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Plenty of Shoe Leather Though.

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# Oh, My Aching Back!

By SHEILA HAMRICK

That initial meeting is behind them. The strain of formal stature slowly gives way to a relaxed sensation that comes from knowing you can just be yourself. After years together, the two simply become attached to each other.

. . . a man and his chair.

The scene is replayed each morning in offices all over Redstone Arsenal. Men (and women) returning to work and to that place they call their own. Protection of territorial rights becomes apparent as each person rearranges books and papers and reclaims that one necessity that's been relocated during evening cleaning—the chair.

But, that feeling of "being right at home" may be harboring unforeseen aches and pains.

"I'm tired all the time."

"Oh, my aching back."

These complaints are heard most often by physicians treating people who are bound to a desk throughout their work day.

Dr. Harold F. Drake, M.D., from the Troop Health Clinic, adds that normally problems related to hours of sitting are postural and may cause back pains.

Settling down into your very own chair just may be causing posture problems for you. Slumping cramps the heart and lung muscles as well.

Lack of physical exercise has been linked to a variety of ailments and diseases. Most heart specialists agree that the heart, like any other muscle, stays fit with use and that a good way to keep it fit is through continued physical activity appropriate to your age and state of health.

Some people fear that exercise puts too great a burden on the heart. Actually, almost no physical activity can strain or otherwise damage a healthy heart. An important point to remember, though, is to consult your physician before starting any rigorous exercise routine.

There are a lot of people who may be sitting around with a live "tiger in their tank" or at least one on reserve.

It has been estimated that fit, toned-up muscles use 40 percent less energy to do the same work as soft, flabby muscles. So, if you tire easily, it may simply be due to the fact that your muscles, for lack of enough physical activity, have lost their tone.

An additional probing thought is that if the muscles of the arms, legs and abdomen are flabby it's likely that the muscles of the heart and other vital organs are flabby too.

Statistics show that death rates from heart disease are lower for those doing heavy work than for those whose jobs require little physical effort. And, also that when a heart attack does occur, the person who has been physically active is more likely to recover.

How many times have you felt that you just had to get out and run? So-called nervous tension is largely a matter of muscular tension. When you're tense, your muscles are ready for action.

Stretching is a particular good exercise for the desk-bound worker. It doesn't take much time or space and draws only a minimum of strange looks from co-workers.

Walking should be taken up at every opportunity. Those rides on the elevator could easily be replaced by a brisk trek up the stairway.



A simple exercise designed to relieve tension in the neck may aid people who spent hours looking down at their work.

Drop the head forward so that the chin rests on the chest, then slowly rotate the head in a circle, first to the right and then all the way around the back of the neck as far as possible.

Exercise, a vital part of good health, doesn't

have to be confined to a health spa or gymnasium. An extra thought about good posture coupled with walking whenever possible, may put you on the road toward feeling better and looking better.

A few simple exercises during the work day won't work wonders but they may add to the exercise program that each person sets for himself during leisure hours.

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You can donate blood every 8 weeks but not more than 5 times a year.

**Give someone a chance to live.**

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## 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:** What did it cost to bring Iceberg Slim here and what was the total cost of the special events for the Arsenal observance of Black History Week?

**Answer:** Iceberg Slim received his standard lecture fee: \$850. Total cost for Black History Week activities came to about \$2,700 according to the Race Relations-Equal Opportunity Office.

**Q.—What are MICOM's plans to implement a variable workday? If they have not plans, why not? Other agencies currently practicing the variable workday are the Naval base in Pensacola, Fla. and the Social Security office in Baltimore.**

**A.—**The Civilian Personnel Division has been in close contact with other DA activities where experimentation with flexible work hours (FLEXTIME) is now in progress. Formal evaluation of FLEXTIME is incomplete. The most recent guidance from Headquarters, Army Materiel Command indicates that further experimentation is discouraged pending evaluation of those prototype programs. These programs are being monitored to pinpoint problem areas, benefits to be derived and to obtain recommendations concerning expansion of the concept to other organizations. The Command decision is to not request FLEXTIME at this time.

**Q.—Can a branch supervisor legally force all employees under him to take annual leave?**

**A.—**Yes, under certain circumstances.

**Q.—Can a branch supervisor coerce all employees under him to take annual leave on certain days, i.e., Thursday and Friday after Christmas when those employees don't want to take annual leave on those days?**

**A.—**No. Reference is made to MICOM regulation 690-3, dated September 30, 1974, paragraph 4. g., which reads as follows:

4. g.—After giving notice, Management may place employees on annual leave with or without their consent, when work is interrupted or operations are temporarily suspended.

It's Interesting Though . . . .

## Unthinkable Now Expected

For Bill Lasseter, a line of work that for many years dealt in constants has rather abruptly started dealing in unpredictables.

Lasseter's the man at Facilities Engineer who budgets the money for Redstone's heating fuel and electricity purchases.

"For years we could work out our budget counting on electricity costing about \$7 per 1000 kilowatt hour", Lasseter said. But today he can't tell from one month to the next what it will cost.

It averaged about \$9 per 1000 kwh for the first half of the fiscal year, then jumped to \$13 in January.

Additionally, tacked on to each month's bill since July has been a fuel cost adjustment charge. This charge varies from month to month, depending on prices TVA pays for fuel to fire its generators during the billing period. Last month it added a whopping \$36,000 to Redstone's bill. In other months it has added from 11 to 25 thousand.

On a brighter note, Lasseter said that despite big cost increases, as a result of conservation he was able to revise the electricity budget down by \$100,000 at fiscal mid-year. The budget now stands at \$3 million.

Only a short time ago a near quarter-million dollar electric bill coming in the dead of winter was unthinkable, Lasseter said. Today bills of that size are expected. They'll likely top \$300,000 this summer.

Even more disturbing are heating costs. At fiscal mid-year Redstone's unprecedented \$2.6 million heating fuel budget suddenly faced a \$1.5 million deficit.

In pre-shortage times, that deficit alone would have paid the yearly heating bill.

What devastated the budget is this: in mid-November Redstone was notified that millions of cubic feet of natural gas that had been

counted on for heating this winter would not be forthcoming. In its stead millions of gallons of heating oil had to be bought at 30-plus cents per gallon.

For FY76, it is planned to budget \$6.4 million for heating fuel, and \$3.3 million for electricity. "We expect the costs to keep going up", Lasseter said.

Which may be another way of saying that in the future Lasseter can count on financial juggling being a part of the process of budgeting to pay the heat and electric bills.

From one standpoint, that's good. "I enjoy it—it makes the work a whole lot more interesting", said Lasseter.

Shanks Mare . . . .

## It's Just Possible

Before the end of June some activities here might face the prospect of having their military vehicles replaced by a pair of "official use only" shoes.

A fiscal mid-year review showed that Redstone's gasoline allocation will be used up well before the end of the year at present consumption rates.

The allocation, made by AMC at the first of the fiscal year, is being depleted rapidly as activities here chronically exceed their monthly allocations under Redstone's gasoline rationing system.

In an effort to make the allocation last until it is replenished July 1, the rationing system is being toughened up so that activities will no longer be able to exceed their allocations.

This will mean some rather drastic belt-tightening. In January, of 50 activities drawing on Redstone's gasoline, all but 14 went over their allocation. Some exceeded it by nearly 50 per cent.

"After the January figures came in we saw that we will soon be in trouble unless we do something quick", said Bob Jones, who administers the rationing program.

"At the first of the fiscal year AMC gave us an allocation—10 per cent less gasoline than we used the year before—and they tell us that's all we're going to get.

"AMC is taking a hard line on this so we have no choice but to take a hard line also", Jones added.

"It's going to be a tough job because we will have to play catch-up for the rest of the year", he continued, explaining that while the AMC allocation demands a 10 per cent cut in consumption, Redstone so far has achieved one of only five per cent.

Jones said gasoline station attendants have been instructed to no longer let an organization have gasoline beyond the gallonage specified in its allocation. In addition, he has begun weekly checks of records kept at the stations and is giving weekly warnings to activities whose consumption seems to be outrunning allocation.

Jones acknowledges that allocations for some organizations may not be sufficient: "It is possible that we may increase some of them, but I'd say that probably the only justification for an increase is a new mission."

Requests for increased allocations must be made to Colonel John D. White, RASA commander, who in January used up the allocation for his staff car before the month was out. He parked the car.

## Almost \$2 Million In Area Awards

The Army Missile Command spent more than \$1.2 million in Huntsville and approximately \$653,000 in nearby cities during the past month to buy support goods and services for missile programs.

Two hundred and thirty-seven awards for missile systems and related equipment totalling \$20,294,669, went to firms nationwide.

The smaller contracts to local firms buy office and laboratory supplies and equipment, food, laundry and maintenance services among other general support items.

The MICOM Procurement and Production Directorate executes the awards and contracts.

## Arsenal Cubs Plan Blue-Gold Banquet

The month of February marks the 45th birthday of the Cub Scouts of America. Redstone Pack 234 will celebrate the observance with the annual Blue and Gold Banquet at the NCO Club, Wednesday, February 26.

The public is invited to attend both a chicken dinner and a program featuring live entertainment and special award presentations.

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# Housing Area Appearance Up To Residents In Area

With warmer weather approaching and outdoor activity increasing, many arsenal residents have become concerned about the appearance of their homes on-post and voiced suggestions for improvements.

One of the most important aspects that residents should be aware of is the schedule for garbage and trash collection. The

service is provided by a civilian contractor and is as follows:

Mondays and Thursdays—garbage pick-up for residents north of Goss Rd.

Tuesdays and Fridays—garbage pick-up for residents south of Goss Rd.

Wednesdays—trash pick-up for both areas.

A distinction should be made

between garbage and trash. Garbage, including cans, bottles, food scraps and other litter, should be stored in appropriate garbage cans.

Trash, consisting of leaves, tree limbs or stumps, must be gathered in plastic bags or in boxes and placed near the curb each Wednesday for pick-up.

If leaves and other debris are

stored in the garbage cans, they will not be collected. A flat-bed truck is provided for this operation and is only available on the designated day.

Colonel Brandon L. Parker, MICOM Inspector General, commented that he has received several calls from individuals reporting strewn garbage throughout the housing area due to residents not keeping their respective areas clean or carelessness on the part of the garbage pick-up personnel.

He also pointed out that residents are responsible for keeping their areas clean and violators will be notified by the housing authorities. Col. Parker works very closely with Colonel John White, RASA Commander, on these types of complaints.

"Repeated violators," he continued, "may be subject to disciplinary actions but we hope

that won't be necessary. If each resident does his part, we can keep the post a nice place to live."

Stray dogs running loose in the housing area have caused additional problems by turning over garbage cans. Pets should be kept under control at all times. Those found unattended will be picked up by the post dog-catcher. Owners will be subject to a charge for each day that their animal is impounded.

Col. Parker added that every effort will be made to aid families in maintaining clean and attractive homes. Anyone having complaints regarding the garbage or trash pick-up service, should contact the housing authorities or the Inspector General's office at 876-4905.

The IG's office, in conjunction with the RASA commander, will strive to improve the appearance and beautification of the post.



Jim Steelman (left), Bruce Reed inspect Redeye missile . . .

## Quality Teams Assure Combat-Ready Redeye

If Redeye goes where the soldier goes, can MICOM's Product Assurance experts be far behind?

Not anymore, thanks to a Redeye Mobile Test Unit that travels to sites wherever the shoulder-fired plane killer is deployed.

"Inside the truck-mounted van is troubleshooting equipment that

tells us if Redeye is combat ready," said Jim McDonald, of the System Performance Assessment Division who said that Product Assurance already has tested Redeye missiles both in this country and overseas.

"We have about four, two-man crews who are Redeye experts and

they take turns accompanying the van on inspection tours. We check equipment in the hands of soldiers, if it's go or no go, and if the soldiers have problems, we help solve them."

McDonald said the surveillance program not only reveals the combat readiness of Redeye, it tells if equipment is degraded or deteriorated, and identifies items for maintenance or perhaps disposal.

"We do not inspect theater depots which conduct their own surveillance programs," McDonald said.

Data gleaned from the inspection program is fed into a MICOM computer bank. It not only permits Redeye to maintain safety, operational readiness, and performance characteristics, it also helps MICOM engineers design new systems with improved shelf life and storage reliability.

The van, boasting a gasoline powered generator, features a rate table on which the Redeye missile is mounted. Once the missile is emplaced, engineers can check such things as electrical pulses, weapon boresight, missile seeker response to both moving and stationary infrared sources, and response to a target acquisition indicator.

Redeye is managed by MICOM's Special Systems Management Office, under Colonel H. C. Bennett, Jr., while the surveillance program is conducted by the Product Assurance Directorate under Robert P. Whitley.

### CIVILIAN BRIEFS

The following new hires, promotions and retirements were announced for the period February 7 through 13.

#### NEW HIRES

Norbert R. Lutz, Maintenance, GS-12  
 Jimmie McElroy, TOW Project Office, GS-13  
 Howard L. Rutledge, Precision Laser Designators Project Office, GS-14.

#### PROMOTIONS

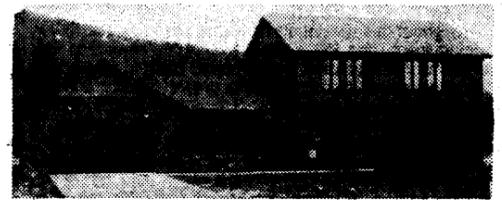
Mildred S. Hanby, TOW to GS-7  
 Lula M. Parham, to GS-3  
 Bettye L. Shumate, to GS-3  
 Marcy C. Spears, to GS-7  
 Cara B. Wherry, to GS-3.

#### RETIREMENTS

John F. Bartuska, GS-12, Procurement and Production  
 Harold W. Garner, Jr., GS-13, Legal Office.  
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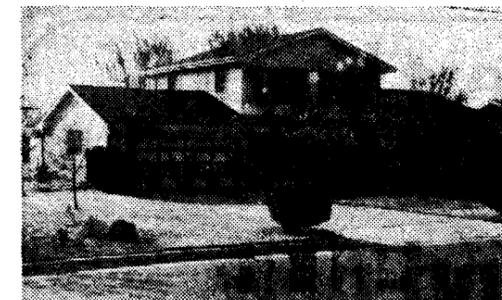
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# British Had Their Own Southern Strategy

The elementary and high school texts that give most Americans their sparse knowledge of the Revolutionary War tend to emphasize the major campaigns and battles that took place in the northern colonies from 1775 through 1777.

Thirty four regiments of soldiers



had gone north to fight, but for the most part, the southern colonies had been untouched by the war since the British were repulsed when they attempted to sieze Charleston, South Carolina, in 1776.

To the British generals and statemen seeking solution to the stalemate the war in the northern colonies had become by 1778, the southern colonies offered attractive possibilities. There were many people in the South still loyal to the Crown. Hoping to find "good Americans to subdue the bad ones," the British shifted their main effort south in 1778. When the war came south it turned ugly. It became, in time, a civil war.

#### Savannah Falls

The search for good Americans began at Savannah, Georgia, just as 1778 was fading. Carried south by the British fleet, 3,500 soldiers landed near the town, the southernmost American port of significance, brushed aside a small force of Georgia and South Carolina militia, and took Savannah on December 29.

Capture of Savannah was tantamount to conquest of the state. As 1779 began, Georgia inhabitants "flocked by hundreds to the King's officers, and made their peace at

the expense of their patriotism."

The British marched through Georgia in 1779—forerunner of another march in another war—with brother pitted against brother, neighbor against neighbor. Fort Sunbury fell January 10, Augusta by January 31.

Major General Benjamin Lincoln, his ragged Continentals and untrained militia now swelled to about 3,000 by 500 refugees from the siege of Savannah, prevented a march through South Carolina. There were marches and countermarches, skirmishes and small pitched battles,—clashes between Tories and patriots. Intensive, fratricidal bitterness marked the southern campaign.

#### CONFINED TO GEORGIA

The net result was that the British were confined to Georgia except for Port Royal Island, over in South Carolina, where a small garrison of about 200 men dug in. The King even propped up a royal legislature for a while, the only one in America after the Declaration of Independence.

South Carolina remained in the rebel camp and built up its militia Army as fast as Tories flocked to the Crown in Georgia, but both France and Spain were in the war on the American side by now and France sent Admiral Comte Charles Henri Theodat d'Estaing and a fleet across the Atlantic to help out in America.

He brought 12 ships of the line and four frigates, mounting 834 guns and carrying 4,000 soldiers. General Washington asked him to support an attack on New York. The French outclassed the British fleet in New York Harbor and they tried, but sand bars kept them from getting in.

Then, a cooperative effort between the Americans and French attempted to take Newport, Rhode Island, but failed. As a result the French fleet sailed to the West Indies and dealt the British misery from Island to Island.

Sir Henry Clinton, now commander of British forces in

America, had to send 8,000 regulars from New York to the West Indies to halt the French conquests. It so weakened the British that evacuation of New York was considered but not carried out. However, Newport, which had resisted the Franco-American assault in 1778, was abandoned without a shot.

The Governor of South Carolina then asked d'Estaing to come back to the mainland and help the Americans retake Savannah. On September 12, 1779 the French fleet with 3,500 French soldiers sailed up the Savannah River and took up position south of town. They were joined by General Lincoln and about 1600 Americans, outnumbering the British two to one.

#### DECIDES TO ATTACK

The Franco-Americans tried to take the port by summons and the British stalled to await reinforcement from Port Royal Island. October 3 nearly 50 land guns, plus those of three ships in the river began battering Savannah and its fall seemed inevitable, yet d'Estaing could not wait for it. Reports that British fleet was enroute to Savannah made him fear for his ships. Seasonal storms might scatter them. He decided to attack.

Unfortunately Sergeant Major James Curry of the Charleston Grenadiers deserted and revealed the plans for the attack to the British. When d'Estaing and Lincoln sent their men against the enemy the British were braced for them and they met a dreadful hail of musketry and interlocking artillery fire which tumbled the attackers in heaps.

A savage hand-to-hand fight raged for more than an hour, but the allies were finally driven back, their attempt to retake Savannah ended. Stunned by losses of about 250 dead and 600 wounded, against British casualties of about 150, the French loaded their troops, weighed anchor and sailed away.

The British still believed it Toryland. With Georgia restored to the Crown, using Savannah as a base, their plan was to conquer the Carolinas, then Virginia, after which with the army augmented by a huge influx of Tories, they would concentrate on the northern states. If they couldn't conquer the North, at least the South would be saved for the King.

#### CHARLESTON CHOSEN

Sir Henry Clinton chose Charleston for the beginning point, moved in troops and ships and by March 7, 1780 was erecting batteries on the west bank of the Ashley River opposite the town.

Lincoln responded to this threat by drawing all available troops into Charleston, a disastrous decision as it turned out. About 5,000 men, the entire American army in South Carolina had been placed inside a noose. Clinton, with 10,000 men, began drawing the noose tight. With control of the sea and superiority on land, Clinton cut off the Americans and gradually closed in to rain cannon balls and red hot shot on Charleston. Lincoln held out as long as he could but when it was obvious the town would be destroyed, he surrendered May 12.

The mass surrender of some 5,500 American soldiers was not to be equalled in the history of United States arms until the capitulation on Bataan in 1942.

Clinton made wise use of the victory by granting pardons and paroles. His policy was so successful that more than 2,000 of his captives volunteered to fight for the King. Because the state's loyalists and patriots were evenly divided, nothing less than a civil war began in South Carolina. Men shot at each other in the woods and on the streets of towns. It was



Charleston, 1776

death by ambush, not face to face confrontations.

Sir Henry Clinton sailed back to New York leaving Lord Charles Cornwallis in charge.

His Lordship took objective after objective at his leisure. Then the Tories got out of hand.

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## Welfare Fund Stands To Gain

The German Air Force Detachment at the Missile and Munitions Center and School is planning a march to benefit their "Soldatenhilfswerk" or troop welfare fund.

In Germany, a "Soldatenmarsch"—soldiers march—is held yearly to build up the fund, which aids soldiers who through no fault of their own find themselves in a financial emergency.

Captain Manfred Heer said the local march will take place on a Saturday morning in March or April. Participants will hike 12 or 20 kilometers on post.

There will be a three dollar entry fee. Each marcher will receive a commemorative medal.

Bratwurst, sauerkraut, kartoffelsalat and German beer will be available after the march.

U.S. and foreign troops and civilians are invited to participate. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 22 at Bldg. 3511.

## Accountants Meet

The Huntsville Chapter of the Federal Government Accountants Association will meet Thursday evening at the Ramada Inn on South Memorial Parkway.

The evening's program includes a panel discussion of "Management Philosophies" conducted by several guest speakers.



**DIVERS HONORED**—Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis recently presented Captain James Sutherland, MMCS Tech Escort Branch chief, a certificate of achievement for his skin diving work during rescue operations following the crash of a light airplane in the Tennessee River. Post Command Sergeant Major Arthur R. Senkewich and Specialist Five Gary Flahart died in the mishap. At left is another certificate recipient, Huntsville Policeman Iode Lugo, a diver who participated in the search.

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Despite Travel Situation . . . .

## MAME Alive And Kicking

The recent DA limit on travel money has forced postponement of the European phase of the Missile and Munitions Evaluation (MAME-74) project.

Early July has tentatively been set as the new departure time for the 13-man data gathering group. The representatives of the Missile Command, Armaments Command, Logistics Center, Field Artillery Center, Air Defense Center, and Missile and Munitions Center and School, had originally planned to depart for Europe in late January.

"The project is still alive and kicking," said deputy project director Jack L. Matthews. "We're a victim of the money shortage."

MAME-74 already has surveyed Army units in the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Korea, Japan, and Okinawa. Administering questionnaires and conducting interviews at work sites, team members compiled data on "everything, logistically speaking, needed to keep the Army in

readiness," Matthews said.

In Europe, the technique will be the same. "We will visit the preponderance of Army missile munitions and EOD units in Europe," said Matthews.

"We'll be interviewing from the general officer level at major headquarters down to the guy with the screwdriver in his hand," he said.

Throughout Germany, Italy and England, the team will examine the effectiveness of missile and munitions training, doctrine, maintenance and supply procedures, publications and organizations.

Two months will be required to complete the survey, the last leg of the MAME-74 effort. Once back from Europe, the team will compile a final report from data collected worldwide.

The project, headed by Lieutenant Colonel Carl M. Powe, has three objectives—to provide field units with information on how

well they do their job; to increase communications between the decisionmakers and the units with an eye toward improving unit performance; and to follow up on actions recommended after the MAME-71 survey.

Matthews estimates the final report will be ready by late this year.

In the months before departure for Europe, the team plans to work on data gathered already. "We're taking corrective action when we see something so serious that it can't wait," he said. Recently, data gathered by MAME served to accommodate a DA-directed reduction in TOE personnel authorizations so as to have minimum impact on field units.

Problems with equipment also are receiving attention. Design changes in the new Stinger system are now being made based on MAME findings about the Redeye, a similar missile system that Stinger eventually will replace.

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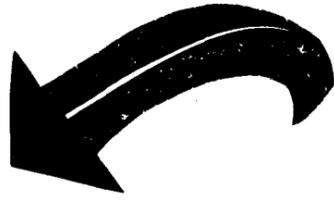
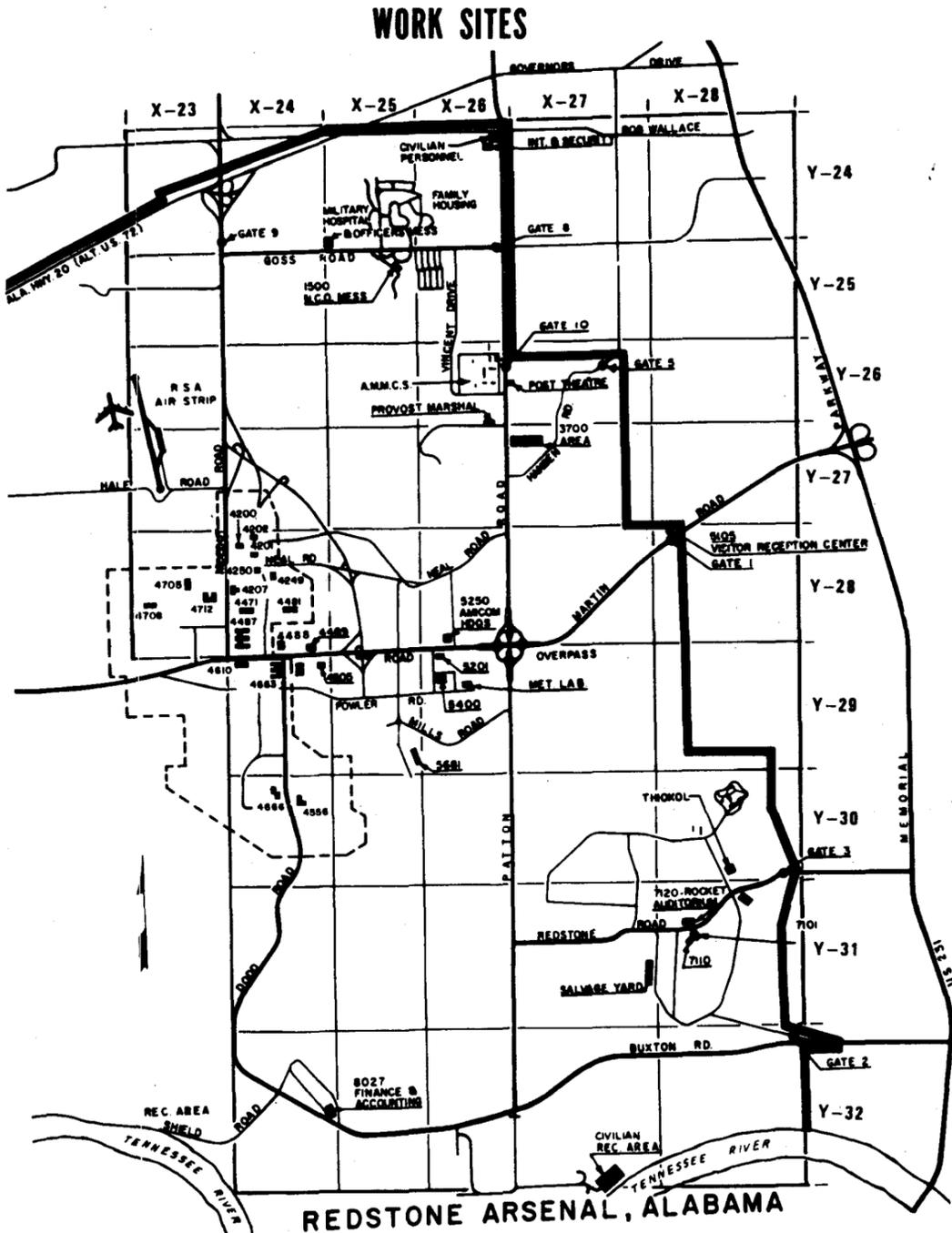
Local engineering organizations will pay tribute to Engineers Week with a joint meeting at the Carriage Inn Friday evening.

The program features guest speaker Dr. Herbert F. Reem who is Director of the Office of Special Projects, Federal Energy Administration in Washington.

An Outstanding Young Engineer Award will be presented to an engineer selected from among candidates of the various local organizations. The winner will be eligible to compete for state level outstanding engineer. Also, each organization will present an award to an outstanding engineer within that organization.

Information regarding the meeting, or tickets may be obtained by calling Al Riesz, Program Chairman, at 881-7141. The event begins at six.

Organizations participating in the joint venture include Society of American Military Engineers, Alabama Society of Professional Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Industrial Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the Instrument Society of America.



The arsenal work site map and the city map of Huntsville are to be used in completing the computer carpool application forms that were printed in last week's Rocket.

Each new applicant and those original participants who have changed their addresses or work sites, should determine what grid numbers intersect in their particular areas.

For example: building 5400 is located in grid X-26 and Y-29.

Those grid numbers should be placed in the appropriate blocks on the application forms along with all other required information and mailed to AMSMI-WPA.

## Drug Use Check

(ANF — The Department of Defense has announced that beginning February 1 servicemen can be required to take urine tests in order to check for drug usage.

The reinstatement of urinalysis, suspended last July because of a Court of Military Appeals ruling, is the result of a major change in the program's policy.

The new program does not allow evidence of drug use found during urinalysis to be used to punish a serviceman. For example — under the old policy a drug user identified through urinalysis could be given a less than honorable discharge. That is no longer true. The new program provided for an honorable discharge only.

Since soldiers are now required to supply a specimen if so ordered, a man or woman who refuses to take the test is disobeying a lawful order.

# Korean Veterans Share Insurance Dividend

Government life insurance dividends totaling a record \$335,600,000 will be paid during 1975 to veterans who have kept their World War I, World War II and

Korean Conflict insurance policies in force. Administrator of Veterans Affairs Richard L. Roudebush pointed out that this is the first time dividends will be paid on Korean Conflict insurance policies.

This year's total is \$31,800,000 more than the amount paid in 1974. The dividend is payable only on participating policies which are currently in force. These are identified by the letter "K" in front of USGLI (World War I) policy numbers, the letter "V" in front of NSLI (World War II) numbers and the letters "RS" or "W" in front of VSLI (Korean Conflict) policy numbers.

Roudebush reported that the NSLI dividend amount would be \$307,500,000. This dividend will be paid to 3,720,000 World War II policyholders. An average of \$83 per insured will be paid on the anniversary date of each policy. In 1974, the average dividend was approximately \$75.

The USGLI dividend of \$22,000,000 will be paid to 130,000 World War I policyholders. The average individual dividend is \$169 as compared to \$156 in 1974.

A dividend of \$6,100,000 will be paid to 566,000 VSLI (Korean Conflict) policyholders. An average dividend of \$11 will be paid to each insured, their first dividend under this program.

The dividend amount for individual insureds is determined by the plan of insurance, amount of the policy, age of the insured and the length of time the policy has been in force. Amounts may vary from slightly over a dollar to several hundred dollars. The increase in dividends over 1974 is due chiefly to the higher interest earnings on the insurance funds.

Payments will be made throughout the year on the an-

niversary date of the individual policies — the month and day the policy was issued. The first checks will be mailed on January 1, 1975. The dividend will be paid

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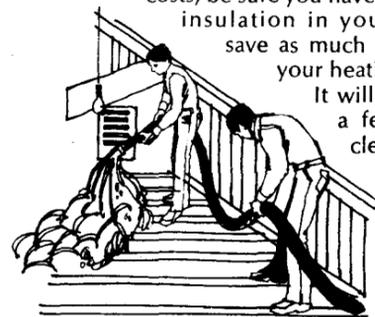
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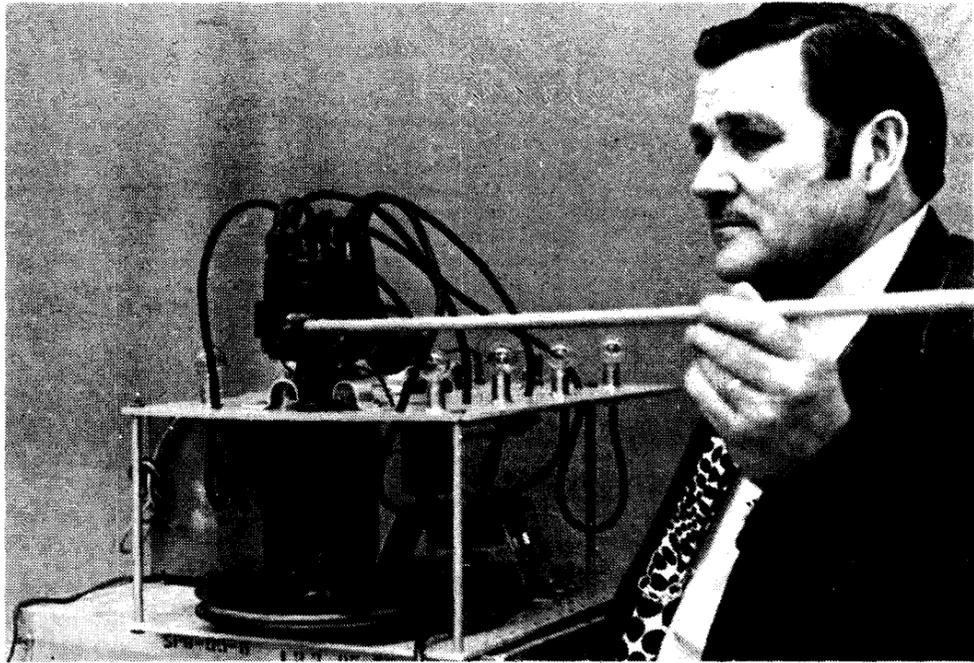
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**THE SPARK HAPPENS HERE**—At the end of Clyde Guiou's pointer is the electrode that sparks and sends current to a rows of light bulb "spark plugs." Guiou built the mock distributor system from salvage and about a dollar in new parts. The training aid's motor once powered Guiou's refrigerator.

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When you plug it in, the compact motor whirs and the pulleys, connected by a belt of knotted rubber bands, turn the rod that fires up the distributor. Bulbs, eight of them in rows of four, flash in sequence.

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egg crate, the ignition system of a 327-cubic inch Chevrolet engine.

Instructors for the Missile and Munitions Center and School's non-enrolled population program (NEP) use the mock ignition system to catch student's attention.

But the training aid's sideshow flair is only part of its story.

The other part concerns its

creator, Clyde Guiou, who assembled the contraption from salvaged parts and about one dollar's worth of new material.

A similar aid built from new parts would cost around \$500, Guiou estimated.

"I built this from a picture in my mind," said Guiou. He teaches and writes lesson plans for the Electronics Division, Missile and Electronics Department, when he's not at his workbench.

The workbench is tucked against one wall of a crowded room in Toftoy Hall. Cabinets and shelves burdened with salvaged electronic gear flank the table, which is itself piled with test equipment and tools.

Using his salvage, Guiou also has built training aids for MOS-producing courses. His triode characteristic and VR tube characteristic demonstrators have shortened the teaching time of various classes in the nuclear weapons electronic specialist course.

Guiou built 26 such units at little or no cost.

The ignition demonstrator's parts were plucked from the salvage cache mostly, with a notable exception. "The motor was from my refrigerator," Guiou said. "It was rattling and making a lot of noise."

"The actual cost to the government was for welding the pulley onto the drive shaft and bending the motor mount," he said. These tasks were performed by the MMCS Training Aids Support Branch.

"The training aid demonstrates the principle of small voltage input and high voltage output," said Guiou.

Student soldiers see the ignition demonstrator in the second week of NEP instruction. The Electronics Department uses the starting, lighting, charging and ignition systems of the automobile to teach basic electricity.

Guiou is particularly pleased that the cutaway distributor on his demonstrator lets students watch the sparking of the electrode. Using a screwdriver, an instructor can adjust the distributor so that it imitates a variety of engine problems.

"A very simple aid," Guiou says of his creation, "yet it's actual and real."

# NCOA Cross Country Run Benefits Special Olympics

A 3,000 mile marathon by members of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) to benefit the Special Olympics Program for retarded children will begin March 26.

More than 150,000 NCOA members will participate. Runners will start simultaneously from Long Beach, Calif., and Washington, D.C., carrying torches to be relayed from runner to runner until the last two reach the Astrodome in Houston, Tex.

The local NCOA chapter plans to supply about 40 runners for the North Alabama leg of the marathon.

The climax in Houston is set for April 2, where there will be a celebration to honor the retarded youngsters who have participated in the Special Olympics Program since its founding in 1968.

The program gives mentally retarded children the opportunity

to compete in sports events designed especially for them. In training and competition, the children learn to use their bodies and develop coordination.

NCOA is working with the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation in the fund-raising effort.

The Redstone Chapter is seeking runners for the marathon. Enlisted grades four through nine are eligible.

Volunteers may call 534-6262 or stop by the NCOA Patton Road service center to register.

## NCOA Social

The Non-Commissioned Officers Association's quarterly social is set for 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Flame Restaurant.

Members, prospective members and guests are invited. Tickets are \$3.50 and are available at the Patton Road service center or from NCOA members.

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**PX VISITED**—MG Cecil W. Hospelhorn, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, looks over nursery furniture at the Redstone Rod and Rake Shop during his tour of Exchange activities last week. With him are Shelton Blitzbau, a member of the general's party, and Sara Seagle, sales clerk in the shop.

## Buying At PX Getting Better

People who order merchandise to stock Post Exchanges are finding better buys for customers these days, MG Cecil W. Hospelhorn said last week during his tour of Redstone's Exchange activities. He heads the Army and Air Force Exchange Service headquartered in Dallas.

While visiting the Rod and Rake Shop, he pointed to nursery

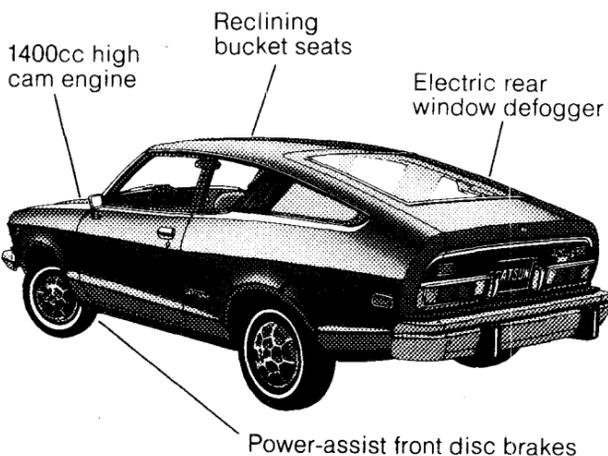
furniture as an example. "We now have good, sturdy beds, strollers and other equipment for babies at prices young soldiers can afford," he said. "But at the same time our buyers look for items with lower price tags they're careful not to sacrifice quality." He noted that Exchanges carrying higher priced goods also for those who prefer

it.

He said that many people think his staff in Dallas makes all the selections, does all the buying there. "That isn't the case. Managers and customers of our stores have a part too in saying what is stocked," the general said.

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The awards will pay full tuition, books and educational fees, plus \$100 per month subsistence allowance for up to 20 months.

In addition, winners will receive approximately \$475 for the advance camp, normally attended during the summer between the junior and senior years of college. Because of their prior enlisted service, those selected may also be eligible to receive GI benefits from the Veterans Administration.

Competition for scholarships is limited to enlisted personnel who have served at least one year on active duty, will be under 25 years of age on June 30 of the year they are eligible for commission, and have earned at least two years college credit. Also, to be considered by the final selection

committee, applicants must have their military science and been accepted by a college for next fall's enrollment, have earned a GT score of 115 or higher and be American citizens.

Winners may attend any of the 291 colleges and universities that have a cross-enrollment agreement with a nearby host school. Those accepted will receive an early discharge so they can arrive on campus in time to enroll for the 1975-76 fall term.

Upon successful completion of Page 8 THE ROCKET

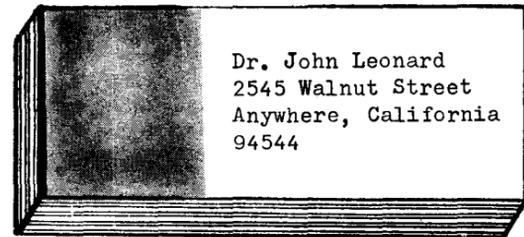
and baccalaureate degree requirements, these former enlisted personnel will be commissioned as second lieutenants in either the Regular Army or the Army Reserve and will be obligated to serve four years on active duty.

This is the second year in which enlisted personnel have been offered ROTC scholarships.

The deadline for applications is set for April 15. For further information and applications, write Army ROTC Scholarships, Fort Monroe, Va., 23651.

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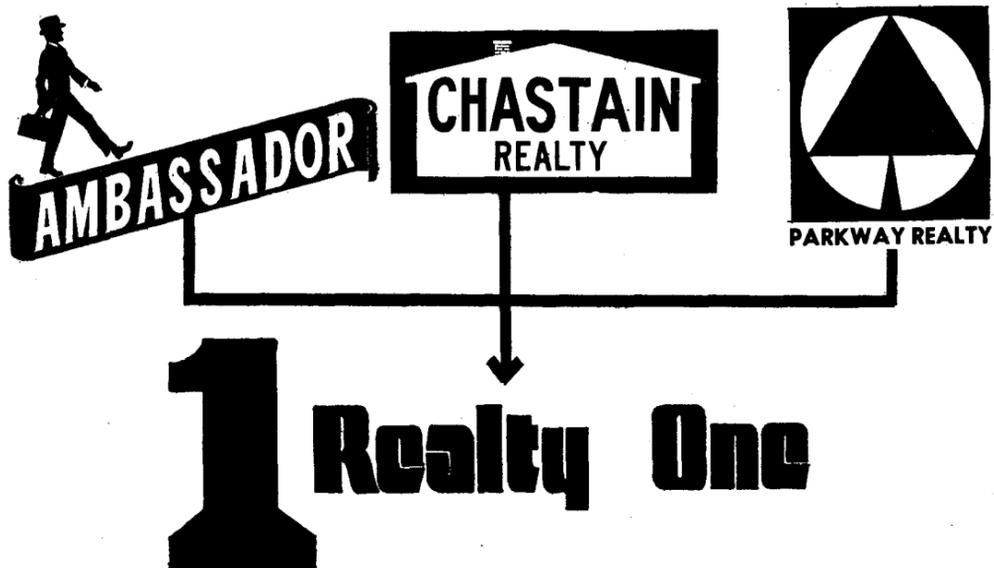


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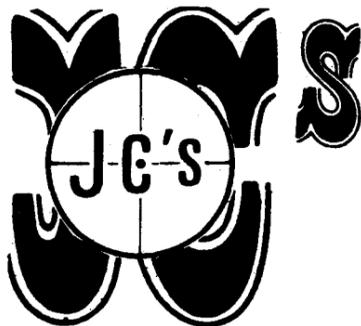


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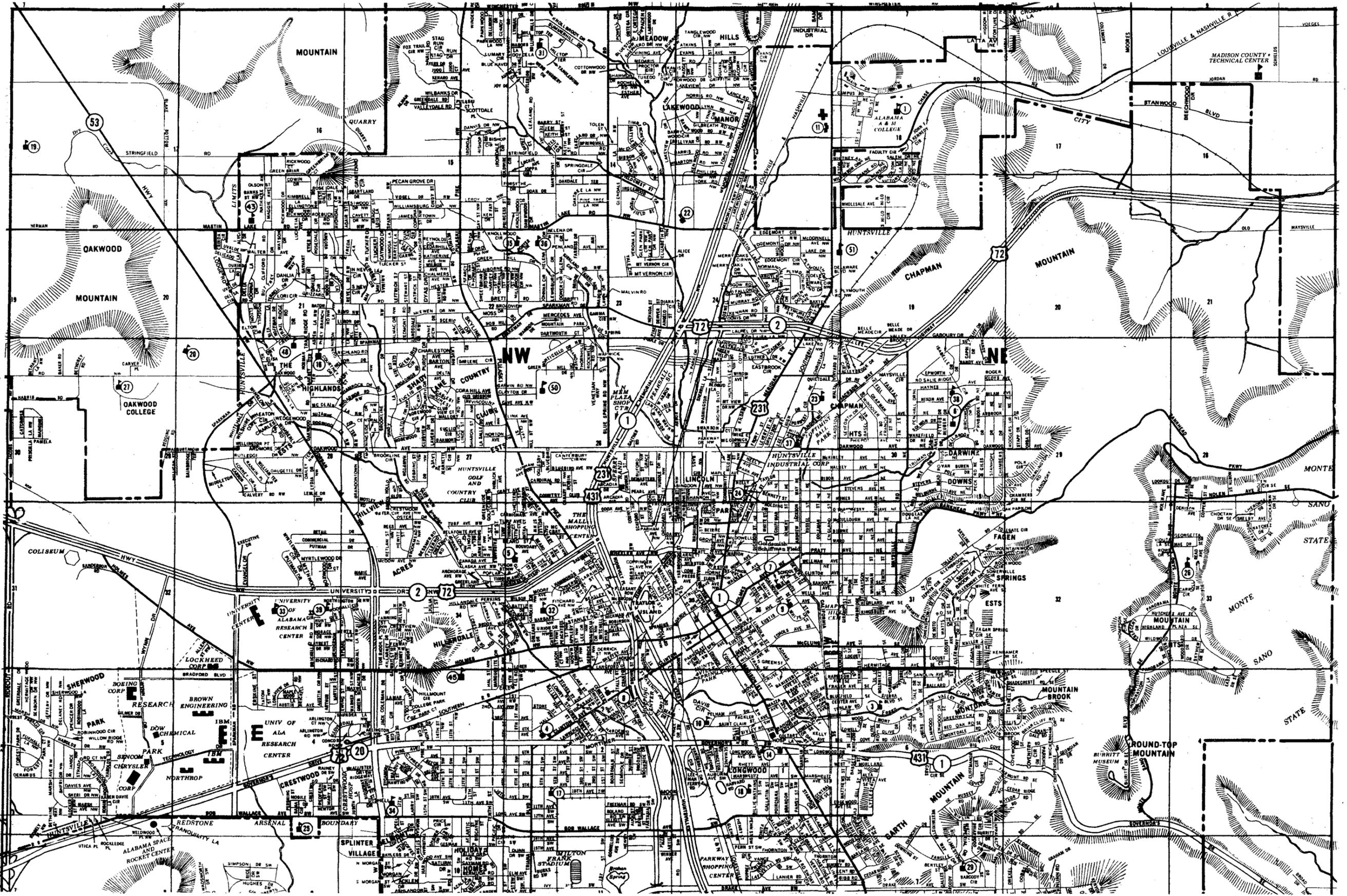
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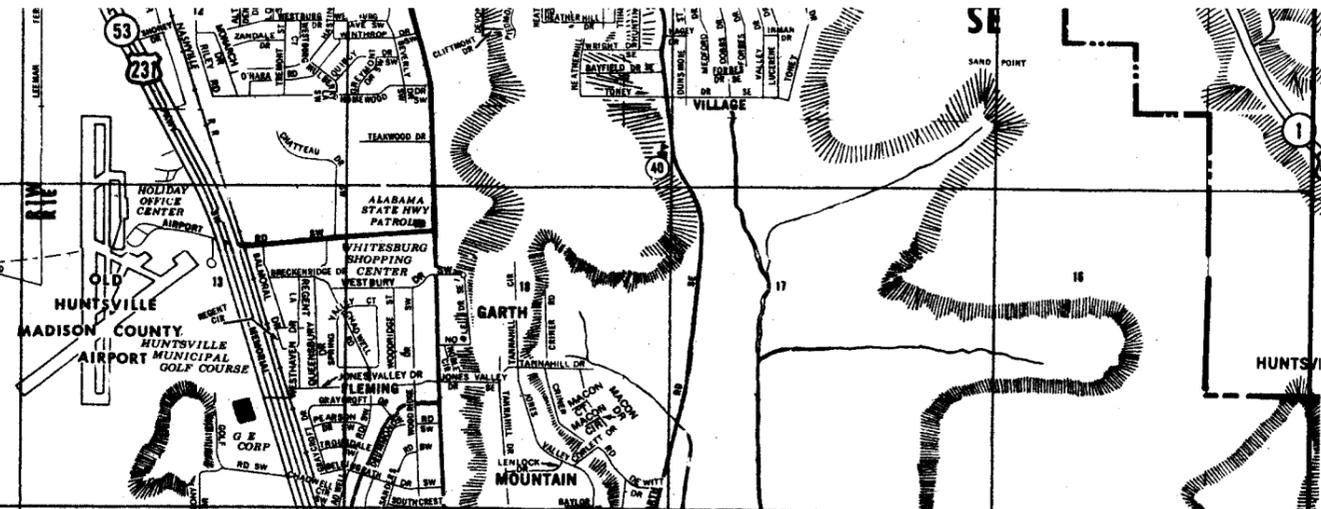
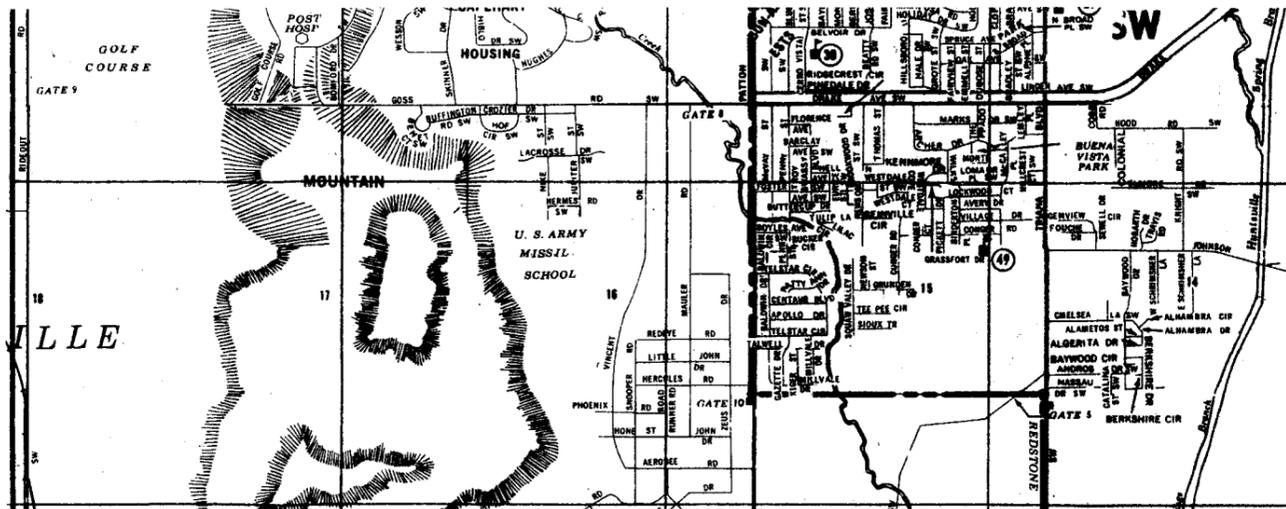
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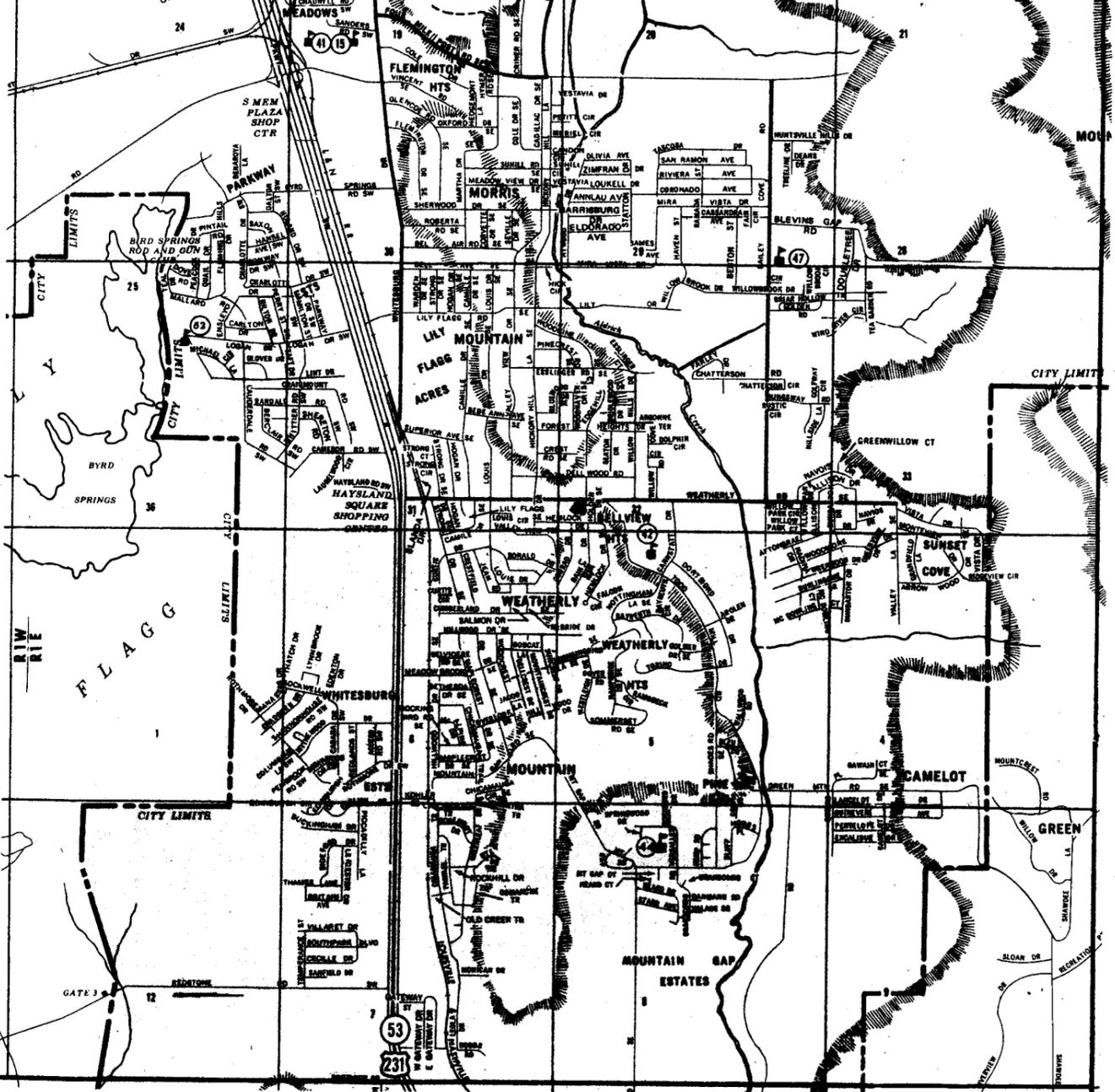
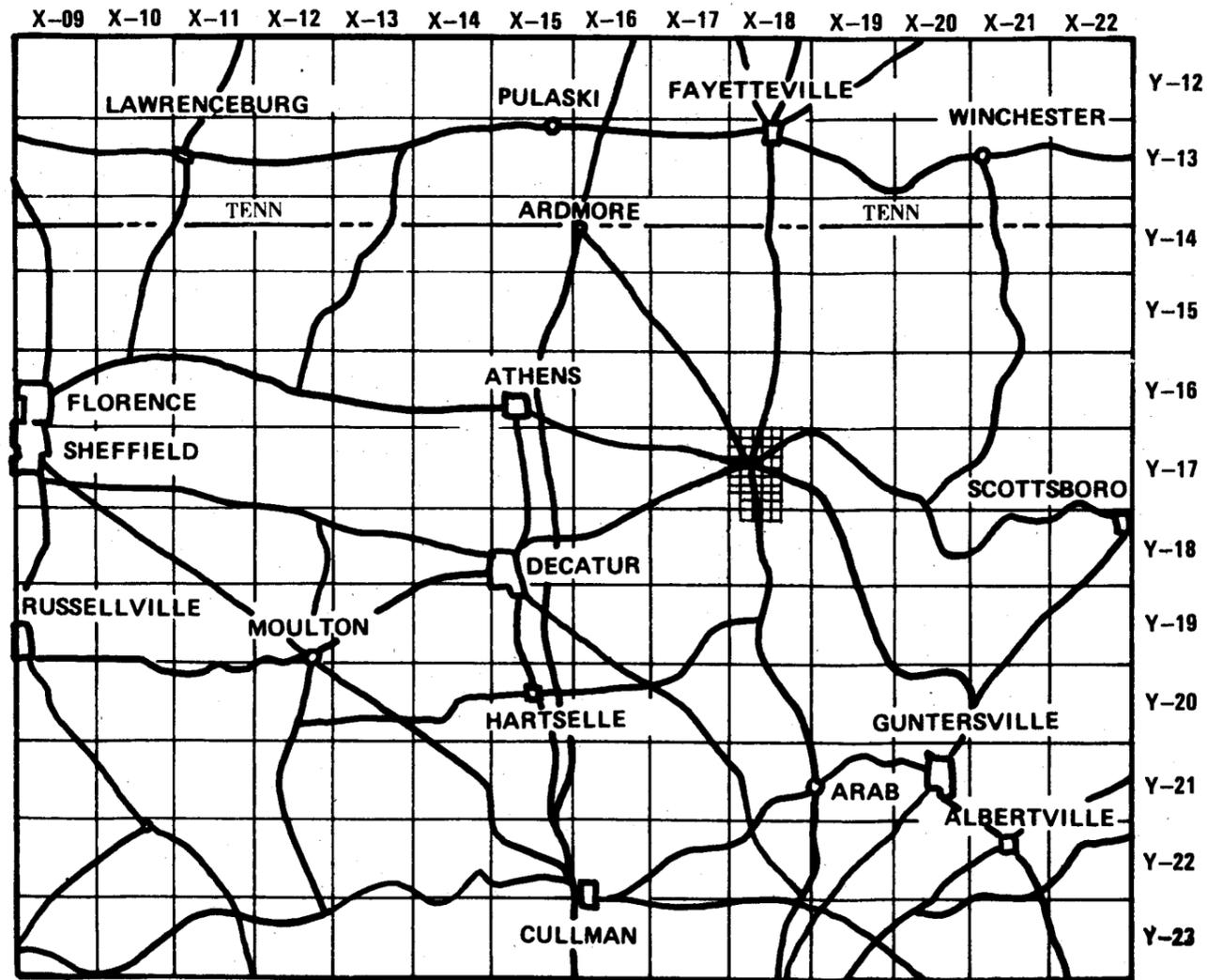
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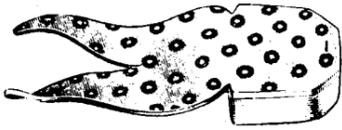
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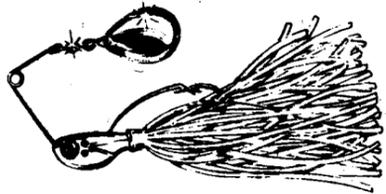
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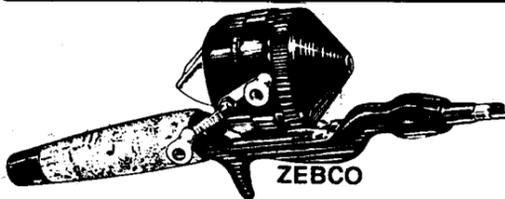
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**LAST WEEK**

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

**BOWLER OF WEEK**

Garland McPeters captured the S&M Bowler of Week honors with a 630 handicapped total that spurred the Interns to a clean sweep of Barber-Coleman.

**HIGH SCORES**

Buck Wade, 590; Tom Reid, 570 (222); Chris Leachman, 554; Norm Fischer, 549 (236); Hugh Mauney, 526; Mike Arndt, 522.

**Wednesday Officers**

**STANDINGS**

Strikeouts	Won	28
Lucky Strikes		28
Bee M's		26
Gimlets		26
ExASPRators		24
Black Jacks		22
Swingers		18
Widgets		14
Readiness Group		14
Redrock Engineers		14
Halo's		14
Sch. Bde. B's		12

**RESULTS**

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

**IND. RESULTS**

High Series: Arnold 595; Hopper, 581; Agee, 557; Ogozalek, 556; Aldrup, 525.  
High Games: Arnold, 235; Hopper, 222; Townley, 220; Agee, 214.

**AMC League**

**STANDINGS**

Spares	Pts.	55
Bombers		48 1/2
Lily Flagg		48
Fat Cats		47
Alley Cats		45
T-Birds		42 1/2
Hughes TOW		39
Sheraton		36 1/2
Untouchables		29 1/2
Sprinters		29

**LAST WEEK**

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

**HATS OFF DEPARTMENT**

Nick Sparks just missed Honor Roll connections by three pins when his 597 total included a big 266 in the middle game. Nick ran off nine strikes in a row before a wide open 6-7 split ended his hopes for a perfect game.

**OTHER TOP SCORES**

Chuck Turner, 562; Charles McCleary, 556; Dave Blackwood, 549; Dan Chepkaukas, 549; Eulas Gilbert, 547.

**ROCKET SPORTS**

**SSG Surprises Medics**

Jim Kennedy fired in 24 to pace SSG to a 49-47 victory over Meddacc last week in the RSA Basketball League western race, but SSG and all other teams stayed locked in their niches in the standings.

Meddacc pulled ahead in the first quarter to lead 21-16, but SSG edged forward and squeaked by for the win. Jim Hardin headed the losers with 15.

A 14-point performance by Jim Smith powered eastern division-leading 4th Student Company to a 72-27 romp over the 95th Calibrators. Myron Hailey, Bill Whitfield and Ed Maggett chalked up 10 each for the winners.

Again pouring in 14, Smith prodded the 4th to a 53-30 dunking of the 8th Students three days later. Ed Moss and Cornelius Williams helped with 11 and 10 respectively.

The 291st MP's, first in the west, tangled with eastern first spot contender MICOM. The missilemen, led by Art Perrin with 17, whipped them 52-44. MICOM's Ray Smith was on Perrin's heels with 16.

Willie Rice, a dependable MP powerhouse, sunk 17 but failed to rally the complacent cops, who have lost only two games this season.

An eastern battle between last-place Company A and number three 7th SC produced an upset as the A's thumped the students, 56-46. Ward Griffin tallied 22 for the victors.

The win came in an all-out push in the fourth quarter by Roye Locklear and Griffin, who both totaled eight points. The 7th pushed

equally hard, each team chalking up 22, but Company A preserved its edge developed early in the game.

The scrappy 7th bounced back on Thursday to bypass the Marines, 50-43. Tom Johnson's 17 and Jim Johnson's 14 held the Leathernecks at bay.

Johnny Muse netted 16 for the 6th Students to direct them to a 60-52 success over Meddacc. Morris Rooker and Wynn Hoffman of the losers also tallied 16 each, but it wasn't enough to rally the medicine men.

Ricky Anderson and Mike Fields scored 17 and 10 respectively to spur Company B to a 44-41 slip past the Marines. The B's hold the fourth spot in the west.

In a battle in the basement, the 95th bested Company A, 39-35, as Lance Kennamer of the winners netted 19. The two teams are tied at

5 and 10 in the east.

MICOM, locked with the 4th Students for the eastern lead, won by forfeit over Company B. In another forfeit, fifth place SSG received a victory over last-place Company C in a western match Tuesday.

**RSA BASKETBALL STANDINGS EASTERN**

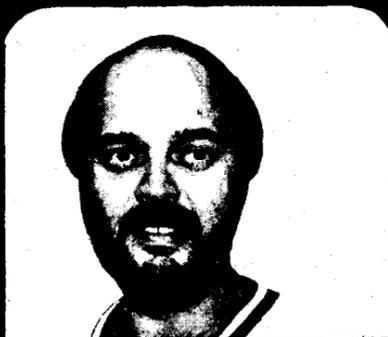
	W	L
4th SC	13	2
MICOM	13	2
7th SC	10	5
8th SC	8	6
Marines	5	10
95th Cal.	5	10
Company A	5	10

**WESTERN**

	W	L
291st MP's	12	2
6th SC	10	3
Meddacc	6	8
Company B	6	8
SSG	3	12
Company C	1	14

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MMM Dashes MIA . . . . .

# Engineers Derail MISD

The lights were toned way down in Missile Intelligence last week but the neons at the Corps of Engineers picked up the lost wattage and are now at their brightest glare since early fall. And through it all, MISD has begun to wonder what the power transfer is all about.

The latter outfit was sailing nonchalantly through the CWF basketball season with nary a scratch and were only four knots from home. The Corps was fighting to right itself from an early season list brought on by a pair of losses and MIA was in much the same shape.

That was the setting at Evangel School last Wednesday evening for another CWF triple header.

Some three hours later MISD no longer had a clean slate with the Corps having dealt out a 77-71 lacing, and the Security Agents groping following a 73-59 thrashing at the hands of Three M.

Those two encounters followed a much more subdued clash that saw RD & E account for the twelfth straight blemish on the PAD No. 1 record with a 67-43 pasting.

The double upheaval left MISD clinging to a half game lead and a record of ten wins prior to the initial setback. The Corps is ten and two while MIA has won eight of eleven.

This week's action included three game cards last night and again this evening. The lid lifter each night figures to be a barn burner with MIA taking a shot at their rivals, the Corps last night and MISD tonight.

The Engineers go back to work tonight in the middle encounter with RD & E providing the opposition. The third game has the Missile School pitted against PAD II.

The Engineers only used six players in chalking up their big win but five of them scored in double figures as MISD fell back early and only led at one stage of the game, and then by a single point.

After trailing from the opening goal, the league leaders finally forged in front 59-58 on Danny Smith's driving layup at 10:15 of the final period.

The lead lasted just long enough for the Engineers to get back up the floor and Claude Steele hit a jumper from the corner and added a free throw to complete a 3-point play. Andy Tippins tapped in a rebound and Dennis Vaughn hit a jumper from the foul line for a six-point bulge.

From there on it was a matter of cashing in on free throw opportunities and the Corps shooters hit six straight with Steele, Larry Couch and Jerry Dooley each

counting both ends of one and one chances.

Smith accounted for all of the MISD scoring in the final four minutes and ended the evening with a game high 23 points. Larry Dean tossed in 14 and Fred Smith collected 12 but James Love, the league's leading point maker, was only able to get eight points in a individual duel with Steele.

Couch topped the winners with 17, one more than Dooley was able to score. Steele ended with 14, Tippins collected 12 in addition to controlling the boards on both ends

scoring after the intermission, 16 points in all, and Waters collected 12.

Hall hit a game high 22 points and DeArmond ended with 19 in the losing cause.

Tom Johnson hit on nine of thirteen shots from the field sparking RD & E to their win. The winners were ahead by 15, 35-20, at the half.

Rob Summers and Gary Morr added 13 points apiece to the winning attack.

Miles Springfield scored 16 of the 20 PAD points in the half and ended the contest with 23.

#### STANDINGS

	W	L
MISD	11	1
C of E	10	2
Msl Intel	8	3
Three M	7	5
RD&E	5	7
PAD II	4	7
MMCS	1	10
PAD I	0	12



## 3-M Golfers Organize

A membership meeting of the 3-M par 3 golf league will be held in the executive conference room, building 5681, at 3:15, Tuesday, February 25.

Current members, former members, and golfers who would like to join, are urged to attend. The format of competition, handicapping and committee membership, are included on the agenda for consideration by the membership.

League golf is played on Monday with tee time from 4 to 5. Questions should be directed to Calvin Cucksee, secretary, 6-3211 or Leon Balch, president at 6-1151.

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of the court, and Vaughn hit for ten.

The MIA downfall was apparent almost from the outset when Jesse Lewis canned five straight jumpers. Jim Hart and Mel Waters kept the 3M attack moving as MIA found themselves on the short end of a 31-18 score at the halfway point.

Mose Hall and Ken DeArmond were the only MIA shooters to score with consistency and between them they kept their mates in the game through the final 15 minutes although they were never able to cut into the 3M bulge.

Lewis topped the winners with 21 points, Charles Smith did all of his

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# Heads Special Systems

John Thomson, former Chief of the Lance Program Management Office, has been named the new deputy for MICOM's Special Systems Management Office.

He succeeds John Hand who retired from civil service just recently.

As deputy to Colonel H.C. Bennett, Jr., Thomson helps manage nine Army missile and equipment programs, going from a few in research and development to some about to phase out of the Army inventory. Most of the missiles are no longer in production but are still deployed and must be kept combat ready.

Since coming to Redstone in 1953, Thomson has worked both sides of the fence—filling jobs in research and development and weapon programs like Lance, Honest John and gun boosted rockets.

A native of Northport, near Tuscaloosa, Thomson is a 1950 graduate of Alabama with a degree in Industrial Engineering.



THOMSON

## That'll Be Two Burgers And A Gold Band To Go

When Hugh Nicholson, congressional affairs attorney in the Military Law Division of the MICOM Legal office, went out to lunch last Thursday he told the timekeeper he was going offpost and needed an hour of annual leave.

"I'm getting married," he added sheepishly.

His co-workers didn't really believe it but they hastily made a "just married" sign for the back of his chair and scrounged some rice.

In an hour and a half he returned with a bright, shiny, new gold band on the ring finger of his left hand.

After calmly accepting congratulations he picked up the telephone and called Dr. Ruby Nell Nicholson, an elementary education professor at Alabama A & M University, and said:

"Honey, just wanted to make sure you got back all right. At first the secretary

told me there wasn't a Doctor Nicholson at this number but there was a Doctor Cummings, and then—oh!"

A whirlwind courtship that wound up at the Madison County Courthouse?

"Oh no," he said. "We've been going together seven years. We decided Monday to take the leap and got our blood tests yesterday. I've got some congressional inquiries to answer this afternoon and Nell has some papers to grade so we just went on back to work."

"Now comes the hard part," Nicholson said. "I've got to tell my mother. She may have suspected it but she didn't know about it. I lived with her."

The groom was accompanied to and from his wedding by Dave Finley, an engineer in the SAM-D Project Office, who served as best man. Barbara Anthony, a co-worker of Dr. Nicholson at A&M, stood up with her.

## Teaching: Smoke, Fire And Color

William B. Greene a chemist at MICOM's Product Assurance Directorate spent a day recently teaching science classes at Grissom High School.

"The response, interest, questions — it was a great experience for me. I'd hitchhike to China for

a response like that," Greene said.

"I wanted to demonstrate, using experiments with a lot of smoke, fire and color, how reactions occur and what use they have in the real world," said Greene.

Although it's been nearly 25 years since he last taught high school chemistry, he said he's kept his teaching technique polished at work. "In failure analysis, explaining things and demonstrating techniques are part of the job," Greene said. He

works in Product Assurance Directorate's Product Test and Failure Analysis Division. He also passed on a bit of advice based on his work experience:

"I told them that if you want to be a research chemist, first go through the books and see if it's been done before. Don't try to re-invent the wheel."

### Adjutant Gets MAC-V Records

(ANF)—All records of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MAC-V) have been put under the administrative control of the Adjutant General.

They are being stored at the Washington National Records Center in Suitland, Maryland.

All MAC-V record inquiries, both public and official, should be directed to: Headquarters, Department of the Army, DAAG-AMR-S Washington, D.C., 20314.



Back to school... Bill Greene at Grissom

### Walters Tourney

All personnel assigned to the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command and former employees of Safeguard and SAFLOG are eligible for the 6th Annual Jim Walters Golf Tournament to be held April 26 at the Joe Wheeler Golf Course in Rogersville.

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# Impossible Ones Take Longer

Some of the toughest problems surface on Friday afternoons, but the Army Community Service staff knows how to cope if the problem is just brought to them.

"Trouble is," said Lt. Roy Denney, "too few people know about us or where we are." Denney is chief of the Personal Services Branch at Redstone and has both Army Community Services (ACS) and Army Emergency Relief as part of his job.

Looking through material on his desk, he is reminded of a recent Friday afternoon case that involved a family who had very few food items in the house. "We hustled around and got enough food from our emergency locker to see the family through the weekend," he said. "People are often faced with circumstances beyond their immediate control, and that's when we can be of special assistance."

Denney, a young officer who majored in agriculture at Middle Tennessee State University, and was trained by the Army to be a Signal Corps officer, has had his present assignment since August. "Now I'm a social worker, and I intend to do my best. I

like to help people," he said.

He tells of another Friday afternoon call for help. "A waiting wife has suddenly become ill and is being admitted to the hospital. (A waiting wife is one who has remained here while her husband has gone overseas on an unaccompanied tour.)

"She has no relatives and few friends here. Her question to ACS, 'Can you find somewhere for my three children to stay until my husband comes home on emergency leave?'

"The search begins. Many phone lines are busy as ACS volunteers and staff try to find someone who has room in her home and heart for these children.

"As far as ACS is concerned they aren't black, white, yellow or brown anymore: they are military dependents, children of a fellow soldier.

"They may need a home for one night or one week. They might or might not be able to find shelter in the military community, but it's better if a military family can be found to care for them. A military family is more understanding of the

unique problems such children face.

"Finally after hours of asking friends and acquaintances, we find someone to take the children.

"This type of thing doesn't happen often, but it does happen. We have more cases that aren't truly emergencies — people arriving ahead of their household goods and needing equipment from our lending closet to start housekeeping, someone needing transportation to get to the doctor, needing a baby sitter, or food to get by until pay day.

"We have a complete file on other service posts, Army, Navy and Air Force, both stateside and overseas. Anyone being transferred can call and get full information about his or her new post."

Denney finds that soldiers and their families are likely to go to the chaplain or the Inspector General before they call ACS. "Usually it's because no one has told them ACS exists," he said, "until they've gone elsewhere and been referred to us."

Most of the work for ACS is done by Army wives who volunteer.



**SURPRISE SURPRISE**—When Mary Mitchell, a clerk with the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, was helping her folks clean the attic of their home, she found this charcoal sketch of Charles A. Lindbergh made back in 1938. None of the family knows where it came from or how it got into their attic. It seems to be a family mystery, but Mary is going to hang the sketch in her home, now.

## Retiree Says He's Found Real Home In Huntsville

Some 45 years ago, a young man in Groton, Mass., was having some problems finding a suitable job. He was no different from thousands of others in the then depression-ridden U.S.

Having served in the Navy for six years starting in 1929, he decided to apply for a civilian job at the Boston Navy Yard.

He didn't hear from the Navy employment people, but did get a call to come see about a job at Watertown Arsenal near Boston.

"They offered me a job as a machinist's helper, and I was glad to get it. The pay was about 60c—or maybe 65c an hour, better than local businesses had been paying me," Charles Dugas said last week.

He is a quiet, modest man, but proud of the precision work he has done, and the progress he has made in his career.



DUGAS

Dugas feels he has been lucky. He had hardly heard of Redstone until 1962 when someone came to Watertown looking for a piece of special equipment for the Missile Command. "We had successfully made just what he wanted, so we got a \$35,000 contract," Dugas recalls.

"We found some surplus material, built two of the items needed, and had \$7,000 left over to return on the contract."

He was sent to Redstone to help install the equipment he had helped fabricate, and found out what kind of place the arsenal is.

"I talked to some people who suggested I might like to transfer. I did, and that is the best thing that could have happened—for several reasons," he says now.

"Living in Huntsville is so much better than in Massachusetts. Besides, I was in a dead end job at Watertown, and to top it all off, Watertown's mission was severely cut in 1963. I took a gamble on my transfer to Redstone, and really won.

Now with 42 years service counting time in the Navy, in the Air Force during World War II, and sick leave, Dugas is retiring from his job as mechanical engineering technician in the Physical Sciences Directorate.

### Old Crows To Roost

The Redstone Chapter of the Association of Old Crows (electronic warfare) will meet in Room A-215, Building 5400, on February 24, at 3.

Guest speaker will be R. P. Zimmer of the Georgia Technical Engineering Experiment Station. His topic will be "Expendable Countermeasures."

All Redstone employees and area contractor personnel interested in electronic warfare are invited to attend.

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# Army's Buying Habits Undergo Great Change

Reflecting on 28 years of Army civilian service, 20 of it at Redstone, Jack Nelson gazed wistfully for just a moment before his eyes lit up and a slow grin began working at the corners of his mouth.

"It's been fun," chuckled the man who had swum in the mainstream of Army missile accomplishments at Redstone since 1954.

"It was gratifying to be part of the outstanding team put together at the Missile Command."

Nelson, who came to Redstone only four years after Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of rocket experts transferred here from Ft. Bliss in 1950, retired just recently.

He remembers a good many chapters of the Army missile story—from Redstone, the granddaddy of Army missiles, to Redeye, the Army's smallest air defense missile, which he served for six years as Chief of the Program Management Office.

He held the same job with TOW, the first Army missile to be fired in combat by American soldiers.

There is much for Nelson to remember . . . like the hot Saturday night in July 1956 when he fired a verbal shot for the Army heard around the world.

Talking to the TCI Tinmill Supervisor's Club in Bessemer, about new and exciting 'wonder weapons' being developed at Redstone Nelson concluded by saying that the Army " . . . with no difficulty, other than fabricating the pieces, could fire a missile well over 3,000 miles—"

"We in ordnance will accomplish the feat shortly," he said.

The statement, given to Nelson by Major General John B. Medaris, picked up by the wire services and appeared in

newspapers all over the country. Nelson still gets a laugh recalling how he and a team in the Ordnance Missile Laboratories were the first



NELSON

to dub sound to a missile film.

Shortly after he came to Redstone from the Pittsburgh Ordnance Depot, he teamed with John McCormick, Gustus Grace and Corporal John Martin to put sound on a film showing a successful firing of "old reliable" Redstone. Since he hadn't yet received his secret clearance, he was taken under tight security to Rocket Auditorium to narrate the film.

"They wouldn't let me look at the film, which was classified secret," Nelson laughed. "Someone punched me in the back when to talk . . . and when to stop."

The film was really blah, he added.

"I told them I could do a professional job if I could see what I was narrating. So Redstone security got on the phone and got me an interim clearance."

He re-narrated the film, this time watching it, and the film earned the team an award.

No stranger to a microphone, Nelson had his own radio show for a couple of years during the mid fifties at WFUN (now WFIX).

"It was a two-hour show on Sundays, named Tops in Pops' in which I played requests and dedications featuring the latest popular music." Nelson said it was great fun until one day he got a call from an irate father.

"Some young boy called in and

wanted a song dedicated to his steady girlfriend, which I played," Nelson said. "The irate father called shortly thereafter and informed me the steady girlfriend whose name I had given was his daughter who was about eight years old."

In his 20 years at Redstone Nelson was part of MICOM know-how that wrought tremendous change in hardware and technology. But the biggest evolution, in his opinion, is the way the Army has changed in buying what it needs.

"The change started with project management," he said, "which established a closer relationship between the Army and the con-

tractor and gave each a better understanding of the other's problems."

From that point, a plethora of changes in buying habits came about through such new procurement policies as life-cycle costing, parametric cost analysis, economic analysis, value engineering, fly-before-buy, breakout procurement, competitive procurement and multi-year contracting.

What it boiled down to, Nelson summarized, was a better product for the Army—at less cost.

Another significant change, he noted, was the increase in small business activity, which was a result of new procurement practices.

## Class Goes On Despite Travel Funds

Under a plan to save travel funds, yet complete needed training, two instructors were brought to Redstone recently from Ft. Lee instead of sending 39 MICOM employees to Virginia for training.

Sponsored by the Directorate for Materiel Management, and administered by the Training and Development staff of Civilian Personnel the one-week course covered International Logistics Management.

Course material was designed to assist personnel in developing and understanding the planning, programming and implementation of international logistics activities included in the Foreign Assistance and Foreign Military Sales Acts.

Instructors were LTC Fred Smith and Marion Horner of the

Army Logistics Management Center, Ft. Lee.

A panel of MICOM personnel gave presentations to explain this Command's role in International Logistics Management.

Panel Members were Maj. Paul McNamara, Materiel Management; and Production; George O'Reilly, Comptroller;

Louis Smith, Lance Project Office; and Juan Gerala, Legal Office.

Coordinators for the course were Ethel Morris from Civilian Personnel and Frank Rouse of the Materiel Management.

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It brought the total of Lance service practice firings to 55 and the overall total to 260 since research and development firings started there about 10 years ago.

Lance is the Army's newest battlefield missile that is replacing both the Sergeant and Honest John missiles.

The Lance program is managed by Colonel G. D. Tate the Project Manager.

## Raytheon Engineer Speaks To SRE

Jorge R. Acosta, staff engineer to the Product Assurance Manager at Raytheon's Bedford, Massachusetts Laboratories will address the Huntsville Chapter of the Society of Reliability Engineers tomorrow evening.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 at Gibson's on South Parkway.

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Future SRBs are to be paid in annual increments. For example, a soldier who re-ups for 5 years and merits an SRB of \$10,000 would receive five annual payments of \$2,000.

Regular enlistment bonuses are unaffected by the ban on lump-sum payments.

DA strongly supports the lump-sum payment of SRB as a reenlistment incentive, but recognizes termination of lump-sum payments is part of the national anti-inflation program.

Every effort consistent with national policy, will be made to restore the lump-sum payment authority.

### State Tax Too

(ANF)—Don't forget your state income tax. Most states have one and even though you are in the military, and not living in your state of legal residence, you are still required to abide by the tax laws of that state.

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# MORE: Blacks and Women

## Minority Hiring, Promotions Up

The number of blacks and women working at the Missile Command rose during 1974 and so did the number of both federally-recognized minorities promoted to higher paid positions.

A recently published assessment of the command's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan of Action for 1974 indicates black representation in the work force increased during the 12 month period from 3.2 percent to 4.5 percent of the general schedule (white collar) jobs. As of December 31, blacks in wage grade (blue collar) positions were 16.9 percent of the total, 10.8 percent in wage leader positions

and 2.7 of wage supervisory positions.

Overall percent of blacks in the total work force at year's end stood at 5.75 percent, the highest figure yet achieved, although slightly below the percentage goal set by management for the year.

The numerical goals set in the plan for black hiring were exceeded. The command projected hiring 110 blacks in general schedule jobs and actually hired 134 during the 12 month period. In wage grade jobs MICOM planned to hire 4 blacks, actually hired 11.

As of December 31, women represented 32.8 percent of MICOM's general schedule work force, an increase of one percent of MICOM's general schedule work force, an increase of one percent during the year but four tenths of a percent short of the established goal. MICOM had projected a numerical goal of hiring 99 women, actually hired 570 including those in part-time, temporary and permanent general schedule jobs.

There were 1,084 promotions at MICOM during 1974. Of that number, 95 went to

blacks and 383 to women. The command's numerical goal for the year had been to promote 51 blacks and 133 women.

Blacks held 453 of the 7,865 civilian jobs of all categories in MICOM at the end of the year. Women occupied 2,329 of the civilian positions.

The Plan of Action is a formal program document outlining the command's continuing equal employment opportunity program. It includes goals to provide more jobs and to increase promotion opportunities for minorities. Four other local Army Commands and agencies including the U. S. Army Medical Department Activity at Redstone and the SAM-D Project Office also operate under the MICOM plan.

They had a combined civilian employment of 444 as of December 31 including 195 women and 46 blacks.

The report notes that blacks made progress at all grade levels during the year and the number of women - traditionally a majority in the lower pay grades - increased in higher grade levels.

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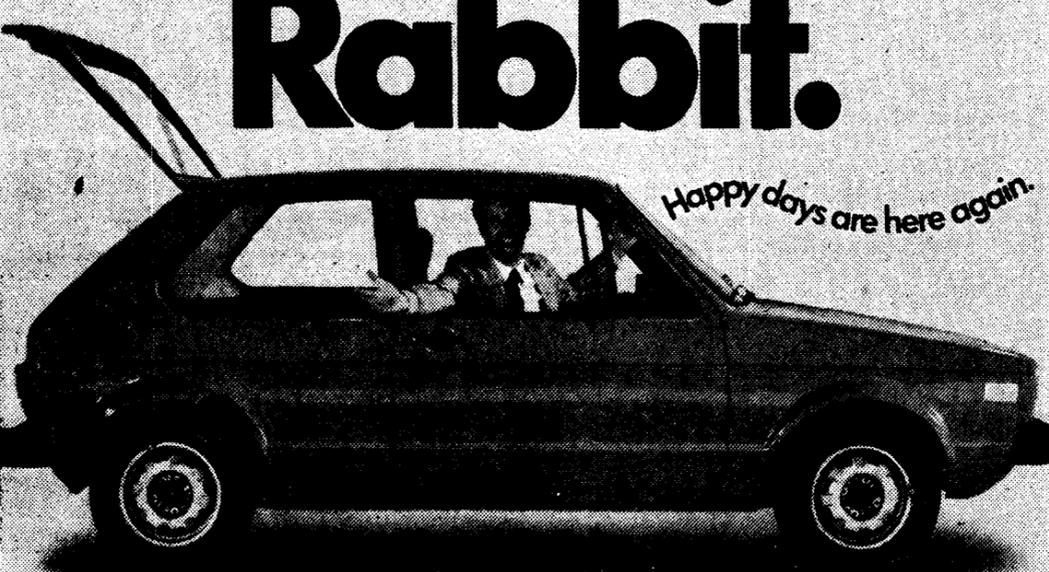
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