

If you are planning on working at Redstone Friday you had better bring a lunch along with you.

All food services of Interstate United on the arsenal will be closed, according to Charles Richards, the post restaurant officer.

Normal food services will be resumed Monday, he said.

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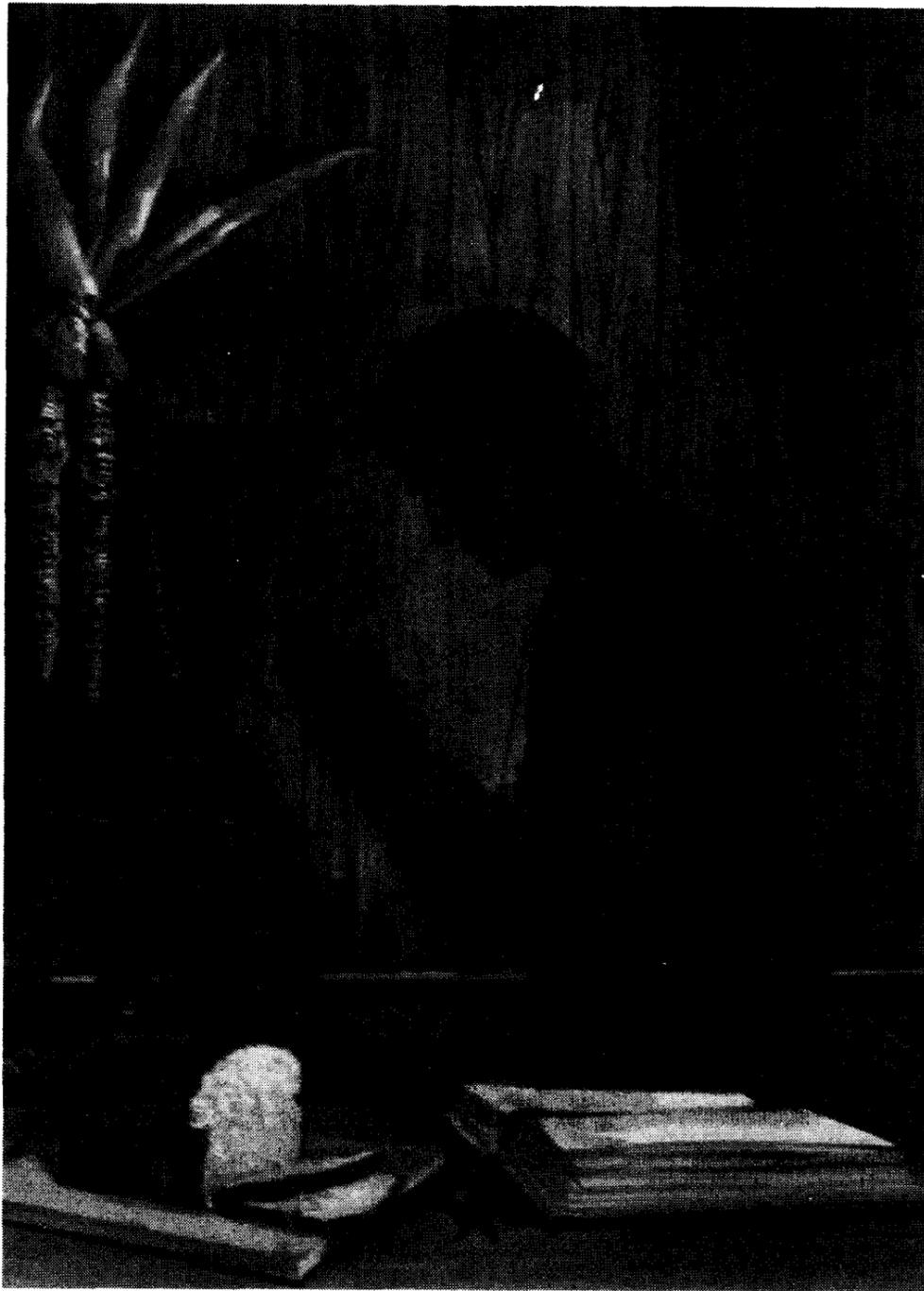
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Reflections . . .



Then and Now

by Sheila Hamrick

The worn pages of the little book held forth the story of the Pilgrims that somehow seems new each time retold. Mingled with memories of recent days, the plight of those early settlers seems strangely linked with present times.

Setting foot upon this new land, the Pilgrims faced a future of uncertainty, knowing only that their survival would depend upon their ability to make do with what they had at hand.

The vastly multiplied population of America today faces that same kind of future and the question is still, "Can we manage with what we have?" To many less fortunate nations of the world the answer would surely be an emphatic, "of course"

Winter came to Massachusetts in 1620, as one of the longest and coldest the settlers had known. Many perished. But the strong survived and they turned to the abundant forests that endowed them with warm houses for the years to come.

Scientists warn that this and subsequent winters will bring even more bitter chills. This, coupled with the mounting reports of shortages and cutbacks have given the word "conservation" a household ring.

Starvation was a hostile reality to the Pilgrims who planted seeds, then stood guard over them at night, fearing the hungry wolves in search of fish buried as fertilizer.

Today, the world food crisis strips off the wolves' clothing to uncover the hunger ridden bodies of men, women and children. They too would gladly dig for that buried fish.

Thankfully, here in America, that shocking impact is still at the stage of a grocery store cash register that rings out clearly the height of skyrocketing food prices.

In the midst of their hardships, however, the Pilgrims found Massasoit, the great Indian chief with whom they made friends along with a peace that lasted 50 years.

This country comes upon Thanksgiving Day resting in the reassurance that we are once again at peace with the world and striving to rebuild what blocks have crumbled within.

The idea of giving thanks is neither new nor peculiarly American. But, very few countries observe national days of thanksgiving. The first in this country, proclaimed by President George Washington in 1789, followed another great crisis in American history, the War for Independence and the struggle for union among 13 independent and semihostile states.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving Day. Years later, in 1941, Congress, by a joint resolution, approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, provided that the official national observance should henceforth always be on the fourth Thursday in November.

Tomorrow, as Americans everywhere review the blessings of the past year, may we not forget to give thanks for the warmth of our homes, even though perhaps reduced; for the food that we eat, even if it's cost is up; and for the tide of war that is at its ebb. And, thanks too, for the Pilgrims' perseverance that is surely still within us.

Natural Gas Supply Down To Ten Per Cent

Natural gas curtailments in a region running from South Texas to New England will be in effect for a year, according to Tenneco, a major pipeline firm.

George Jackson, Public Information Director for Tenneco, said an average 5.3 per cent curtailment will be in effect until October of next year throughout the Tenneco service area, which includes the Tennessee Valley.

While the system-wide curtailment is 5.3 per cent, the Huntsville area is sustaining one of 35 per cent because of the large number of area customers on interruptable contracts.

Cutting off all gas to interruptable customers is a principal means of obtaining the 5.3 system-wide reduction, said Clyde Harris, Engineering Superintendent at Huntsville Utilities, which buys Tenneco gas through another distributor.

The upshot is that Redstone — on an interruptable contract — will get December through March only about 10 per cent of the gas it could use. There are no plans to interrupt gas to residences here or elsewhere.

Redstone's primary source of heating this winter will be oil, intended as a backup fuel.

Harris explained that firms with interruptable contracts are known as "off peak" customers and have said in effect, as Harris puts it, "We're willing to install an alternate fuel source and accept interruptions in exchange for lower gas prices."

"Some distributors in the Tennessee Valley are making no cuts at all, since they have no interruptable customers", he said.

Gas service is interrupted according to ten priority classifications established by the Federal Power Commission, he added.

Tenneco's Jackson, in a telephone interview from Tenneco headquarters in Houston, said two factors have forced the pipeline company into a curtailment program, adding that the company is the last in the nation to begin curtailments.

The first factor is delays in bringing new wells into production; the second a shortage of new reserves for Tenneco to purchase.

The problem has its roots in the Gulf of Mexico where much of Tenneco's gas comes from.

According to Jackson, Tenneco had planned that the curtailment last one month, ending November. It was to have replenished low gas supplies in the company's underground storage areas in New York and Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, the effects of Hurricane Agnes which struck the Gulf of Mexico summer before last began to show in gas supplies. Jackson explained that when a Hurricane warning comes offshore rigs shut down production and workers are brought ashore. Thus even if there is no hurricane damage, production is lost for a period, Jackson said — a heavy blow when production and demand are neck to neck.

Distributors were given notice October 25 of the year-long curtailment, Jackson said.



... GAS SHORTAGE ZEROES IN

Mess Now . . . Getting Worse

by Ed Peters

The nation is flirting with "energy suicide" in the view of an official of one of the world's big energy concerns.

That view was voiced by a Tenneco official contacted by the Rocket regarding local natural gas supply problems this winter.

Speaking from Tenneco headquarters in Houston, he cited what he indicated to be a nightmarish assortment of legislative roadblocks and technical and environmental problems facing producers. "The energy business is already in one hell of a mess and it's going to get one hell of a lot worse", the Tenneco spokesman declared. He asked that his name not be used. (Remarks on the natural gas problem by another Tenneco official, George Jackson, Director of Public Information are printed on another page of today's Rocket.)

At the heart of the problem is a lack of incentives for energy producers, the spokesman indicated.

The problem from the consumer angle is that with most forms of energy demand is going up while production decreases, he said. He added that "the number of people wanting gas and not getting it is increasing every year."

Given the present circumstances of pro-

ducers, it's not at all likely that energy stability will be restored within the next five years, he said.

Noting that the impact of energy shortages is borne largely by industry at present, the Tenneco spokesman charged that "the American public and Congress have ignored producers in their attempt to get across the seriousness of this problem."

"It looks like the situation's not going to get any better until the day comes when Harry Homeowner can no longer get lights and heat", he concluded.

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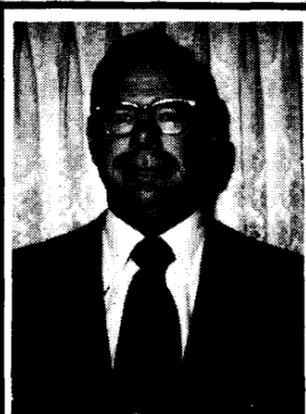
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Lull Before The Storm?

From the standpoint of conservation, October was a good month.

December, however, will be a crucible.

According to Jim Still, energy coordinator at Facilities Engineer, Redstone's electricity consumption dropped just over 20 per cent last month compared to October the year before.

This is significant, still noted, in view of the fact that TVA's 20 per cent cutback request didn't come until October 1, and Redstone's conservation push didn't get underway in earnest until mid-month.

With possibly one or two exceptions, all of the approximately 80 customers that Redstone bills for electricity have reduced their consumption. A couple have shown a slight increase but this may result from recent changes in their metering systems.

Among those achieving good reductions are RASA, MSFC, MRDEL and, significantly, Family Housing. The latter is significant in that no mandatory controls have been applied there—every watt saved has been through individual effort.

As mandatory controls on electricity continue, no problem is seen in scoring another 20 per cent reduction for November. But sustaining it through December will be a severe test. Still explained:

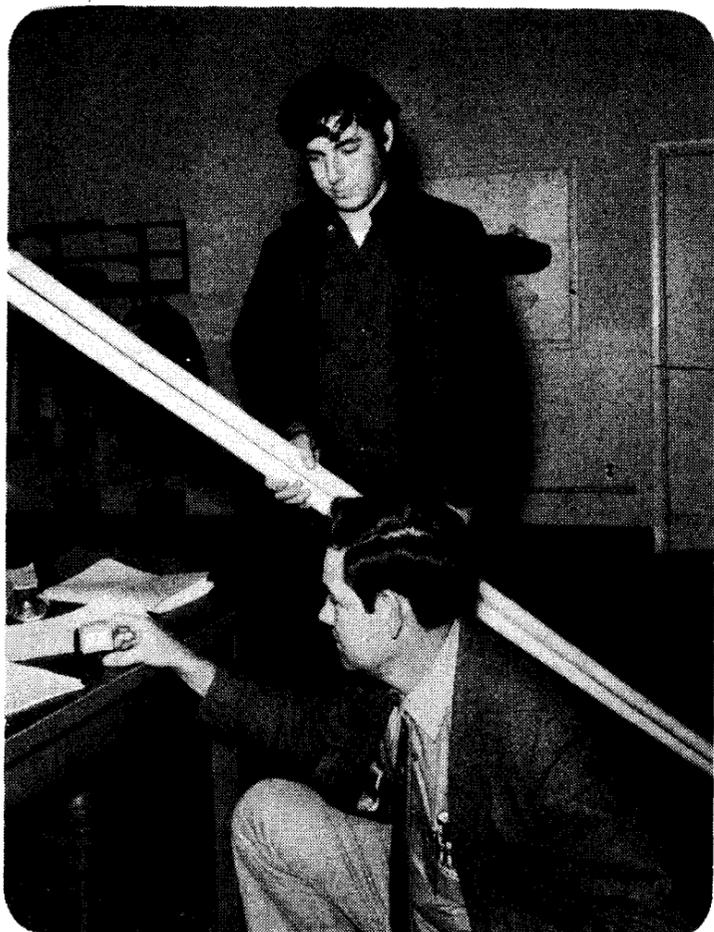
"We're getting 20 per cent right

now but we're comparing it to our glad-happy days last October and November when we had all the electricity we wanted."

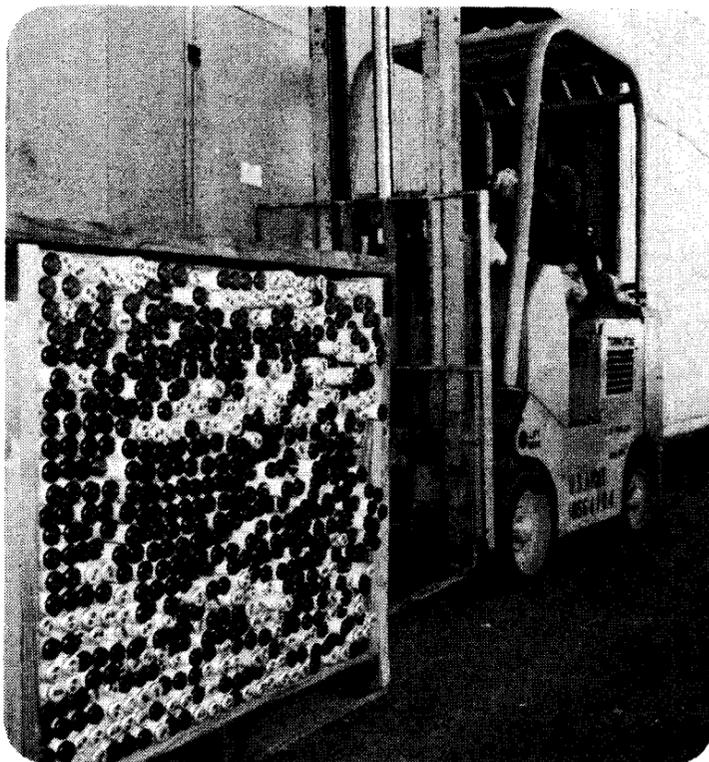
But then last December a get-tough program hauled that month's electricity use down 23.7 per cent compared to December 1972. Thus getting 20 per cent next month will equate to nearly 45 per cent less electricity than was used in the same period two years ago. It's going to be a dark Christmas.

Meanwhile, custodial workers are working day and night to reduce the lighting load. "By the end of this week we hope to have eliminated 50 per cent of the lighting in every building here," said Marvin Salmon, custodial contract inspector at Facilities Engineer.

Salmon said the custodians and their contractor have "really been a help to us in this emergency. They've cooperated 100 per cent."



LIGHT CHECK—Facilities Engineer's Will Alexander meters the light level in a work area as Ricky Abenathy, a custodian, looks on. By week's end the custodians will have removed 50 per cent of the lights in almost every building on post.



STOWING 'EM AWAY—Flourescent tubes by the thousands are being stored in warehouses as custodians work day and night reducing the light level in Redstone buildings.

Letters To Editor

Editor:

After requesting a Christmas leave while assigned to MMCS, I was informed that I must have my car safety inspected before my leave would be approved. How this command gets away with this policy I'll never know.

With as many "junkers" as there are running around RSA, it would

seem to me that if the school really cared about the safety of the personnel assigned here that they would have a mandatory safety inspection at least once a year.

All they seem to be doing now is harassing the troops with another "Look at us—we care" campaign for a brief three-week period. After all, there are 52 weeks in a year.

SP4 Frank Harris

A special Thanksgiving Day ecumenical service will be held tomorrow morning at ten, in the Post Chapel. Guest minister will be Chaplain James Murphy from the Chief of Chaplains Office, Department of the Army.

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Frankford Arsenal Closes—

Missile Command Avoids Cut

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense Friday announced base closings and realignments that will eliminate 11,500 federal jobs over a three-year period.

Although there was no adverse impact on Redstone Arsenal or the Army commands at Redstone or in Huntsville, 7,300 of the civilian federal jobs to be cut are within elements of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC). Others will come mainly from three major Air Force installations, one of which is to be closed.

The impact within the Army fell on AMC, specifically on Frankford Arsenal in Philadelphia and many of the AMC depots. AMC's depot system will undergo major realignment within the next two years. Frankford Arsenal will be closed by the end of FY77.

Army installations impacted directly by Friday's announcement include:

—Frankford Arsenal, close, lose 3,494 civilian spaces and 41 military. Transfer essential functions to other AMC organizations. Estimate 1,400 jobs involved in transfer of function, Lay off 2,000.

—Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot, phase down to depot activity, transfer electronics and communications maintenance functions to Tobyhanna and Sacramento Army Depots, lose 2,217 civilian jobs and 30 military, transfer 641 civilians with functions, lay off 1,576.

—Pueblo Army Depot, phase down to depot activity, transfer missile maintenance, except Pershing, to Letterkenny Army Depot, lose 1,620 civilian jobs and 32 military, transfer 217 civilian jobs with functions, lay off 1,400.

—Sharpe Army Depot, transfer maintenance functions to other depots, lose 883 civilian jobs and 22 military, transfer 19 civilian jobs, lay off 864.

—Savanna Army Depot, phase down to depot activity, transfer maintenance functions elsewhere within AMC, eliminate 244 civilian jobs and 207 military, transfer 30 civilian jobs, lay off 214.

—Tooele Army Depot, lose 171 civilian jobs.

—Sacramento Army Depot, lose 170 civilian jobs, transfer 30 civilian jobs, lay off 140.

—Anniston Army Depot, lose 248 civilian jobs, transfer 205 civilian jobs, lay off 43.

—Letterkenny Army Depot, lose 117 civilian jobs, transfer 50, lay off 67.

—New Cumberland Army Depot, gain 465 civilian jobs.

—Red River Army Depot, gain 276 civilian jobs.

—Tobyhanna Army Depot, gain 423 civilian jobs.

Friday's announcement triggered a realignment of the AMC depot system which means consolidating maintenance functions at some installations, making others into dedicated supply and

distribution center s. Sharpe Army Depot will have that role on the west coast, New Cumberland on the east coast and Red River will serve the central regions of the United States.

Many of the 1,400 civilian jobs to be shifted away from Frankford will be moved to the Araments Development Center AMC intends to establish. Just where the center will be sited, the Army has yet to reveal, but Pennsylvania congressmen protesting the closure of Frankford were told the Arsenal in Philadelphia was the least cost effective of the sites under study for the Armaments Development Center.

Besides the outright closure of Ellington Air Force Base near Houston, the Air Force Base near Houston, the Air Force revealed reductions of at least 1,000 civilian jobs at two other locations: Griffis AFB at Rome, N.Y., and Richards-Gebaur AFB near Kansas City, Mo.

The Defense Supply agency had several activities involved in the action. Most underwent some reduction in civilian manning.

The base closings and reductions, first announced by DOD since April 1973, were described by Pentagon spokesmen as "designed to divert resources from support and overhead activities to combat capacity and to realign defense activities in line with today's lower force levels."

Reductions and changes in AMC, the Pentagon said, would make available an additional \$115 million annually which can be applied to higher priority needs.

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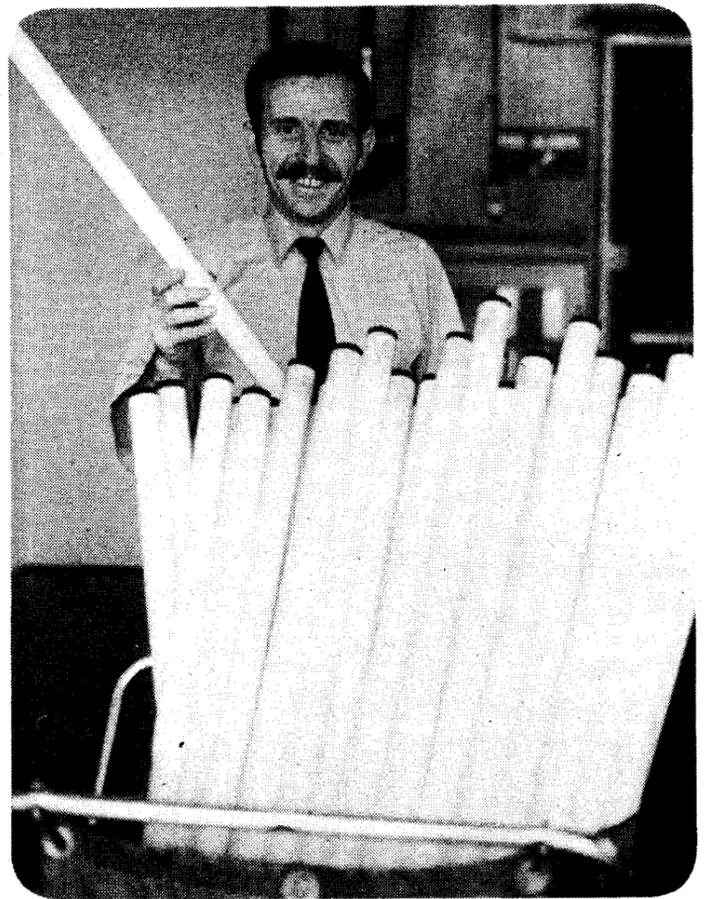
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CFW Ends . . . Just Short Of \$600,000

Only the final accounting remains of the greatest fund raising effort in local Combined Federal Campaign annals.

"Almost \$600,000 will be going to support the work of a great number very worthwhile programs during the coming year," Abner McNaron exclaimed last week after receiving the final unofficial status report.

The Area CFC coordinator said that a few funds are still trickling in with the final official tabulation expected sometime around the first of the year.

The report that Finance Chairman Gene Sisson delivered to McNaron last week indicated cash donations and payroll deduction pledges totaled \$588,759 with 16,734 participants joining in the annual drive.

Eighteen Federal agencies in the Huntsville area along with the employees of the Thiokol Corp. and the Redstone Federal Credit Union contributed to the campaign.

Their gifts will be distributed in accordance with the individual donor's desire to local social service agencies, national health agencies and international service agencies.

Despite a decrease of almost a thousand in the number of personnel assigned, the total contribution was up in excess of \$12,000 with the average gift increasing almost two dollars to \$35.18.

Contributions in the Missile Command were up by \$21,000 to \$245,844 with the rate of participation reaching 98.1 per cent.

The Marshall Center was second high in total amount and in the average gift. Despite a decrease of almost 700 in personnel assigned, the 3,985 Marshall participants pledged an average of \$46.94 boosting the overall total to \$188,075.

The largest average gift by a wide margin was turned in by the employees of Thiokol. The 727-man force at Thiokol pledged \$54,333 to the annual drive with the 672 participants averaging \$80.87 per gift.

The Ballistic Missile Defense

System Command was close behind Marshall in the average gift column at \$45.16 and was one of eight agencies to attain 100 per cent in participation.

Others in the perfect category were the Army Engineer Division, Huntsville, the Army Readiness Group, Defense Contract Administration Services, Defense Advanced Technology Center, the Social Security Administration, the General Accounting Office and the Federal Housing Administration.

German Chaplains Conduct Services

German military chaplains will be in Huntsville to conduct German language religious services at seven, Tuesday evening.

Protestant and Catholic services will be open to the public.

Chaplain Kunhardt von Schmidt will conduct the Lutheran service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 200 Longwood Dr.

Chaplain Franz Friedel will celebrate a German language Catholic mass at the Redstone Arsenal chapel.

Both chaplains are based in Washington, and attend to the spiritual needs of German armed forces personnel stationed throughout the U.S.

Letters

To the editor:

I would like to know whether Redstone's paper recycling program is profitable. I personally think the program is very good and not enough emphasis is placed on it.

I work in Bldg. 5681 where the trial program is in operation. Everyday, our office empties waste paper into the specified receptacles; on some days there is almost nothing in the cans as though our office is the only one participating. Maybe if more publicity was given to the recycling program and the benefits were discussed, more people would participate in the program.

Emily Dykes



Another plug for conservation.

Got A Truck Or Saw?

Local VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) workers are seeking the help of area residents willing to support a fund-raising project for low-income rural families.

The workers will be cutting and clearing timber donated for the project. Proceeds raised from selling the wood will be used in the establishment of a food-producing cooperative.

C.L. Langley, project director, discussing the plight of the workers, said, "The timber must be cleared from the land within the next couple of weeks or it will be burned. We could use the help of anyone willing to give a few hours of his time, perhaps on a Saturday or Sunday."

He also added that anyone having trucks, chain saws or other cutting tools is asked to call 534-5689.

Miley Sets Retirement

General Henry A. Miley, Jr., Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command since November 1970, has announced plans to retire early next year.

Prior to commanding the Army's major materiel organization he was deputy commander for 18 months, coming to the job after three years as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Department of the Army.

Miley had two other assignments in AMC Headquarters, deputy director and director of procurement and production from April 1963 until August of 1966.

Rock—Pop—Country

Norma and her band, will appear in an hour long concert at the Recreation Center Sunday evening. The group performs rock, modern-pop and country and western music in a uniquely flamboyant style.

The performance starts at eight. Military personnel and guests are encouraged to attend.

Academy, he will be concluding a military career of almost 35 years during which he progressed steadily in assignments of increasing importance at various military installations in the United States and overseas.



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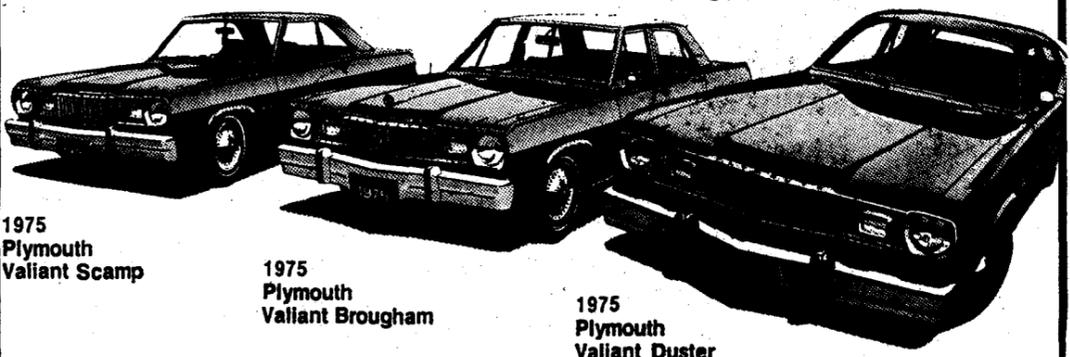


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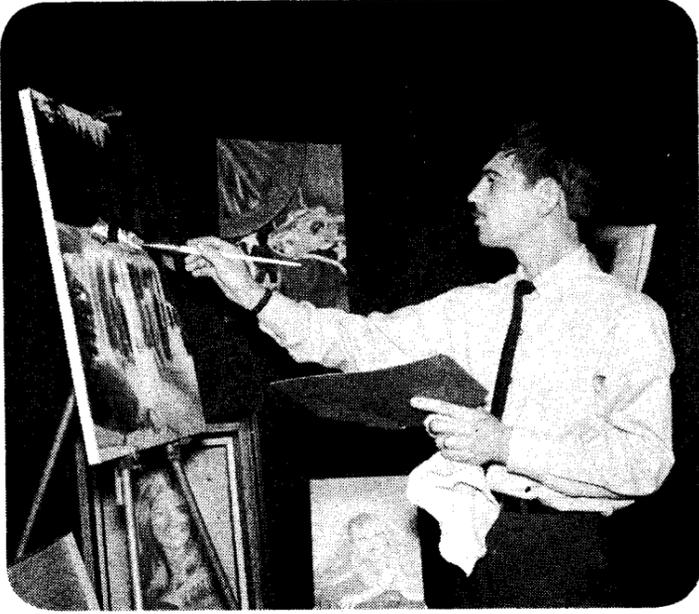
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THE FINISHING TOUCH . . . Sp4 John Benson

Soldier Finds Own Answer With Aid Of Paint, Brush

John Benson walked away from high school after his sophomore year and asked, What next? For an answer, he turned to the Army. That first step away from the security of homelife was even bigger than he'd expected when he found himself sitting in a barracks in Alaska. The native of Massachusetts only thought he was used to cold winters. Additionally, he only thought he was walking away from his education. In the Army, the young soldier began to realize the importance of a high school diploma. With the help of military advisors he completed requirements and passed the General Educational Development Tests (G.E.D.). Military life transported the

Massachusetts teenager from high school football games to a job with responsibilities, and in the process, to Redstone Arsenal. It was here that he met and married his wife, Barbara. The couple have an infant daughter. "I suddenly realized that I had a future to plan for and the opportunities were right at hand," he said. Now a Specialist 4 assigned to the 95th Service Company Calibration, Benson has renewed his childhood interest in art and enrolled in a painting class at John C. Calhoun Community College. "The Army helped me plan a new course for my life and with my eye on art, I no longer wonder, 'what next.'"

Hellfire Tests Ripple Concept

Army Missile Command gunners fired two laser missiles almost simultaneously and hit two tanks at Redstone Arsenal Friday marking the first successful ripple fire demonstration of the Army's new Hellfire weapon system.

The missiles were launched from a helicopter. One tank was illuminated by an airborne helicopter and the second tank by a ground designator.

Both missiles hit the tanks, located approximately 60 feet apart. The missiles were "coded" to home on their respective targets.

All test objectives were accomplished, said Colonel John B. Hanby, Hellfire Project Manager, who called the demonstration " . . . a major step forward in Hellfire development."

"We've now hurdled two major test barriers successfully — rapid and ripple-fire — and passed both with flying colors," Hanby said.

During the rapid fire demonstration held at Redstone two weeks ago, the Army's Cobra gunship launched two missiles eight seconds apart and both scored direct hits, using only one laser designator.

On Friday, to demonstrate Hellfire's "quick kill" potential, the Cobra launched two missiles only a split second apart and two designators were used to illuminate the tanks, one located on the ground and the other on an airborne helicopter.

Both designators were located at their maximum design range from the tanks.

The helicopter gunner was Jim Knobloch of MICOM's Guidance and Control Directorate. George Sumner manned the airborne designator and Harold Yeager the ground designator, both of MICOM's Test and Evaluation Directorate.

MICOM test engineers for Hellfire are Terry Farris of the T&E Directorate and Lester Ross of the G&C Directorate.

Hellfire, being developed for air launch from attack helicopters, will provide the Army with a family of terminal homing seeker modules and a common airframe to engage a variety of tank and hardpoint targets. It's the first anti-tank weapon designed especially for helicopter launch.

Rockwell International provided the Hornet missiles and laser seekers used in the test, Hughes Aircraft Co. developed the ground laser designator, and Northrop Corp. the airborne designator.

Missing Parts, Cash Returned

The suspicious package in the morning mail bore no return address and was addressed to USAOGMS, the acronym for the Missile and Munitions School's old name—a name that was changed over ten years ago.

School officials carefully examined then opened the small parcel. Inside, they found two common electrical connectors with parts missing, five dollars in cash and a neatly typed note, unsigned.

The note read: "These came from the school, probably Nike, more than 10 years ago. Some parts are lost: thus the cash. The Lord Jesus has laid it on my heart that they ought to be returned."

The box that held the materials once contained Biblical greeting cards. Pages from the Los Angeles Times served as packing material.

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Foulest Of Fowl Destined For Oven

By William Hayes

The turkeys deserve to die. Each and every one that graces a table this Thanksgiving had it coming.

That's the feeling of one Redstone Arsenal employee whose farm childhood included dealing with the foulest of the fowl, and it's an opinion likely shared by anyone familiar with real, live turkeys.

There are a number of reasons for such low opinions of the big birds and few causes for admiring the feathery beasts. Though as food turkeys are relatively efficient birds (you get more meat per pound of grain than any other farm stock), they remain

chronically underemployed while alive. There's simply nothing for them to do. For the lack of constructive activity, they become delinquent.

They may race aimlessly about the fowl yard, tripping over one another, ramming into fences or upsetting their food and water.

Stories of big gobblers chasing farmers' children are commonplace. More than one child raised near the birds remembers a berserk Tom turkey attacking, wings flapping, with a warbling shrieking war cry.

Big turkeys use their wings, beaks and feet to inflict injury on

human intruders.

The birds, in addition to being bad-tempered, are notoriously unsanitary. They commonly mess up their own food and water despite ample room for such activity in remote corners of the lot. The farmer must change their food and water frequently, yet turkeys show no thanks for this.

And the droppings are bad fertilizer. Without thorough composting, they will burn out the crop they were meant to nourish.

Turkeys also are incredibly stupid. They forget where their food supply is from one day to the

next and if they re-discover their grain by stumbling across it, they'll examine it as if it were something new and foreign.

Small wonder that many youngsters leave the turkey farm at the first opportunity. Some have even been known to leave the country, putting as much distance as possible between themselves and the great North American bird.

There is practically nothing favorable to say about gobblers—except that they taste good. For all their faults and their single virtue, the turkeys deserve to die.

They all had it coming.

Hunters Bag 25 For Openers

Hunters took 25 buck deer in Redstone's first two firearms hunts this season and will be looking to up that total tomorrow and against this weekend.

The Thanksgiving Day hunt will be for military personnel and guests only, but Saturday and Sunday's outings will be for military and civilians on a 50-50 ratio.

This past weekend produced a kill of 13 bucks Saturday and 12 more Sunday. Heaviest deer taken to date was a seven pointer weighing 161 pounds shot November 24.

Again this weekend, portions of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge within the arsenal boundaries will be open for deer hunters afield on permits issued by the Deputy Game Warden.

Today at 5 PM is the deadline for individuals to submit permit applications for the weekend hunts. Hunts will be for bucks only. Individuals may check on the names drawn for hunting permits by consulting lists posted at the game warden's office or at the Rod and Rake Shop by noon Friday.

Arsenal Youths Head For Bowls

Four teams, two from Redstone and two from Madison, will represent the North Central Alabama Pop Warner Football Conference in bowl games this Saturday along the southeastern seaboard.

This is the first year teams from Alabama have participated in the Pop Warner national franchise—a strict competitive football program with rules and regulations developed since 1929.

In the 120-pound Midget division, the league champion Redstone Saints will compete in the Little Pumpkin Bowl at Gastonia, N.C., while the runner-up Madison Colts will play in the Patriot Bowl at Florence S.C.

League champion Madison Rams of the 80-pound Junior Pee Wee division will travel to Columbus, Ga. for the Peanut Bowl.

The Redstone Rams, champs of the 95-pound Pee Wee division, will contend in the Little Pumpkin BOWL AT Gastonia.

The Arsenal Saints and Rams will be coached by Terry Chance and Cipriano Archuleta, while the Madison Rams and Colts will be guided by Brian Coburn and Ken Salisburv.

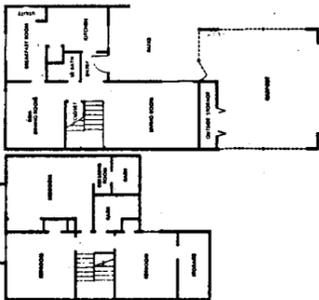


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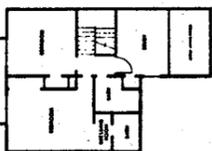
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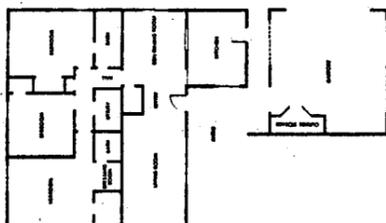
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A two-car accident on post recently involved a drunk driver. While MPs investigated the mishap, another vehicle slammed into one of the wrecked cars.

The third motorist also was intoxicated.

Although these incidents were confined to Redstone, the carelessness which caused them cause highway accidents everywhere.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving and within two weeks — Christmas recess for individuals here.

Again many Redstone personnel, like countless other Americans, will travel the highways on leave and vacation.

The increase in traffic should be met by an increased awareness of safety by RSA motorists.

To push safety, the 291st MP motor pool and the Missile and Munitions Center and School motor pool will conduct auto inspections for individuals prior to the holidays. Civilians employed by the Army may have their cars inspected, too.

It has been announced

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SAFETY FIRST—PFC Jerry L. Wahley checks one of the many automobiles due to be inspected at the Missile and Munitions Center and School motor pool.

that leave for MMCS School Brigade personnel will not be approved until their cars are safety inspected.

The policy is meant to

help lower the number of traffic accidents involving soldiers over the holiday period.

"We are trying to give everyone going on leave a chance to return safely," said Colonel Errol

E. Hayes, MMCS Commandant. "We want them to have a safe Christmas."

Cars will be inspected at the MMCS motor pool (Bldg. 3221), 11:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday through Dec. 18, except for Nov. 27, 28 and 29 and during times of inclement weather.

Leave requests will be approved only after the vehicle owner provides a certificate noting that his vehicle has been inspected and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Mandatory Inspections In 1975
Although safety inspections aren't required by law in Alabama, drivers still must conform to military regulations while driving on a government installation.

"Many drivers forget that under current Army regulations they can be stopped by MPs for driving a malfunctioning vehicle," said Captain Carl R. Fraley, Internal Security Division operation officer.

"No road blocks are used," said Fraley, "but if MPs can detect any visual defects motorists will be pulled over."

"Persons will be presented with a white ticket for violations. They will have three days to correct the situation. Failure to comply could result in the cancellation of post driving privileges," said Fraley.

Franklin D. Chrisman, the division sergeant major, said drivers can perform certain safety checks themselves.

Periodic checks of tire wear and air-pressure, windshield wipers, headlights, signal lights and exhaust system by the conscientious driver can prevent precarious situations, said Chrisman.

"Such items as steering, brakes

and front-end alignment should be checked by a qualified person at least annually. Most persons aren't knowledgeable in these particular areas," he said.

Road Safety Tips

Most persons know how to be safe, but often ignore or forget what they know. Check this list to be sure.

—Plan your route in advance. It helps prevent last minute indecision.

—Call ahead for reservations if a layover is planned during the trip.

—Notify a neighbor of a pending trip and leave a phone number in case of emergency.

—Leave early in the morning and stop before dusk.

—Pull over at rest or parking areas if you're sleepy. Never leave the car running while you rest.

—Carry warning devices, first-aid kits and blankets.

—Check weather conditions ahead that could be applicable in your planned route.

—Keep windows cracked while driving.

—Comply with the 55-mile-per-hour speed limit.

Pre-inspections and conscientious driving will assure a safe trip and a happy return after the holidays.

Top Auditor

Robert H. Crawford has been selected as Outstanding Auditor of 1974 by the U. S. Army Audit Agency.

Crawford is assigned to the Huntsville area office of the Southern District and is serving as President of the Huntsville Chapter, Institute of Internal Auditors.

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Tudor, Air & Automatic, Clean.</p> <p>1968 CHEVY IMPALA
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Gibbs, a logistics management

specialist with the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, is retiring after 34 years government service. He is starting his new career with the same enthusiasm he started with years ago. He retired from the Army as a master sergeant in 1960 and entered civil

service. He managed the Redstone Commissary and for four years the NIKE-X Program Office at Redstone Arsenal.

During the last 10 years he has seen the NIKE-X program develop into the SENTINEL System Command, the SAFEGUARD System Command, and now the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command. Gibbs said: "Being in the program has been a lot like riding an escalator. I have been going up and have seen the command reach each successive milestone of accomplishment with a feeling of pride. Now with my years of service I have reached the level where I get off and I am leaving it to younger personnel."

Gibbs gets sentimental when he talks of his days with BMDSCOM. He served two tours at the Kwajalein Missile Range. As a logistics management specialist he was responsible for monitoring the range logistical support contractor in such areas as special service, hospital, dental, religious, and food service activities. He also served in an appointed capacity as Presiding Judge of the Kwajalein Community Court on his last tour.

During the last few years, Gibbs has been thinking of retirement and getting ready for it. He has purchased rods, reels, lures and everything he needs for fishing. To go with the fishing equipment he bought a 17 foot fishing boat, with a 135 horse power motor with trailer.

Next he purchased a 25 foot travel trailer so he can take his home with him when the family starts fishing for bass in the lakes and streams of Alabama.

His wife, Elyse, and his son, Douglas, like fishing and the whole family enjoys fish fries complete with hush puppies and all the trimmings.

Gibbs described his feelings best when he said, "I am looking forward to a full retirement life, the Good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise."



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Presentations were made by Major General Vincent H. Ellis, MICOM Commander.

Recipients of 30-year pins were: Harry Black and Marietta Graves, Comptroller; James Hartman, James Lewis, Samuel Thornton and William Whitener, Jr., Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; James Kline, Jr., Metrology and Calibration Center.

Warren Livingston and A.J. McNeal, Directorate for Maintenance; Richard Mears, Direc-

torate for Product Assurance; Robert Miles, Directorate for Procurement and Production; Theodore Blake, Directorate for Materiel Management.

Charles Ray, Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory; Wayne Shaull, DRAGON Project Office; and John Wlodarski, TOW Project Office. Sick leave certificates were awarded to:

William Hayes, James Mullins, Albert Whitaker and Richard Tipton, RASA; D.R. Simms, Dir. for P&P; Harry Cook, Systems Analysis Office; Edgar Gamble, Directorate for Personnel Training and Force Development; and Jack Spencer, RD&E Lab.

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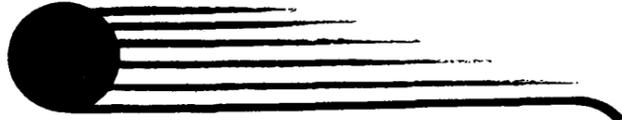
ExASPRators	Won
Strikeouts	58
Black Jacks	58
Bee M's	54
Swingers	48
Redrock Engineers	48
Readiness Group	48
Gimlets	46
Lucky Strikes	44
Widgets	34
Sch. Bde B's	16
Halo's	8

RESULTS

Gimlets 8, Sch. Bde. 0
Swingers 8, Redrock 0
Strikeouts 8, Readiness 0
Black Jacks 8, Bee M's 0
Widgets 6, Lucky Strikes 2
ExASPRators-Halos (postponed)

IND. HONORS

High Series: Molepske, 549; Hertzog, 525;
Gozzalek, 524; Reese, 515; Town, 512.
High Games: Molepske, 210-206; Baer, 205.
High Avg.: Townley, 179.



RESULTS
Team Scratch Series: Bee's Nest, 1945.
Team Series w/t Hdc.: Question Marks, 2402.
Team Scratch Game: Question Marks, 722.
Team Game w/t Hdc.: Question Marks, 890.

IND. HONORS

High Series: (men) Cadwell, 592; Goltz, 570; Barnack, 534; Joyner, 523; Brouse, 519; Arnold, 517; (women) Gillispie, 522; Burke, 500; Stubbs, 493.
High Games: Cadwell, 219; Brouse, 210; Joyner, 205; LaFlamme, 203; Barnack, 202; (women) Stubbs, 211; Hawthorne, 195.

Tuesday Night

STANDINGS

Squires	Won
Retired 1	31
Lucky Strikes	31
Five Aces	26
Camperland	24
MICOM 1	24
Half & Half	23
Home Team	22 1/2
MICOM 11	22
Fat Harry's	21
Calibrators	19 1/2
Tech Escort	18
Company C	12
Marines	11

Friday Mixed

STANDINGS

B.V.'s	Won
Three & One	40
Outhouse Gang	36 1/2
Ham-Macs	36
Bee's Nest	36
Wiener	31
Drifters	29 1/2
Four-Pins	29
Eight Nails	28
Unlucky Four	27 1/2

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Bowling Results

S&M League

STANDINGS

Reba's Enterprises	Pts
Parkway Lanes	35
Pick Ups	30
Clowns	29
Three & Two	28
Strikers	27
Outcasts	21
Misfits	21
Barber-Coleman	16
Interns	15

BOWLER OF THE WEEK

Reba's claimed the BOW honor for the third straight week when Gil Vitale picked up the accolade last week following a two week stand at the top of the heap by Carl Black. Vitale's 620 count enables his mates to stretch their lead to five lengths.

OTHER TOP SCORERS

Buck Wade, 588; Carl Black, 564; Norm Fischer, 549 (222); Tom Reid, 548; Bill Capehart, 546 (226); Jimmy Mason, 547; Hershel Ouzts, 531; Hugh Mauney, 528.

RESULTS

Company C 3, Calibrators 1
Five Aces 3, Fat Harry's 1
Squires 3, Home Team 1
Half & Half 3, Marines 1
MICOM 1 2, Tech Escort 2
MICOM 11 0, Camperland 4
Lucky Strikes 0, Retired 1 4

IND. HONORS

High Series: Cowan, 585; Moore, 577; Agee, 558; Anthony, 541; Horvath, 537; McDaniel, 526; Dobbins, 526.
High Games: Moore, 226; Cowan, 212; Morris, 211; Agee, 205; Harris, 205; Horvath, 201.

SEASON HIGHS

Ind. Series: Cowan, 585.
Ind. Game: Zeck, 232.
Team Series: Calibrators, 2995.
Team Game: Lucky Strikes, 1057.

AMC League

STANDINGS

Hughes TOW	Pts
Fat Cats	29
Spares	28
Lily Flagg	26
Bombers	26
T-Birds	25 1/2
Sprinters	25 1/2
Sheraton	22
Untouchables	17 1/2

LAST WEEK

Spares 4, Bombers 0
Fat Cats 3, Sprinters 1
T-Birds 3, Untouchables 1
Hughes 2, Alley Cats 2
Lily Flagg 2, Sheraton 2

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MISD got the Civilian Welfare Fund basketball league off to a rousing start last Wednesday when they ran the DPA Firsts practically off the floor with a 109-29 victory.

The MISD rout was the first game on the opening night triple header that got the 1974-75 season underway. The six-team loop is playing games at the Evangel School this season following a couple of seasons at the Old Post gym.

Missile Intelligence made Product Assurance a two-time loser in taking DPA No. 2, 51-41, and the Corps of Engineers closed out the evening with a 63-46 conquest of the Missile School.

James Battle and Larry Dean scored 28 and 20 points respectively as MISD completely befuddled the DPA quintet at both

ends of the court. Jim Bunnel and Jim Love added 17 points apiece while Bob Hubbard sparked the defense.

Miles Springfield and Gerald Tucker topped the DPA scoring with eight points apiece.

MIA had three starters scoring in double figures in their win over the No. 2 crew from DPA. Phil Shepherd set the pace with 15, Robert Council collected an even dozen and Mose Hall hit for 11.

Upshaw hit a game high 18 for DPA and Griffin collected 12 more.

The Corps presented another trio of double figure scorers as they cruised past MMCS. James Webb was the leader with 16, Claude Steels Steele was a goal behind at 14 and Jerry Dooley hit 13 points.

Robert Jennings was the MMCS scoring leader with 12 and Joe Butler chipped in with ten.

Turkey Flock Growing—Let It Continue

Redstone's resident population of wild turkeys can rest securely on the thought that someone is looking after their well being—even in the weeks before Thanksgiving.

Protection of the turkeys is being enforced to enable the limited number to mate and reproduce. Nine were released here in 1973, with the hope that they would survive and multiply in the wooded areas.

Present observations by the game warden's office indicate that there are now at least five different flocks of wild turkeys on Redstone with from 5-10 in each flock.

The original six hens and three gobblers were trapped on the Fred T. Stimson Game Sanctuary about 12 miles south of Jackson, Ala. They were held in captivity for only about five or six hours and were not fed during that time.

Apparently, they had no trouble

adapting to the arsenal environment.

A previous attempt to restore wild turkeys to the area was launched about 15 years ago but was a dismal failure with none surviving.

The problem surrounded the fact that these turkeys had been pen-raised and had already become dependent on humans for food.

After their release here, many

were killed by predators while others died because they couldn't fend for themselves.

Presently, the wildlife picture at Redstone does include the wild turkey and hunters in the area are warned against destroying the thriving population.

Thanksgiving dinner will just have to come from somewhere else.

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GAME SCHEDULE

- December 2
 4th SC vs. Marines (1800)
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 95th Cal vs 7th SC (2030)
- December 3
 Meddac vs Company C (1800)
 291st MPs vs Safeguard (1915)
 6th SC vs Company B (2030)
- December 4
 Marines vs 7th SC (1900)
 Company A vs 95th Cal (1915)
 4th SC vs 8th SC (2030)
- December 5
 6th SC vs Company C (1800)
 291st MPs vs Meddac (1915)
 Company B vs Safeguard (2030)

Federal Point System In

Duck hunters, their eyes unaccustomed to the noonday sun, will be blinking when the arsenal season opens December 4.

A nocturnal brethren for the remainder of the year, waterfowlers are accustomed to rising in the black hours of early morning. This season, because Alabama has adopted the federal point system

the opening hour on the first day has been set at noon rather than the traditional one half hour before local sunrise.

The earlier time will be the regular starting time for the remaining days of the season which continues until January 20.

Hunters hoping to shoot on the arsenal opening day must submit applications for a hunting area permit at the Deputy Game Warden's Office on December 3. Waterfowlers must have a federal migratory waterfowl stamp attached to their state license. The stamp costs \$5 and can be purchased in any post office.

The point system—new in Alabama this season—sets a specific number of points on ducks by sex and species. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last duck taken reaches or exceeds 100 points. Hunters who can recognize waterfowl on the wing, as a result, have the opportunity to pick their shots and take more ducks per day.

The point values assigned by federal law in Alabama are:

- 100 Points: Canvasback and Redhead (both sexes of each).
- 90 Points: Hen Mallard, Wood Duck (both sexes), Black Duck (both sexes) and Hooded Merganser (both sexes).
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"I like to try out new jobs, too. In fact, I've just parked my truck (my primary MOS is Heavy Equipment Operation and Repair) and I'm training to be a Hometown Recruiter.

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CAP III Nominates Only

A pair of representatives from the Military Personnel Center in Washington recently concluded a briefing and interview session with a group of mid-ranking NOC's at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The representatives speak to students of the Non-Commissioned Officer Education System (NCOES) at posts nationwide on duty assignments and the importance of maintaining accurate personnel records.

Qualified NCO's are nominated for training in the NCOES program at Redstone Arsenal and other installations. "But to be considered, a soldier must be sure his official military personnel files are up to date," said Master Sergeant D. J. Behrens of MILPERCEN.

"Normally, information in military files submitted by local personnel offices is accurate," said Dallas Johnson, the civilian half of the MILPERCEN team. "We run into problems, though, when an individual's record is incorrect as sent to DA or isn't updated on a timely basis."

Enlisted personnel may review their records in person at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., MILPERCEN in Washington, D.C., or at the Enlisted Records Center at St. Louis, Mo.

"Soldiers can get information on how to make appointments through their local personnel office," Johnson said.

"Having accurate information in the files is critical," said Behrens, "since all DA selection boards use the OMPF data as criteria for their actions."

During their travels, Behrens and Johnson also battle myths about the military personnel system. One myth they've been trying to dispel lately is that the Centralized Assignment Procedures computer—CAP III—"makes assignments" for military personnel worldwide.

"CAP III only nominates a list of persons who seem eligible for assignments," said Johnson. "Those nominations are reviewed by human beings at MILPERCEN to assure assignment of the most qualified person against a particular slot."

Clerks who perform the reviews, Johnson said, may find gaps or discrepancies in records on hand in Washington. If so, they may phone unit or installation personnel activities for clarification or corrections.

But the system can work more effectively if the personnel information on hand is correct and current to begin with.

The "human element" in the review process has helped reduce administrative error, the two agreed. To further reduce chances for error, Johnson and Behrens interview NCOES students to assure that their records are up to date.



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NAMES IN THE NEWS
 By SP4 FRANK HARRIS

Arrivals

SP5 David W. Stephens, who entered the Army in 1972, arrived at Redstone recently. He'll work as an administrative specialist in the Company A orderly room.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., he attended Hillsboro Junior College in Tampa before enlisting.

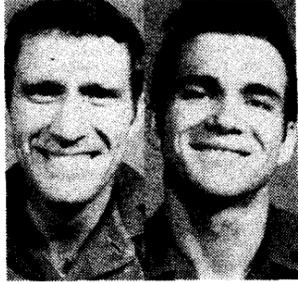
PFC Mary A. Cook will work as a clerk-typist in the School Brigade S-1 shop. Before her recent arrival here and basic training at Ft. McClellan, she was a secretary for Stillman College.

For three years she attended the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Ala. Her hometown is Duncanville, Ala.

SFC Kenneth R. Rice arrived recently from Germany to begin his third tour at Redstone. Assigned to Company B, he is a technical NCO in the Curriculum Branch, Resident Training Management Division.

He is a native of Little Rock, Ark. Before entering the Army in 1959, he graduated from Bay View High School, Milwaukee, Wis.

Smith is a former radio announcer. The New Orleans native entered the Army in 1972, shortly after graduating from Delta Heritage Academy, Buras, La.



RICE SMITH

2LT David F. Mills, formerly of Tuscaloosa, Ala., recently reported for duty. He earned his commission under the ROTC program at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, where he graduated with a degree in accounting earlier this year.

He completed the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Promotions

Helmut W. Kucinskis, Marshall L. Lewis, Ronald J. Selufsky and Candelario P. Villanueva recently were promoted to CW2 here.

The warrant officers were assigned to the 5th Student Company and are undergoing cross-training from Nike to Hawk. Upon graduation, they will be assigned as Hawk maintenance chiefs.

Awards

The 6th Student Company was awarded the MMCS drill competition trophy last week at the post theater. Drill team leader PVT Randy Stucky accepted the trophy for the 6th from COL Henry I. Lowder, School Brigade Commander.



STEPHENS COOK

New arrival SP4 Thomas J. Smith has been assigned to Company A. An electronic instrument repairman, he will work in the Electronic Maintenance Division.

Discrimination Should Be Reported

Not long ago, three Redstone Arsenal soldiers decided to visit a Huntsville nightclub.

The first soldier—we'll call him Bob—was charged 50 cents and issued a membership card by the manager. Bob was white.

It wasn't so easy for Bob's friends, Jake and Bill. The manager told them they'd have to pay \$25 each for membership cards or else they couldn't enter the club.

It's an old story. Jake was black and Bill Puerto Rican. The manager was collecting a skin color tax.

The story is from the race relations officer's files at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, files burdened with numerous accounts of racial discrimination. Only the names are fictitious.

CONTINUING

Captain Robert S. Robertson, race relations officer, said many Arsenal soldiers continue to experience discrimination from local club owners. To ensure equal treatment, he said, abuses must be reported promptly.

"The soldier must bring the case to his commander so the commander can do something about it," said Cpt. Robertson.

A discrimination complaint is considered first by a soldier's immediate commander, who decides whether to investigate it

himself or refer it up the chain of command.

In the case of Bob, Jake and Bill, the commander referred the complaint to Colonel Henry I. Lowder, School Brigade Commander. Col. Lowder requested that Cpt. Robertson, accompanied by men from School Brigade units, investigate.

INCOGNITO

Cpt. Robertson and the men visited the nightclub in civilian clothes. Though no one was asked to pay \$25 for membership, at least one investigator was charged one dollar while others paid only 50 cents.

Col. Lowder, in a letter to the club owner, warned that discriminative practices had been observed at the club and that action would be taken if they were not corrected.

A handwritten letter from the club owner on lined yellow paper expressed surprise at the allegations and assured Col. Lowder that the club treated its customers fairly.

Further visits confirmed the owner's contention. However, Cpt. Robertson said periodic checks would continue.

ACTION TAKEN

The three soldiers who reported the incident were notified that action had been taken on their complaint.

"The case shows that properly-placed complaints get results," said Cpt. Robertson.

Had the owner failed to comply, Col. Lowder could have requested that the commanding general place the nightclub off limits," said Robertson, "the goal is to get places to comply with Department of the Army policy."

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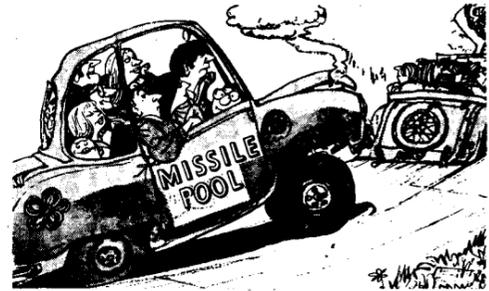


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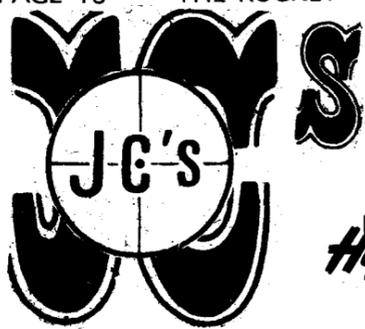
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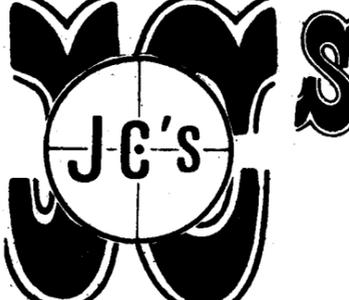


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