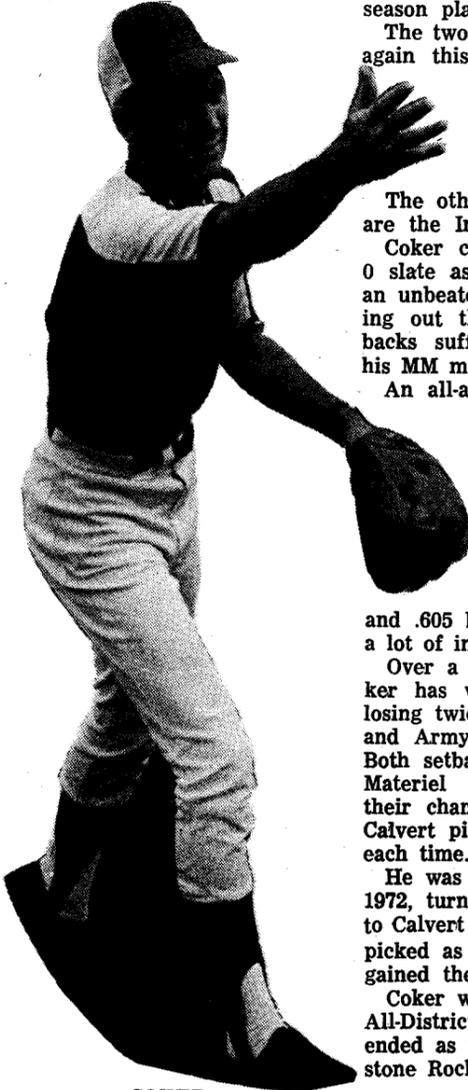
Most Valuable Player honors by the opposing managers with his brilliant fielding, skillful base running

and .605 batting average having a lot of influence on the choice.

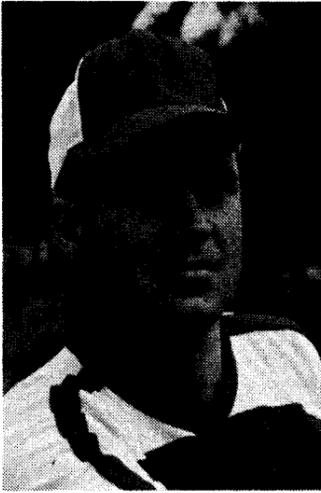
Over a three year period Coker has won 47 games while losing twice in regular season and Army-NASA playoff action. Both setbacks were issued by Materiel Management during their championship season with Calvert picking up the decision each time.

He was the all-star pitcher in 1972, turned the accolade over to Calvert last year while he was picked as an outfielder, and regained the title this season.

Coker was also picked on the All-District team when MISD ended as runnerup to the Redstone Rockets. His battery mate,



COKER



CALVERT

Big John Roberts, was named MVP in the district meet.

Off season long performances and barring an unexpectedly strong Marshall entry, it appears as though Coker has smooth sailing in his bid to square accounts with Calvert.

Each has outstanding defensive support but the MISD attack is devastating with home run twins, Roberts and Russ Ward, leading the way.

The power-packed league champs have averaged better than two round trippers per contest throughout the year while Materiel Management has had to rely on their defensive prowess in winning.

Bassmasters

A relatively new BASS Club was formed early this year for Redstone personnel both military and civilian.

The RSA Bassmasters are affiliated with the Alabama Chapter Federation of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and the RSA Rod and Gun Club, which maintains a small tackle facility available to members.

Fish-offs are held the second

Saturday of each month, within a hundred mile radius of Huntsville. Meetings are held on the Thursday before the fish-offs, at the Rod and Gun Club. Fishing films are shown frequently at the meetings.

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The program is sponsored by the Army Community Service Center volunteers who hope that next summer they will have swimming classes conducted by trained instructors.

One young boy who was afraid to get into the water at the beginning of the summer, is now diving even though both of his legs are paralyzed.

Mrs. Robert Sikorski commented on the program. "This year the schedule was for daily supervised swimming for a two week period. We have high hopes that the success of the program will initiate more interest for an expanded program next summer."



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MMCS Wives Set September Meeting

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The informal coffee at 9:30 will provide members a chance to hear and discuss suggestions for activities to undertake at future meetings.

Reservations are available through Ann Murray (AL) at 881-6984, or Betty Willis (M-Z) at 837-4497 before noon, September 3.

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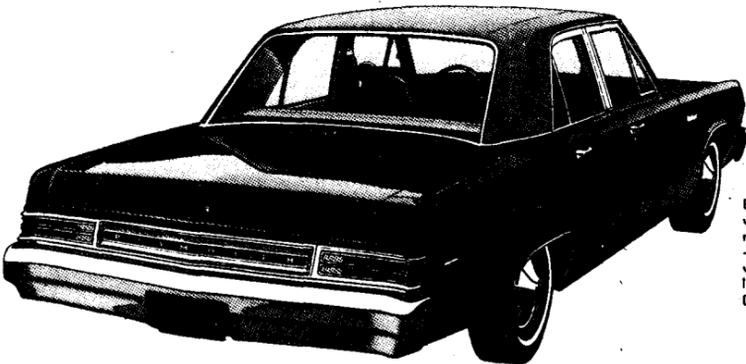
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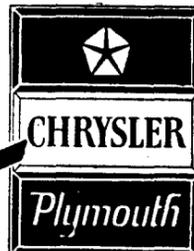


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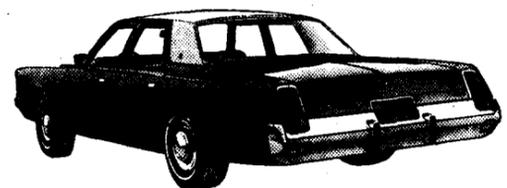


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