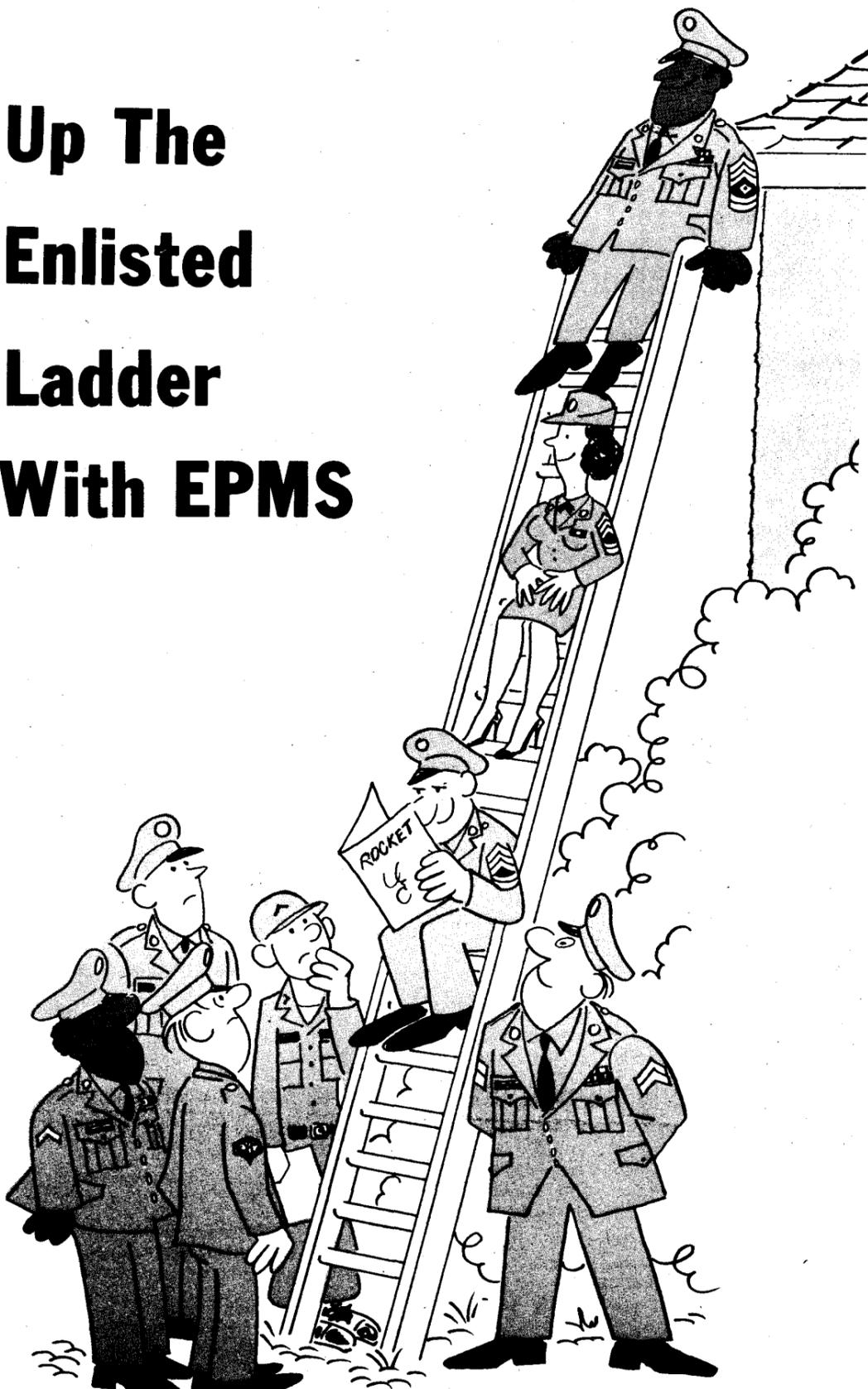


# Up The Enlisted Ladder With EPMS



**T**he dead-end MOS is coming to a dead-end. Promotion bottlenecks are being eliminated in all career management fields under EPMS, the Army's new Enlisted Personnel Management System.

All MOSs are being examined by an EPMS task force and those found not to offer reasonable equity in promotion opportunity are getting better grade structures.

After a long time on the drawing board, EPMS is finally coming into its own, and sweeping changes in enlisted personnel management in the Army are forthcoming. It was recently incorporated into one career management field (maneuver combat arms) and is expected to be operational in all others by fall 1977.

With EPMS enlisted men and women have for the first

time a complete and impartial career management system.

The new system will affect the promotion, training, evaluation, classification and assignment of every enlisted soldier. It has been designed to provide career incentive, progression and professionalism and at the same time supply the right number of people—in the right grades and skills—to carry out the mission.

EPMS, in the judgement of Chief Warrant Officer Larry Clayton, puts the individual on the same plane as the mission, which traditionally has held precedence over all else. Clayton is Chief of the Enlisted Management Branch at MICOM's Military Personnel Division.

EPMS reflects "the new emphasis on the fact that the individual soldier is what makes the Army", said Clayton. "It gives him a line of progression he can see, and a soldier who knows where he's going will get the mission done a whole lot better", he said.

Here's that line of progression, along with other main features of EPMS, as set forth in the latest issue of "Commanders Call":

## PROGRESSION

Under EPMS, five skill levels standardize the relationship between a soldier's grade and skill level.

### Standardized Skill Levels

Grade	Skill Level
E-8,9	5
E-7	4
E-6	3
E-5	2
E-1, 2, 3, 4	1

In grades E-5, E-6 and E-7, separate skill levels indicate very specific training evaluation and career development.

The current promotion system will continue, with local promotion to E-3 and E-4, semi-centralized to E-5 and E-6 and centralized to E-7, E-8 and E-9. Under EPMS however, eligibility to compete for promotion in grades E-5 through E-8 will require prior attainment of the appropriate skill level.

The skill level may be attained either by working satisfactorily in a primary MOS and scoring high on a skill qualification test, or by scoring high on the test and attending certain MOS-related schools.

## TRAINING

Training is the way a soldier acquires the next higher skill level. EPMS has five training levels corresponding to the five skill levels. The first training level is BCT/AIT—upon completion skill level 1 is awarded. (Skill level 2 is awarded upon completion of certain types of AIT).

The remaining four skill levels are acquired by completing a level of NCOES, which under EPMS is being changed from one broad course to four shorter, specific courses: primary (skill level 2), basic (3), advanced (4) and senior (5).

All NCOES courses will be designed to meet the requirements of each career management field. The senior course is adding an administrative course for first sergeants.

## CLASSIFICATION-EVALUATION

Under EPMS the present promotion-classification-evaluation sequence is being turned around so that evaluation comes first, then classification and, finally, promotion. It works this way:

After making E-4 a soldier takes a "skill qualification test" in his primary MOS every two years. This test replaces the current MOS test. The skill qualification test score can be used for either of two purposes: for attaining the next higher skill level, or for verifying a current skill level. The latter is achieved by getting a "minimum passing score" which verifies a soldier's qualifications at the skill level corresponding to his current grade.

Attaining the next higher skill level requires making a "higher passing score", which allows him to compete for promotion at the next higher grade.

A soldier who fails to get a "minimum passing score" is considered unqualified for his grade, and will be retested after one year. A second failure subjects him to being reclassified or possibly denied reenlistment. Tests must be taken every two years but may be taken yearly.

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# Double Up

"Carpooling"—the word that took on a household ring last year, seems to have been shoved back somewhere on the shelf. With visions of block-long service station lines getting hazy around the edges, many people seem to have settled into the comfortable thought that the energy crisis is under control.

Last week as President Gerald Ford prepared to sign a proclamation that will raise tariffs on imported oil, the idea of carpooling was being tossed around again.

Energy officials have said that the total energy conservation plan will increase prices of petroleum products, including gasoline, by about 10 cents a gallon.

A quick telephone survey of Missile Command employees at various locations over the Arsenal revealed unanimous concern and deep thought.

Questions built around a carpooling them were as follows:

Are you now carpooling?

If so, how many are in your carpool?

Since the President's action, are you considering carpooling more seriously?

Do you think increased gasoline prices or rationing would be better as an energy conservation measure?

Non-carpoolers and those taking riders or riding with someone else ran neck and neck. Those choosing not to carpool had various reasons but the point of personal convenience did not stand out as prominently as in other Rocket surveys on carpooling.

"There just isn't anyone who lives near me with whom I can carpool," Pat Anthony of Civilian Personnel, said.

"I would be happy to carpool if my work schedule weren't so irregular," was the comment of Jim Donely in the SAM-D

# And Beat The Tariff



Two can ride cheaper than one.

do to encourage carpooling short of forcing it, to which all voiced opposition.

The possibility of reserved parking spaces was not viewed as an incentive.

Harold Epperly of the Research, Development and Engineering Lab commented that better work scheduling might encourage more carpooling. "I think supervisors and top managers could take a closer look at such things as scheduling meetings late in the day or making unnecessary assignments with short suspense late in the day.

"I am carpooling now and most of us thought we couldn't but are finding that we can leave work on time if we place our priorities carefully.

The computer match program, initiated last year, came in for high praise and Bill Wimberley of the Management Information Systems Directorate had some encouraging words about that operation.

"I still get a few calls from people seeking carpools and right now I have about 10 new applicants," he said.

Although a new computer run on the carpooling forms has not been made since September, Wimberley is gathering as many new applications as he can. As soon as he receives 25 new applications, a new computer run will be made to update the system.

Wimberley adds that he will furnish a complete copy of the carpooling printout to those wanting to form carpools.

New applications are encouraged and information may be obtained by calling 876-5171.

As with the entire energy problem, the effect of carpooling will only be as strong as the effort put forth.

## Project Office.

Catching the surveyor by surprise, Randy Underwood in the Advanced Sensors Directorate, said, "No, I don't carpool I ride a bicycle to work (about 10 miles round-trip).

Almost all of the people questioned said they were considering carpooling more seriously since the announcement on the oil tariff.

Most of those favoring gas rationing over increased prices, qualified their opinions with, "if it's worked fairly."

A great majority said they thought management had done about all they could

## ANSWERS

(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)

**Question:** Why is it that NASA can have hot water in their rest rooms and MICOM cannot?

**Answer:** Jim Still, energy coordinator at Facilities Engineer, explained: "From the standpoint of utilities the Missile Command has with NASA a supplier-customer relationship, just like the relationship TVA has with the Command. TVA told us to cut electricity use by 20 per cent without telling us where to place our priorities. We passed this requirement on to NASA and our other customers without telling them where to place their priorities. It just happens that eliminating hot water in rest rooms was not one of the ways NASA chose to get their 20 per cent reduction. They chose other methods, and they're doing a good job."

**Question:** We appreciate the call from the conservation-minded person who requested the hot water be shut off in a rest room in the building where he works. However, is there a valid reason for it not being shut off there?

**Answer:** The rest room is adjacent to a cafeteria in the building and, according to Jim Still, energy coordinator at Facilities Engineer, it is a health requirement that hot water be maintained in rest rooms used by food service personnel.

## Color Blind Test Offered

Studies have shown that certain color blind people have difficulty seeing red on a black background. The Optical Guidance Technology Branch of the Advanced Sensors Directorate is conducting a study concerning the visibility of red light emitting diode (LED) displays.

These displays are used in many of the Army's weapon systems, and when completed the

study will benefit the armed services by making future weapons systems more effective.

Any person who is color blind and who would like to participate in this test, particularly those having a problem distinguishing red colors, is requested to call Gary Clayton at 876-2974. The test will only take about five minutes and can be done at the subjects office.

## Letters To Editor

Editor,

Whether a man inlists and enters the Army or accepts a civilian job with that organization, he encounters the Army method of spelling the English language. He must learn to spell all words normally beginning with "en" in the approved Army style: "in." Once he indorses this Army variation, he will be encouraged by and endeared to Army non-spellers, his career will be enhanced, he can become entrenched in his sinecure and not indangered, his endeavors will be recognized, and he will be the envy of all ranks. If his efforts are indowed with sufficient energy, they will inable him to ingage in and enjoy many fruitless hours in the Service. And he will have the satisfaction of confusing any inemy spies, who will spend indless hours searching through the dictionary to determine the meaning of his inigmatic communications. THE IND.

R. Verle Johnson

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**PX Specials**

Valentine's Day will open a series of special events at the Post Exchange.

Don R. Emmons, manager, said that the events will be designed to increase the buying power of customers. The promotions will be spaced throughout the year to allow patrons to budget for items they desire. Also, specials and surprise sales will be sponsored from time to time.

Other events this quarter will be Washington's Birthday, February 14-17; Spring, Feb. 18 to Mar. 22; Leisure Living March 3 to 29; and Easter, March 10 to 29.

**Would Require Amendments**

**Pay, Pension Ceiling Faces Rough Sailing**

WASHINGTON — President Ford's plans to put a five percent ceiling on pay and pension increases for federal employees and military personnel in 1975 face an uncertain future in Congress.

The President is expected to send a legislative package to Congress soon — perhaps this week — aimed at implementing the proposals he advanced two weeks ago as one means of curtailing federal spending.

Congress must amend existing laws if the President's proposals are to take effect.

Pay for 1.3 million federal white collar workers, 600,000 blue collar employees and 2.1 million military personnel is fixed by law. Changes will also be required in the law to approve the President's plan to hold automatic cost of living increases in pensions to five percent for 1.3 million retired federal employees and their survivors and 1.1 million retired military personnel and their survivors.

The president also appears ready to ask Congress to set the same five percent limit on cost of living increases for about 30 million individuals drawing Social Security benefits.

As the law now stands, white collar pay is adjusted annually on October 1 to be "comparable" to the national average for private enterprise wages. Military pay raises are geared to the federal white collar rates.

Blue collar pay is adjusted annually to match prevailing industrial rates for comparable work in specified areas.

Pensions of federal workers and military personnel are geared to cost of living, and are adjusted upward with each three percent advance in the Consumer Price Index.

Federal civilian retirees and retired military personnel received a 6.3 percent pensions hike this month. If the President's proposal clears Congress, they would get no additional increase this year.

Leaders of both the House and Senate committees responsible for federal pay matters have already voiced opposition to the proposed

limit of five percent. Just how much support their stand will have in Congress is as yet unclear. Federal employee union leaders have denounced the proposal.

Should the Congress refuse to adopt the President's plan, he has

the option of attempting, in October, to delay any federal pay raise as an inflation fighting move. Recent attempts to do just by both President Ford and President Nixon, however, were struck down in Congress.

**Reserve Officers Hold Army Night**

The Huntsville Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association will observe Army night February 6, beginning at 6:30

It will be held at the Redstone Arsenal Officers Open Mess.

Guest speaker will be Major General W. H. Blakefield, Deputy Commanding General, First Army, and Commander, Army Readiness Region III at Fort Meade, Maryland.

A native of Berlin, Wisconsin, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from Ripon College in 1939.

Gen. Blakefield has served on various staffs and committees including the President's Committee to study the Military Assistance Program (Draper Committee).



Blakefield

As RASA Deputy

**Never A Dull Moment**

In 1972, Colonel Warren M. Schaub came to Huntsville for an assignment at the Safeguard Logistics Command as head of the Personnel, Training and Force Development Directorate after serving on the Department of Army Inspector General's staff in Washington.

Now he has a new job, deputy commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity (RASA). He moved over to his new position this month from the Ballistic Missile Defense System Command where he was chief of the Support Operations Office.

"I sought this job at RASA," he said. "It isn't a specialized field and permits me to get involved in everything on post. I get a lot of satisfaction from support type duties, doing for others. There's never a dull moment in this office — here's where everything happens."

He isn't looking for problems, but said that if people will let his office know about those that exist, there's a chance something can be done provided the climate is such that changes are good for the Army and the customer.

Originally from Anadarko, Ok-



SCHAUB

lahoma, the colonel served as an enlisted man in the Navy for two years during and immediately following World War II. He received a bachelors' degree in management in 1951 from the University of Oklahoma and has been on active duty as an Army officer since September that year.

**Rocket Named AMC's Best**

The Rocket has been selected as the best civilian enterprise newspaper within Army Materiel Command for 1974.

In this capacity the Rocket becomes AMC's entry in its category for the annual Keith L. Ware award for journalistic excellence in Army newspapers. The Ware award is the highest in Army journalism.

Both announcements were contained in a congratulatory letter to Major General Vincent H. Ellis last week from General Henry A. Miley Jr., AMC commander.

An impartial board of judges at AMC headquarters selected the Rocket best of five finalists screened from entries. Judging criteria were content, news interest and design effectiveness.

The Rocket was a runner-up in the contest last year after having won it in 1972.

In another competition, last month the Rocket was given the Army Chief of Information's highest rating based on critiques and reviews during 1974. This competition is Army-wide and each newspaper is assigned an A, B or C rating. The Rocket was the only newspaper within AMC to be rated class A.

**Any Old Furniture?**

The Redstone Thrift Shop is currently in need of useful items especially any type of furniture.

The shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Consignment hours are 10 to 12:30. Members eligible are active and retired military and civilians currently employed on post.

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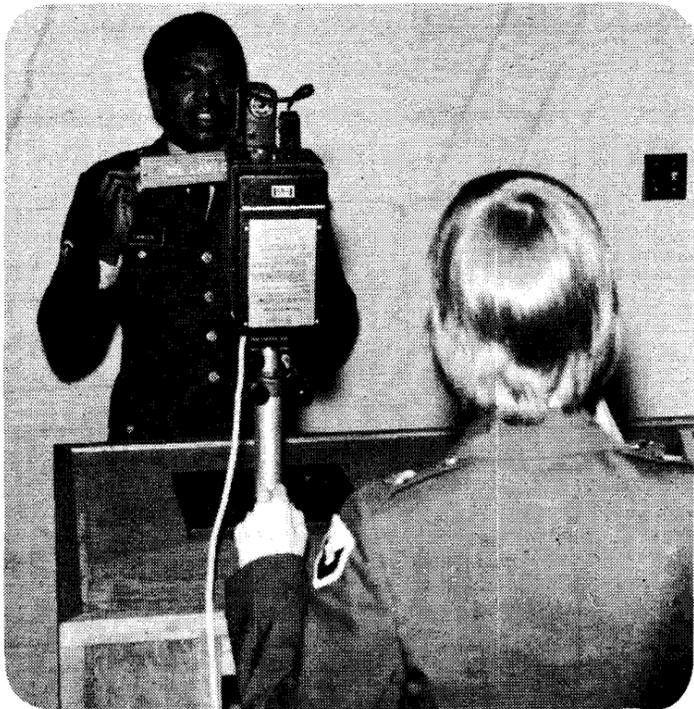
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United Way, Huntsville-Madison County .....	96,316	16,822	303,001	416,141
International Service Agencies .....	5,360	901	9,989	16,250
UGF — Gunterville .....	4,434	1,366		5,800
UGF — Morgan County .....	19,488	3,879		23,367
UGF — Limestone County .....	9,744	2,502		12,246
UGF — Colbert County .....	91			91
UGF — Lauderdale County .....	450	260		710
UGF — Rutherford (Tn) County .....		36		36
UGF — Albertville .....	1,672	338		2,010
UGF — Lawrence County .....		180		575
UGF — Bedford (Tn) County .....	12	101		113
UGF — Arab .....	9,241	2,118		11,359
UGF — Lincoln (Tn) County .....	4,371	1,218		5,590
UGF — Cullman County .....	1,061	283		1,344
UGF — Giles (Tn) County .....	291	235		526
UGF — Jackson County .....	807	346		1,153
UGF — Blount County .....	253	218		471
UGF — Boaz .....	559	86		645
UGF — Ardmore (Al-Tn) .....	822	267		1,089
CFC, Undesignated .....	266,678	66,290	(332,968)	
Miscellaneous Checks .....		1,004		1,004
	\$475,967	\$113,615		\$589,583

**NCO's Observe Washington  
Birthday At Formal Ball**

**PROBLEM?**

876-6690

Planning is now in full swing for the George Washington Birthday Ball to be held February 22 at the Non-Commissioned Officers' open mess.

The formal ball will commence at seven with the official ceremonies an hour later. Dinner will be served at 8:30.

The ball planning committee is headed by Command Sergeant Major Billy C. Tawwater of the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Tickets are now available from unit first sergeants, division NCOIC's and at the NCO Club at \$5 per person. All enlisted active duty and retired personnel grades E-4 and above are invited.

Dress is formal. For active duty military personnel, this means blues or greens with white shirt and black bow tie. For retired personnel the dress is blues, greens or tuxedo. For the ladies — appropriate formal attire.

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By dialing 876-6617, a person can listen to a pre-recorded message and keep up dated on MEDDAC activities.

Routine announcements will be changed at least once a week, but messages of vital interest will be given as they occur.

The message service will be directed by CHAMPUS patient assistance officers, 1LT Melvin Van Dyke and 1LT Terrence Rumore at 876-2857.

**Railroaders Meet Thursday**

The Redstone Division, North Alabama Railroad Club, will hold its January meeting in the Planning Commission Room of the Huntsville Municipal Bldg., at seven Thursday evening.

The program will feature "Days of Old No. 77", and the Haleyville Excursion of '73, to be presented by Bernie Wooller.

Anyone having an interest in railroading or history is invited to attend.

# “... Times That Tried Men’s Souls”

The colonel should have read the note. Instead he stuck it in his pocket.

It had been a festive holiday, good food and good drink, a lot of both, for Colonel Johann Gottlieb Rall and his three regiments of Hessian soldiers garrisoning the town of Trenton.

The partying began Christmas Eve and continued through Christmas Day. That night Rall visited in the home of a wealthy merchant. The colonel was busy at cards when someone came to the door after midnight. The caller asked for Rall, the servant who answered the door refused to let him in. The caller then scrawled a note for Rall which the servant delivered.

It is not clear that the colonel ever read the note. Someone found it in his coat two days later. By then Rall was dead.

The note said the American Army was marching toward Trenton.

Rall probably wouldn't have believed it anyway. Any sound thinking leader of men in the British Army in December 1776 knew that the Americans had been beaten. Rall and his men had been in the series of battles that began on Long Island in August, rolled across Manhattan Island, up into Southern New York, over the



Trenton, 1776

Hudson River and all the way across New Jersey. In each, as far as he was concerned, the “farmers” who opposed him had shown

themselves superior to regular troops in one thing only. The farmers could run faster, so there were still a few who had not deserted or been killed or captured huddled on the far side of the Delaware River.

What little remained of the Continental Army had, in fact, almost literally collapsed once it reached the temporary safety of the far bank of the Delaware just a jump ahead of the British early in December. It had shed deserters in droves every time it stopped to catch its collective breath in the long retreat across New Jersey.

The few thousand men still with Washington were in pitiful shape, gaunt, sick, half starved, without blankets, many without shoes. Looking at them, Washington wrote to his nephew that without reinforcements, “I think the game is pretty near up.”

Across the river, Americans in New Jersey were lining up to take an oath of loyalty to the King of England and receive the “free and general pardon” being offered by the British. Congress watching the string of American disasters march ever closer to Philadelphia, ordered all military stores removed from the town and took

off for Baltimore.

There were dark mutterings in Congress, that George Washington of Virginia had been the wrong man to command the Army. In a matter of days, the enlistments of most of the soldiers would expire. Fed a steady diet of defeat, it was obvious most of them would head for home on December 31.

One of the soldiers in that whipped Army, Thomas Paine, published a pamphlet then. It's opening words, memorized by many a schoolboy since, summed up the situation neatly. These were indeed the times that tried men's souls.

The British had decided the business was just about over.



Rather than continue the chase, they settled comfortably in winter quarters which is why on Christmas night, Colonel Rall, warm and well fed, sat at cards in the parlor of a Trenton merchant's home while the wind drove rain and sleet against the windows.

Nine miles up the Delaware at McKonkey's Ferry at the same time, Washington, wrapped in his cloak, stood on the Jersey shore and watched as his scarecrow soldiers came stumbling out of the boats and formed in tattered ranks. As historians noted when it marched for Trenton this Army did leave bloody foot prints in the snow.

Their commander had planned this last gasp attack for several days, no doubt haunted by the thought that is he waited much longer his Army would disappear. Above all else, Washington needed a victory if he ever hoped to recruit new soldiers.

The march began at 3 P.M. Christmas Day. Washington planned to put three groups across the river. He lead the main attacking force of about 2,400 men. The other smaller forces were to cross the Delaware below Trenton, block the road, keep the Hessians in Trenton and prevent reinforcements from moving up from nearby Bordentown.

It was a terrible night, bitter cold made much worse by the storm. A few men from one of the

other groups got across the river, thought better of it, and went back. The commander of the third group took a look at the floating ice in the river and never even tried to cross. It took a Washington to get across the Delaware that night although it seems doubtful that he stood in the boat in the heroic pose that the famous painting immortalized.

The crossing took much longer than planned, however, and instead of the dawn attack he had hoped to make, it was about 8 a.m. when Washington and his men tangled with the Hessian pickets, brushed them aside and came limping into Trenton.

The small town's stores and homes stood along two main streets, running north and south. When the Hessian soldiers came tumbling out at the alarm they found American artillery in position to fire straight down the streets.

It lasted about an hour, a wild melee in which men fought hand to hand, house to house. The driving rain and sleet continued making it almost impossible to fire sodden muskets. A lot of the work was done with artillery, sword and bayonet. At one point Rall rallied a regiment of Hessians, ordered his band to strike up a tune, and tried a bayonet charge up a street. Americans in the surrounding houses who had dried their muskets, fired from windows and doors, the artillery slammed round after round into the advancing Hessians and finally it was all over. By then Rall was down with wounds that proved fatal. Twenty two of his men were killed, about 100 wounded, almost 1,000 captured with a substantial quantity of guns, powder and other military stores. Several hundred Hessians escaped down the road to Bordentown.

It was night before the army was safely back across the Delaware, full daylight before the exhausted men stumbled into their huts after marching and fighting continuously for almost 50 hours in bitter cold. Among the few American casualties were three soldiers who froze to death.

The effect of the battle on the American cause was instantaneous. Spirits soared and new militia men came marching in to serve for two months while the Continental Army could be reformed.

A few days later with promises of a \$10 bonus for every man — paid in cash sent to Washington by a Philadelphia banker in response to the general's pleas — many of the soldiers whose enlistments had expired were persuaded to stick around for another fight.

Washington took them back across the river, slickered the British who caught him with the Delaware at his back, slipped out of a trap by leaving a few men behind to burn fires in the camp all night, whipped a British force at Princeton on the morning of January 3, 1777, and took off for the New Jersey highlands.

Three days later the Continental Army that had almost ceased to exist less than a month before was safely entrenched for the winter at Morristown. In the space of 11 days, Washington and his ragged soldiers had completely turned the tables on a vastly superior force. Most of New Jersey had been cleared of the British. More important, Washington had bought time to rebuild his Army.

The British, unwisely, gave him six months to do it.

(Primary reference for this account of the events of April 19, 1775 was the two volume history “This War of the Revolution” by Christopher Ward, published by MacMillan Co.)

## This Week's Review of U. S. Army History

Jan. 29, 1779, British capture Augusta, Georgia — American Revolution.

Jan. 29, 1834, President Jackson orders Federal troops sent to quell riots of workmen along Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, making the first use of Federal troops in a labor dispute.

Jan. 31, 1865, General Sherman begins march northward from Savannah, Georgia through the Carolinas — Civil War.

Jan. 26, 1818, Tank Corps established.

Jan. 26, 1942, First convoy of American troops arrives in Northern Ireland — World War II.

Jan. 27, 1943, Eighth Air Force makes first U. S. air attack on Germany, bombing docks at Wilhelmshaven.

Jan. 31, 1944, Eastern Mandates Campaign begins (Ground).

Jan. 29, 1945, Third Army launches attack on West Wall.

Jan. 30, 1945, First Army joins West Wall attack.

Jan. 26, 1950, United States and Republic of Korea sign Mutual Defense Assistance Pack.

Jan. 31, 1950, President Truman announces that Atomic Energy Commission has been authorized to create a hydrogen bomb.

Feb. 1, 1956, Army Ballistic Missile Agency established at Redstone Arsenal.

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## Miss Alabama Universe Vies for Beauty Title

Roberta Wright, 20, will be Huntsville's representative in the Miss Alabama Universe Pageant slated for February 8, at the Sheraton Motor Inn. She is the daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Lloyd R. Wright.

Miss Wright graduated from the American International School in Lisbon, Portugal in 1972, and is a student at Calhoun Community College. She speaks and reads in French, German and Portuguese, and is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

The winner of the pageant will represent the state of Alabama in the Miss Universe Pageant at Niagara Falls, N.Y., later this year.



MISS WRIGHT

## Law School Dean Talks To Chapter

Dean Thomas Christopher of the University of Alabama School of Law will be the guest speaker when the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association meets Thursday for luncheon at the Officers Open Mess.

Dean Christopher will be presented the Chapter's annual contribution to the Howard R. An-

drews Memorial Scholarship which has been increased this year to \$500.

The monthly meeting in the Hawk Room will get underway at 11:30 with a cafeteria line available at noon. Reservations should be made by noon today with Robert Hamilton or Clara Lawrence (895-4680).

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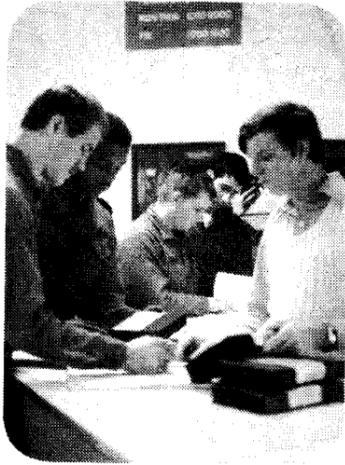


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**THE STUDENT'S THE TEACHER**—At the MMCS Individual Learning Center, Bldg. 3209, soldiers learn on their own in well-equipped carrels. Study packages cover a variety of subjects, from basic electronics to bowling. Above, SFC Edilberto M. Managbanag assists a soldier at work in a carrel. Clerk Melvin D. Van Ness signs out cassettes to soldiers in photo at right.



## Self Learner Concept Boon To New Students

"For the all-volunteer Army to work, it's going to need top quality leadership, an effective chain of command from the squad leader up and a well developed formal schooling program to train its NCO's and officers to perform their jobs effectively and efficiently," said Lieutenant Colonel Earl Darden, chief of the Instructional Technology Division and officer in charge of the Individual Learning Center at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The Missile School's Individual Learning Center (ILC) provides a strong supplement to the formal schooling program. ILC provides a learning environment that capitalizes on the concept of the self-learner.

This concept is based on the realization that people learn at different rates and have reached maturity in an era of rapid mass communication.

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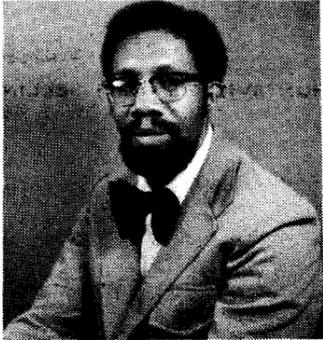
## German General Visits Redstone

Brigadier General Fritz Wegner, who has overall command of German Air Force Units at U. S. bases, visited Redstone last Friday for briefings and a tour of base activities. The stop here is part of an orientation tour to the dozen or so installations having German Air Force detachments.

Wegner is based at the German Air Force Training at Ft. Bliss.

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# Nothing to It . . . If You Do It Right

By Ralph Perrill

PVT Henry Carter went forth to do battle with Form 1040 and won.

"Really," he said of the bugaboo tax form, "it's easy—just a matter of going through it line-by-line."

To assist those who might be filling it out for the first time, Carter completed the accompanying sample. Here goes, one line at a time:

Before Carter ever took up the pen he determined if he would use the form 1040 or the short form 1040A. He had only his military income and he did not plan to itemize deductions so he used the 1040A. A quick look at page two of the Internal Revenue Instructions booklet will erase doubt about which form to use.

In the dark block at the top left of form 1040A Carter printed his name and address the same as on his military records. To the right he listed his county, social security number and occupation.

Reading lines 1 through 5 Carter determined that he would file as single, so he checked the block on line 1.

On line 6 Carter checked himself as an exemption and noted 1 in the

column at the right. On line 6c Carter listed his two children then noted 2 on the column at right. Because his mother is his dependent he noted 1 in the column to the right of 6d (this also is entered on the reverse side of the form, line 26).

Carter designated yes on line 8.

Computation of salary and wages begins with line 9. Because Carter declared only a military salary he entered the salary amount as it appeared on his W-2 form. All W-2 forms are supposed to reach individuals by February.

Carter skipped lines 10 and 11 because he had no interest or dividends to declare. What to do with such income is given on pages 1 and 2 of the instructions.

His total income he listed again on line 12 because he had no entries on lines 10 and 11. However, he dropped the 40 cents as allowed by the Internal Revenue. This is the adjusted gross income. It is the figure which he will use when looking in the tax tables for how much taxes he actually owes.

The next line is a couple of notes from the IRS, one of which tells Carter to look in tax tables 1-12 to get his actual taxes owed. He found

the tax tables beginning on page 8 of the instruction booklet. He used table 4 based on the number of dependents he claimed.

Meanwhile back to the form, on the reverse side, Carter checked the proper block on line 17 and noted his taxes on the column at right.

Because of no entry on line 18, he noted the tax amount again on line 19.

From his W-2 form Carter copied the withheld amount onto line 20a. Since 20b and 20c did not apply, he repeated the withheld amount on line 21, except he rounded off the cents to a full dollar which is allowed by IRS. The rule for rounding is down for all below 50 cents and up for all above.

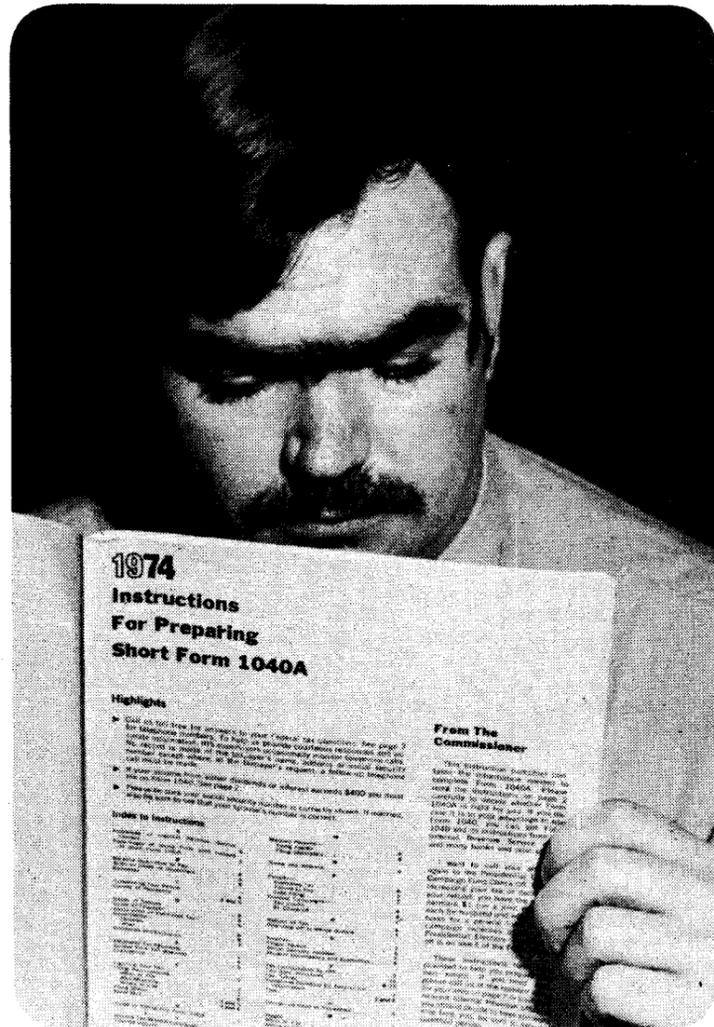
Because Carter is due a refund, as are most soldiers filing a single form with only military income, he used line 23 to note the difference between what was withheld and what he actually owed.

Again on line 24 he entered the amount which is due to be paid to him.

Carter made a only eight notations regarding his salary and tax withheld to complete the form—which is why he regards the task as easy. Incidentally, he signed and dated the form and attached the W-2—omitting either one will cause the form to come back for correction.

What does Carter intend to do with his refund?

"I'll use it to catch up some bills," he said.



STATE TOO—Pvt. Henry A. Carter, Missile and Munitions Center and School Troop Information Office, is a do-it-yourselfer with his income tax. Carter will file Alabama State income tax forms, also, as that is his record address. For those with home address outside Alabama a choice of either state may be made. Should a soldier try to avoid tax of both, his home state can now collect through the courts of Alabama.

## Annapolis Grads Hear McDaniel

Dr. John L. McDaniel is scheduled to speak at a luncheon meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association next week.

The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. January 28 in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Open Mess.

Further information is available from Dr. Bob Brown at 895-6256.

McDaniel will examine the basic dichotomy between private needs and public wants, a problem resulting from a people who want less government but simultaneously expect more service from the government they have.

## Smith Zooms Across Line

A bright red racer built by David Smith of Webelos 2 zoomed to first place Saturday afternoon in the Pack 234 Pinewood Derby at the Redstone Arsenal Chapel Annex.

Waves of cheers and applause announced the finish of the deciding heat. David, hiked into the air by a proud father, clasped his hands above his head in a winner's salute.

Andy Crochet of Webelos 1 took

second and Erick Smith, brother of the champion, placed third. Erik belongs to Den 5.

First place for car design went to Bruce Laska of Den 1, with second place awarded Wayne Morris Jr. of Den 2.

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Filing Status (check only one)  
 1  Single  
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 3  Married filing separately. If spouse is also filing, give spouse's social security number in designated space above and enter full name here  
 4  Unmarried Head of Household (See instructions on page 5)  
 5  Widow(er) with dependent child (Year spouse died ▶ 19 )

Exemptions  
 6a Yourself  Regular / 65 or over / Blind Enter number of boxes checked ▶ **1**  
 b Spouse     
 c First names of your dependent children who lived with you **DAVIN, MICHAEL**  
 d Number of other dependents (from line 26) ▶ **2**  
 7 Total exemptions claimed ▶ **4**

Presidential Election Campaign Fund Do you wish to designate \$1 of your taxes for this fund?  Yes  No Note: If you check the "Yes" box(es) it will not increase your tax or reduce your refund.

9 Wages, salaries, tips, and other employee compensation. (Attach Forms W-2. If unavailable, see instructions on page 3.) **4608 40**  
 10a Dividends (if over \$400, use Form 1040) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 10b Less Exclusion \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 11 Interest income (if over \$400, use Form 1040) \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 Total (add lines 9, 10c, and 11) (Adjusted Gross Income) **4608**

13 If line 12 is \$10,000 or more, enter 15% of line 12 but not more than \$2,000 (\$1,000 if line 3 checked) \_\_\_\_\_  
 14 Subtract line 13 from line 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 15 Multiply total number of exemptions claimed on line 7 by \$750 \_\_\_\_\_  
 16 Taxable income (subtract line 15 from line 14) (Figure tax on amount on line 16 using Tax Rate Schedule X, Y, or Z, and enter on line 17, on back.) \_\_\_\_\_

17 Tax, check if from:  Tax Tables 1-12 OR  Tax Rate Schedule X, Y, or Z **46**  
 18 Credit for contributions to candidates for public office (see instructions on page 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 19 Income tax (subtract line 18 from line 17). If less than zero, enter zero **46**  
 20a Total Federal income tax withheld (attach Forms W-2 to front) **378 99**  
 b Excess FICA tax withheld (two or more employers—see instructions on page 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 c 1974 estimated tax payments (include amount allowed as credit from 1973 return) \_\_\_\_\_

21 Total (add lines 20a, b, and c) **379**  
 22 If line 19 is larger than line 21, enter BALANCE DUE IRS Pay in full with return. Write social security number on check or money order and make payable to Internal Revenue Service. \_\_\_\_\_  
 23 If line 21 is larger than line 19, enter amount OVERPAID **333**  
 24 Amount of line 23 to be REFUNDED TO YOU **333**  
 25 Amount of line 23 to be credited on 1975 estimated tax. If all of overpayment (line 23) is to be refunded (line 24), make no entry on line 25. \_\_\_\_\_

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 (a) NAME **AMY A. CARTER** (b) Relationship **MOTHER** (c) Months lived in your home during year, write B or D. **12** (d) Did dependent have income of \$750 or more? **NO** (e) Amount YOU furnished for dependent's support. If 100% write ALL. **\$ ALL** (f) Amount furnished by OTHERS including dependent. **\$ 0**  
 26 Total number of dependents listed in column (a). Enter here and on line 6d. **1**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which he has any knowledge.

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 Spouse's signature (if filing jointly, BOTH must sign even if only one had income) \_\_\_\_\_ Address (and ZIP Code) \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's Emp. Ident. or Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_

# Tax time nears; Plan now for '75

When you are organizing your 1974 records for tax returns, plan for 1975. Planning a realistic budget takes facts, figures and lots of cool decision-making. Here are examples of questions you might ask yourself:

- How much did it cost me to run my car (or cars) last year? For gas and oil? Maintenance? Insurance? Depreciation? How much might these figures increase during 1975? Could I possibly sell the car and depend on public transportation and occasional car rentals?
- How much did I pay out in finance charges during 1974? What kinds of items did I spend those finance charges on? In 1975, could I plan to save—month by month—for such purchases? That way, I'd save money on finance charges and also make interest on my monthly savings.
- Which months during 1974 carried the heaviest expenses? Which items made those months heaviest? Heating or air conditioning bills? (Should I go on an annual budgeting plan with the utility companies?) Quarterly insurance payments? (Can I pay the company monthly—or save monthly, on my own?) What other costs can I spread out over 12 months?
- How do my 1974 expenses look in comparison with '73, '72 and '71? What items have increased the most? Have any decreased? What increases can I expect during 1975 and how can I prepare for them? Has the house been reassessed for tax purposes recently, or should I expect that in 1975? Will public transportation go up in my area? School taxes? Utilities?
- Have I done right by myself as far as savings are concerned? If not, how can I remedy it? Should I have more tax money withheld from my pay—to be returned to me in a lump sum after 1975? That would force me to save—but I'd be giving up the interest. Would it be better to have the bank deduct money from my paycheck and put it in a savings account for me?

## Local NCMA Chapter Hosts Symposium

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will host the Southeastern Regional Educational Symposium on February 5, 6, and 7 at the Carriage Inn. This year's theme will be "Challenges of '75—Tools of the Trade for Effective Contracting."

The key note address will be given by Hugh E. Witt, administrator for the newly established Federal Procurement Policy Office. Guest speakers include Major General Robert F. Trimble, Director of Procurement Policy, Headquarters, United States Air Force. A session on "Productivity" will

be chaired by Major William Witten, Labor Advisor, Office for the Assistant Secretary of the Army. William A. Parker, Jr., Deputy Director, Directorate for Procurement and Production, will conduct the final session on "Organizing and Staffing for Effective Contracting."

## General Egbert Leaves BMDSCOM

Brigadier General John S. Egbert, Director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command's Site Defense Project Office, has been reassigned as Deputy Director of the Defense Mapping Agency at the Naval Observatory in Washington. He reports to his new assignment in March. Gen. Egbert was assigned to BMDSCOM as Site Defense Director in October 1973. Cecil Richardson will serve as Acting Director of the Project Office until a permanent successor is named. Prior to coming to Huntsville, Gen. Egbert was Deputy Director of Planning and Program Analysis in the Office of the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

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## Commanders Leave School

Lieutenant Colonel Stanley W. Hodges and Lieutenant Colonel Joseph W. Lloyd, both School Brigade commanders, depart MMCS this month, one for a new assignment and the other into retirement.

First Battalion Commander Hodges retires on Friday after 21 years active service.

"I consider it a distinct privilege to have been able to command a battalion on the periphery of a technical environment as a final assignment in the Army," remarked Hodges.

Shortly after retiring, Hodges will go to work for the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Washington as a planning officer.

In change of command ceremonies today, Capt. Wilber J. Davis assumes command of First Battalion, pending assignment of a new commander.

Lloyd, Second Bn. commander, is reassigned to the Office of the Deputy, Chief of Research, Development and Acquisition, Washington.

He assumed command here in July 1973 and departed last week.

"It's been a tremendous experience and a most valuable tour. I have noticed a significant improvement in the attitude, enthusiasm and motivation of the young men and women students arriving at MMCS," said Lloyd. "I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with the young soldiers in today's Army."

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# Shortage of Funds Could Bring Greater Stability

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WASHINGTON — Actions to offset an Army Permanent Change of Station travel budget shortage of \$26 million for this fiscal year will mean less moving about for soldiers and their families.

BG J. M. Wroth, Director of Plans, Programs and Budget, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, told Pentagon newsmen recently that strict ceilings have been placed on PCS moves, foreign service tour limitations have been removed, and requests for voluntary ex-

tension of tours will be favorably considered whenever possible. Maximum consideration will also be given to reassignment of personnel within the same command.

These actions, Wroth said, will result in significant dollar savings for the Army and allow greater assignment stability for the soldier.

The actions are being taken to offset inflationary increases on the Army PCS travel budget for FY75. The dollar requirement increased \$66.8 million since the budget was

submitted to Congress in January 1974.

In December, the Army sent a reprogramming request to Congress to cover the inflationary increases. But Congress approved only a \$40.5 million addition to the budget, leaving the Army \$26 million short. To make matters worse, the rate of inflation is still going up and the fiscal year has five months to go.

The actions mean greater tour stability, fewer PCS moves, and moves with little or no travel involved. Most of all, they mean that the Army will reduce costs.

Other actions included stabilized officer tours of at least 30 months or more unless operational requirements dictate otherwise; PCS to service schools will be made as often as possible in con-

junction with completion of overseas or CONUS tours of duty; and CONUS requisitions will be filled by either overseas returnees or training base personnel when possible.

An Army committee will study the PCS problem and try to come up with additional economy measures. The budget may necessitate much more severe actions than already taken. It's possible that some types of PCS moves may be stopped or slowed by involuntary extensions, Worth said, adding that would be done only as a last resort.

The Recreation Center has on its Sunday evening entertainment schedule the Generation Gap, from Nashville.

The group consists of Wilma Thress on bass guitar, Mitzi Thress on organ, Mike Thress, drums, and Jeff Thress on lead guitar. Each of the youths doubles as a vocalist.

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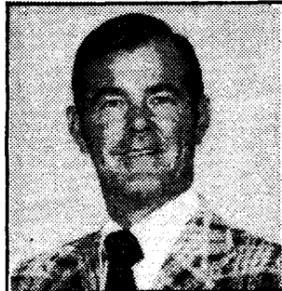
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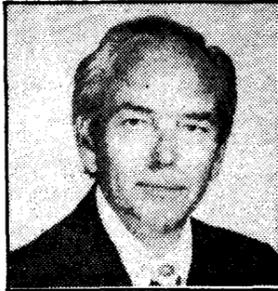
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**MUTUAL ADMIRATION** — Three members of the old Fogies golf team, 1975 version, eye a 5-wood, evidently with sunny fairways and smooth greens in mind. Arthur Decker, (center) and SFC Ronald Taylor, (right), signed up MMCS Commandant Col. Errol E. Hayes, for the Old Fogies. Taylor is Fogies team captain.

## MMCS Golfers Meet Monday

Teams are forming for spring competition in the Missile and Munitions Center and School Golf League.

Arthur Decker, league president, said all MMCS soldiers and civilians may join. Captains of last year's teams and proposed teams are requested to submit rosters of

players to league secretary Jim Rasbury, Room 106, Bldg. 3340, by Friday.

An organizational meeting is set for 3:30 Monday afternoon in the auditorium of Bldg. 3495.

Last season, 14 teams with 110 players, most of them active duty or retired military men, stalked the fairways. Regular team play ended with the Marines in the top spot, the Putt-In-Ons second and the Happy Hackers third.

Competition is expected to get underway around April 1. A tournament and awards banquet will wind up the season in August. Additional information may be obtained from Decker, 6-3053; Rasbury, 6-2430; Matt Salopek (vice president), 6-2665; or Johnny Nelson (treasurer), 6-2430.

## Rice Gives MPs Firm Hold

Willie Rice powered the 291st MP's to a 91-38 sweep over Company B last Thursday night, dunking an awesome 46 to rivet the cops in the top spot in the RSA Basketball League western race.

In the eastern standings, the 4th Student Company remained lodged at the top of the list. Led by Cornelius Williams with 18, the 4th clobbered the unimpressive Meddacs 76-44.

However, the west's second-place 6th SC edged the 4th 46-36 at mid-week.

MICOM dumped Company A, 50-39, spurred by a 23-point performance by Art Perrin. A day earlier, Raymond Smith whipped in 19 to push MICOM to a 52-47 victory over the 6th.

In other divisional battles, Company B beat 95th Calibration 43-34 Monday. James Smith paced the winners with 12. The MP's scored a 68-45 win over the

8th Students. Rice again the star with 25.

Tuesday, Company A won over Company C 52-42 and luckless SSG chalked up another failure, bowing to the Marines 43-24.

The 8th clobbered SSG a day

later, 67-48, inspired by Glen Ellis' 22-point showing. SSG is 0 and 10 in the west.

The 7th, powered by Fred Morgan's 18 points, dumped Meddacs 72-40 Thursday. Company C forfeited to the 95th Calibrators.

### RSA BASKETBALL STANDINGS

EASTERN		WESTERN	
W	L	W	L
4th SC	10 1	291st MP's	9 1
MICOM	9 1	6th SC	6 3
7th SC	9 2	Company B	4 5
8th SC	5 5	Meddacs	4 6
Marines	4 6	Company C	1 8
		SSG	0 10

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THE ROCKET

JANUARY 29, 1975

## Bowling Results

### Friday Mixed

#### STANDINGS

B.V.'s	53
Three and One	50
Outhouse Gang	50
Ham-Macs	48 1/2
Wieners	47 1/2
Ha-Ha's	45
Eight Balls	44 1/2
Four Pins	41
Odd Couples	40
Barb. Q Ranch	39

#### TEAM RESULTS

Team Series (scratch): Wieners, 1923; with hdc., 2343.

Team Game (scratch): Ha-Ha's, 678; with hdc., 843.

#### IND. HONORS

High Series: Helmer, 636; Harris, 547; Goltz, 532; Frans, 523; Bostick, 519; Arnold, 514; Howard, 502; Gillispie, 502; (women) Doss, 559.

High Game: Helmer, 244.

### Wednesday Officers

#### STANDINGS

Lucky Strikes	14
ExASPRators	12
Bee M's	10
Black Jacks	10
Redrock Engineers	10
Strikeouts	8
Swingers	8
Widgets	6
Readiness Group	4
Halo's	4
Sch. Bde. B's	2

#### RESULTS

ExASPRators 8, Widgets 0  
Lucky Strikes 8, Sch. Bde. B's 0  
Swingers 6, Strikeouts 2  
Bee M's 6, Readiness Group 2  
Gimlets 6, Halo's 2  
Black Jacks 4, Redrock Engineers 4

#### IND. RESULTS

High Series: Young, 604; Reece 552; Jones 541; Hertzog 539; Stevens 534; Wilkerson 523; Townley 520.  
High Games: Young 224; Bryan 212; Wilkerson 206.

### S&M League

#### STANDINGS

PickUps	11
Parkway Lanes	10
Strikers	10
Three & Two	8
Reba's Enterprises	8
Misfits	4
Outcasts	4
Clowns	2
Interns	1
Barber-Coleman	1

#### BEST SCORES

Les Washburn, 554; Mike Arndt, 539; (225); Ray Bailey, 527; Al Rossi, 526 (221); Garland Kinslow, 527; Vern Benson, 526; Earl Dunn, 522; Les Westbrooks, 520.

#### LAST WEEK'S PAIRINGS

Strikers 4, Interns 0  
Three--Two 4, Clowns 0  
Reba's 4, Barber-Coleman 0  
Pick Ups 3, Misfits 1  
Parkway 3, Outcasts 1

### AMC League

#### STANDINGS

Spares	47
Lily Flagg	43
Alley Cats	41
Fat Cats	40
Bombers	37 1/2
Hughes TOW	37
T-Birds	35 1/2
Sheraton	29 1/2
Sprinters	25
Untouchables	24 1/2

#### LAST WEEK

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

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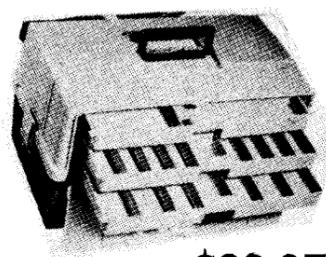
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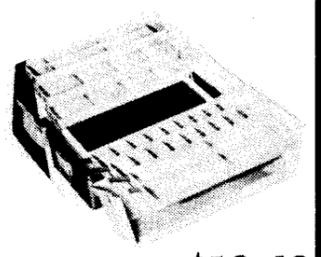
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## Bowling Big With Youth

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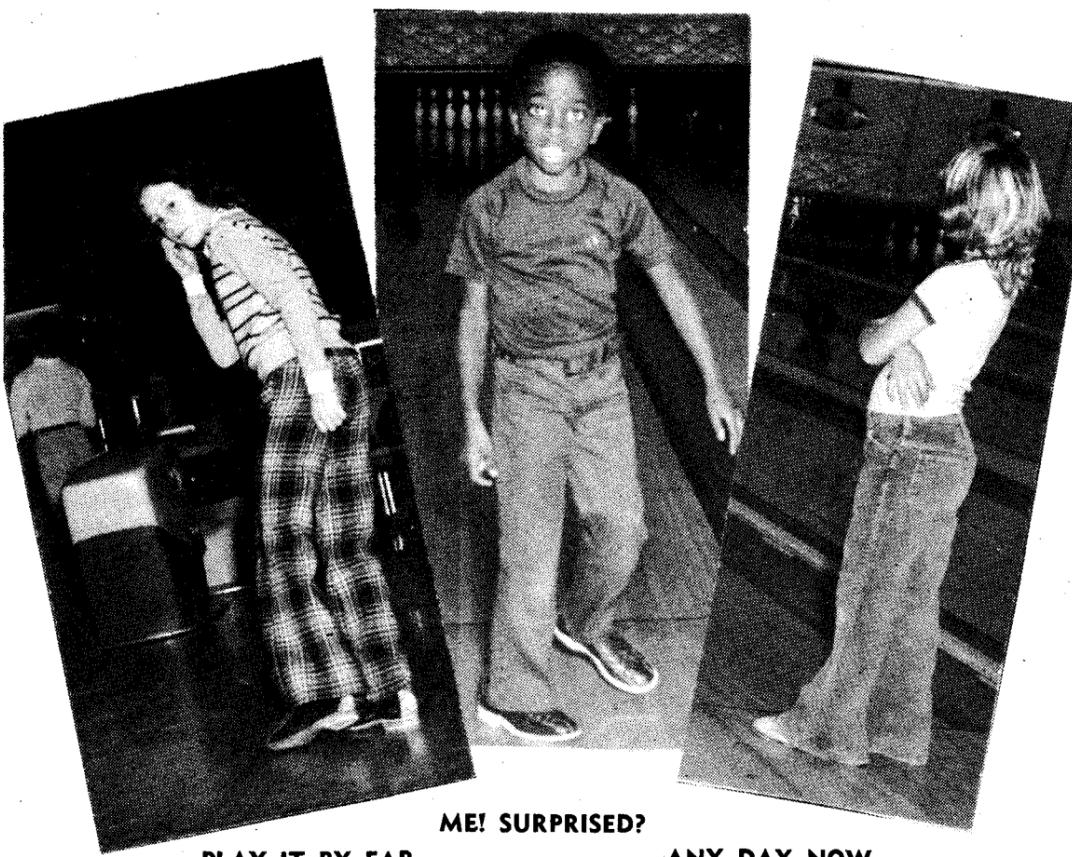
The young bowlers compete in three sanctioned leagues under American Junior Bowling Association rules and regulations.

The Bantams, ages 6 through 12, have the lanes on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with Ann LaPointe and Ray Weinberg directing the activities of some 130 aspiring young keglers. On Saturday mornings the juniors ply their skills on the maple runways under the guidance of Vera Wilkerson.

Jessie Hawthorne is showing the way among the Bantams to date with an average of 128. Sheryl Rider's 176 is the best game rolled this season while the tops among the boys is a 166 game put together by Allen Oie.

Robert McCowans is averaging 164 and has authored a 542 series in claiming individual honors among the juniors. Debra Dinkel put together a 488 series, best for the junior girls.

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## Rockets Drop Pair At Benning

COLUMBUS, Ga. — When Redstone's basketball Rockets bounced into Briant Wells Fieldhouse at Ft. Benning last weekend, they found themselves in the land of the giants. Cashing in on height, the Benning Doughboys whipped the Rockets 85-74 in the first game and 84-75 in the second.

In the first contest, the Doughboys took two and three shots at their offensive boards. The Rockets were held to a single shot.

Magnificent outside shooting by Willie Rice, Art Perrin and Ray Smith pushed the Rockets to a 23-21 lead with 7:21 left in the half. But keen foul shooting by the Doughboys boosted

them to a 41-37 halftime lead.

Employing furious backdoor offense, the Doughboys pushed the score to 65-49. But the scrappy Rockets, demonstrating their quickness and teamwork, hacked away at the Benning lead.

The Doughboys were not to be beat on their home court, however.

Heading Benning's scoring was Jim Jenkins with 20. John Thomas and Dave McCall had 14 and 12 respectively.

Rice led the Rockets with 26, followed by Smith's 14 and Perrin's 12.

The Rockets went down 84-75 in the finale, but despite their opponents' height they staged a

four corner offense to chalk up easy jump shots and lay ups.

The lead changed hands at least 10 times before the Doughboys poured in five for a 45-31 halftime lead.

The Rockets came out smoking

in the second half, forcing a 65-65 tie in the final three minutes. Benning's Tom Trotter turned on

his shooting from the outside to spur the Doughboys. A couple of three point Doughboy plays iced the ball game.

Rice was high for Redstone with 22. Perrin, Fred Morgan and Richard Mitchell netted 15 apiece.

The Doughboys' leader was Trotter with 18.

## Arsenal Deer Safe For Another Year

Deer season officially ended at Redstone last Saturday with a total of 361 deer killed, showing an increase over last year's total of 272.

Military personnel took part in nine private hunts during the season. Each hunter was permitted to be accompanied by two guests.

The general public was invited to hunt on the arsenal when the gates

were opened on 13 different hunting days.

A spokesman for the game warden's office said that a detailed breakdown of the number of hunters and the size of deer killed would be available in the near future.

"But," he added, "I did see a lot more women hunting this year than in the past."

## Golfing's Better

Paul Pencola, who retired from the Army last August as a colonel reports that retirement is great and he has scored two holes in one in three months, to prove it.

Pencola said his second ace

came last Tuesday at the Goose Pond course in Scottsboro on No. 3 hole, a par 3 challenge. Witnesses

in the foursome were Rex Javits, Jerry Breedlove and Taylor.

The previous hole-in-one was on the Redstone course in October.

## League Lead Up For Grabs

The Missile Command girls are set for a pair of crucial contests that will go a long way towards deciding the Madison Women's basketball league title for the season.

MICOM and Big Ed's Pizzeria are presently tied for first, each with eight wins and two losses, and the Huntsville Independents are in third, just one game off the pace.

The first place deadlock will be at stake tomorrow evening when MICOM and Big Ed's go at it in an 8:45 contest at the West Madison School. Next Thursday's billing has the Civilian Welfare Fund girls going against the Independents.

Last Thursday MICOM had an easy time to rolling to a 50-20 conquest of the Tomboys while the Independents were relinquishing a one-third share of the lead following an upset loss to Putman.

Janice McGee took over the scoring lead with a 23-point outburst as MICOM was on top 29-12 at the half and won going away. Coach Jack Bissinger removed most of his starters early in the second half when the margin reached 30 points.

Gladys Hill was second in scoring with 13. Anita Wingard and

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# Up the Enlisted Ladder

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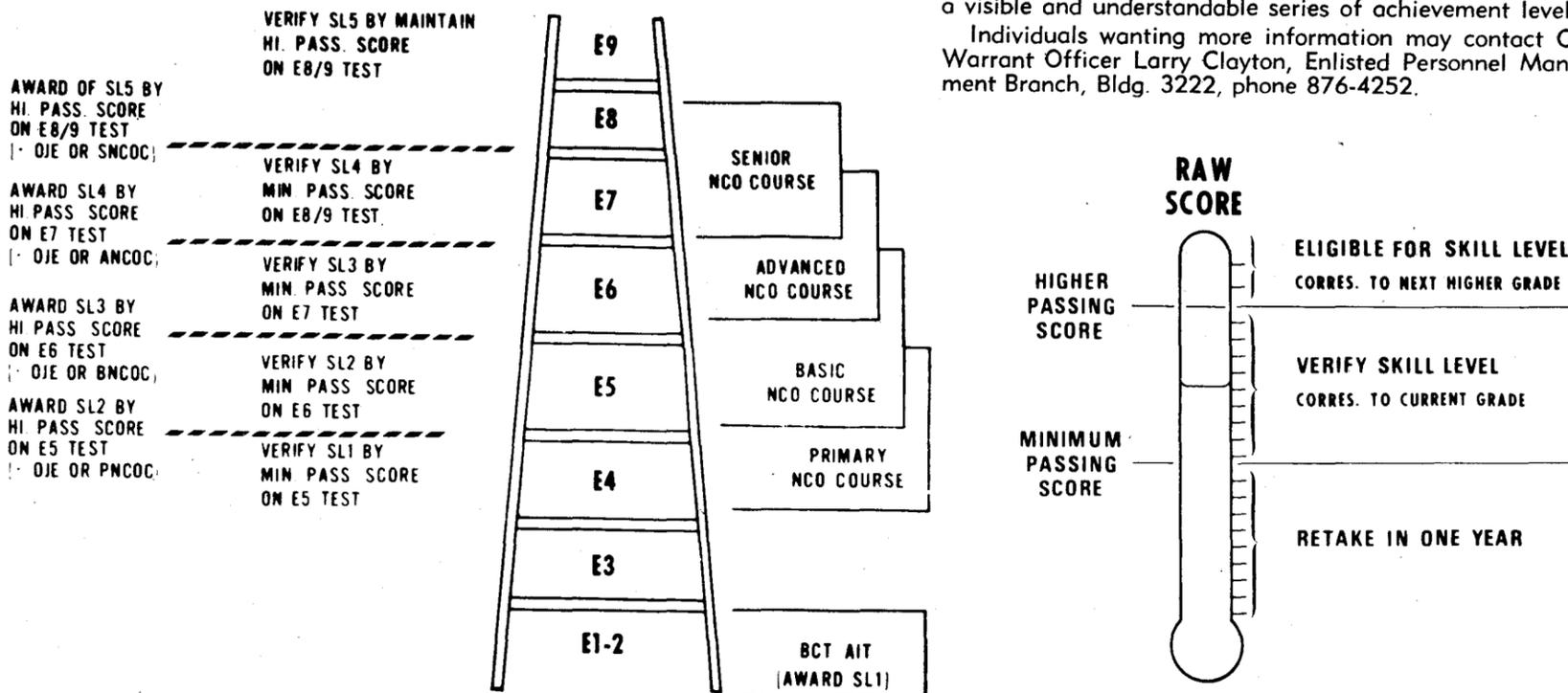
specialist 7. This is because the rank is being abolished in all career management fields, since virtually all soldiers of that rank perform "hard striper" supervision.

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Specialist 4 will be retained, with limited promotion to corporal permitted in all career management fields.

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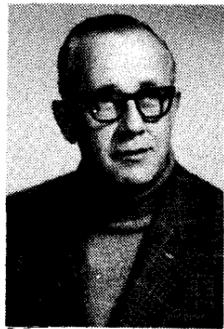
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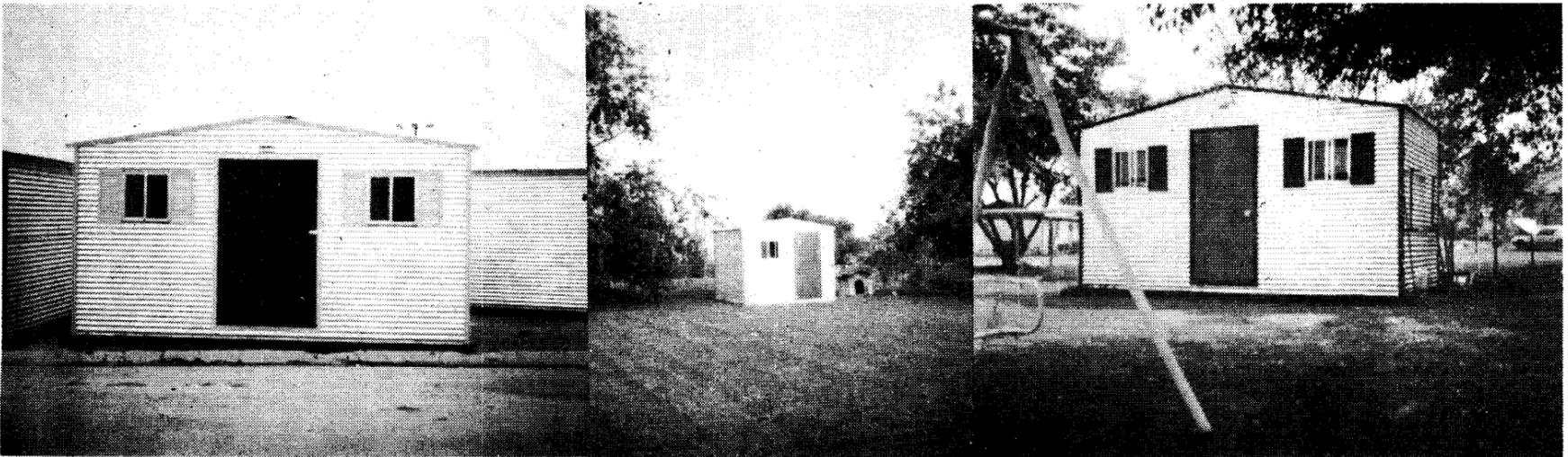
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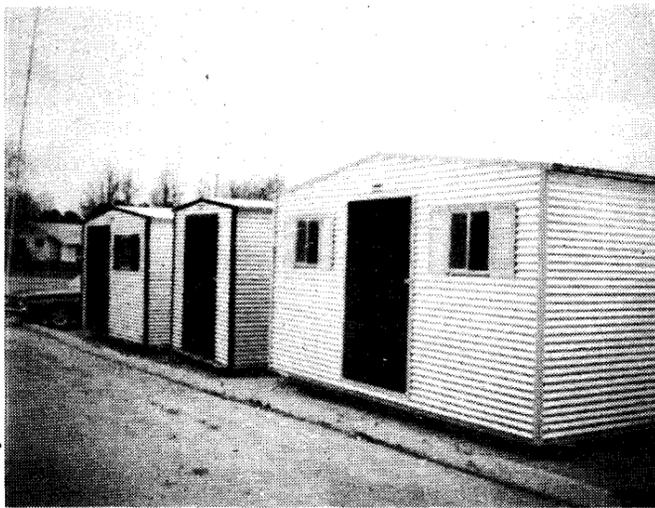
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