

Colonial Days Recalled

"To arms, to arms, the British are coming."—A cry that echoes through the pages of history.

Friday, April 18th, marks the 200th anniversary of the midnight ride of Paul Revere and at Redstone an effort is underway to shed light on still another side of that famous patriot. Paul Revere, the silversmith, the expert craftsman.

This weekend, the Redstone Multi-Craft Center in building 3466, will open its doors to the public, combining the spirit of revolutionary America with the technology of today. The open house is scheduled for Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 8.

Jan Osthus, director of the center, explained the theme of the event and the exhibits planned.

"We hope to give people an opportunity to see the facilities available to soldiers and military dependents as well as demonstrate various craft procedures. The theme will center around the artistic atmosphere of the colonial period and Paul Revere was certainly an expert silversmith."

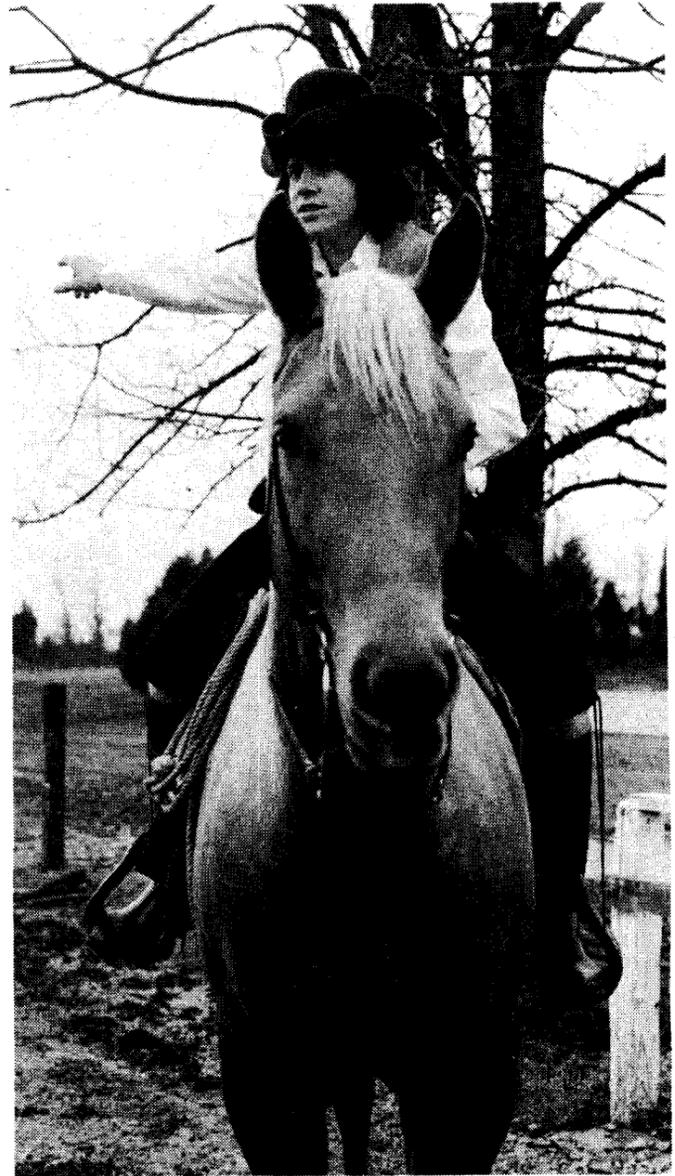
The Multi-Craft Center opened on March 1, 1973, and has since expanded to include equipment and space for photography, woodworking, sculpture, weaving and other crafts.

Demonstrations will be given in almost every craft area with participation by soldiers, military dependents and retired military personnel, as well as local artists and craftsmen.

Visitors will be greeted by swishing skirts and leather vests as they cross the threshold backward to early America.

"We're making colonial costumes to wear," said Miss Osthus, "and everyone here has really pitched in to help."

She added that the enthusiasm extends to everyday activities at the center. "We have a family atmosphere here. The center gives a lot of people a place to come and work on projects they're interested in and they respond by keeping the shop in order. Many of the people do things on their own to improve the areas for others."



Additional information on the development of the Army Crafts Program is included in today's Rocket.

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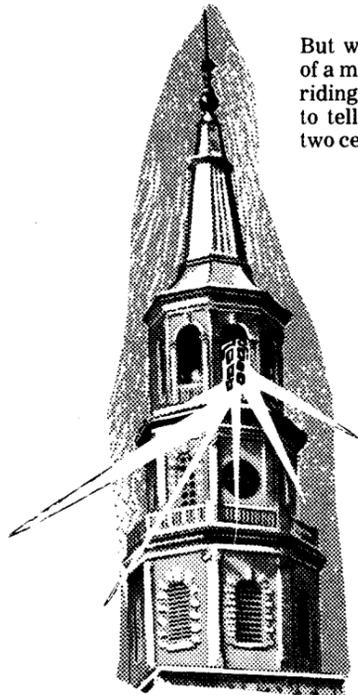
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Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, on the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-Five hardly a man is now alive who remembers that famous day and year.



But wait, What is this? A vision appears of a man on a horse. Is it Paul Revere riding again in Seventy-Five to tell us that crafts are still alive two centuries later, to the day and the year?

The craft shop at Redstone is all in a flutter people are coming to see what's the matter. They're coming in scores from far and near heeding the call of Paul Revere, "Follow me to the craft shop, you'll never see better."

One If By Land,

Two If By Sea

Far into the night works Paul Revere, for he knows the big day is drawing near, his hammer flies, his silver molds, he's working with pewter, considering gold, getting ready for the Army's two-hundredth year.

No, Paul's not with us, though the spirit still stands of men making things with their hands, at Redstone's Multi-Craft Shop you can see what soldiers have made in the company of the spirit of Paul Revere.

**THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington**

March 6, 1975

**MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND AGENCIES**

Chairman Hampton of the Civil Service Commission recently reported to me on progress to assure equal opportunity in Federal employment. I have also reviewed the most recent statistics on the employment of minorities and women in the Federal Government.

Minorities and women have demonstrated their ability to compete successfully under merit principles. Over one-fifth of the jobs in Government agencies are held by Blacks, Spanish-speaking Americans, American Indians and Asian Americans. Nearly one-third of all Federal employees are women.

While I am encouraged by these figures, our efforts must continue. For example, within the general schedule and similar grade groupings, minorities represent only 5.2% and women only 4.5% of Federal employees at GS 13 and above. I therefore want you to know how I view equal employment opportunity. I urge you to provide strong leadership in your own organization.

Our Nation's strength is based upon the concept of equal opportunity for all our citizens. Decisions, motivated by factors not related to the requirements of a job have no place in the employment system of any employer and particularly the Federal Government.

But more is required than non-discrimination and prohibition of discriminatory practices. What is needed are strong affirmative actions to assure that all persons have an opportunity to compete on a fair and equal basis for employment and advancement in the Federal Government. Affirmative action includes recruitment activities designed to reach all segments of our society, fair selection procedures, and effective programs of upward mobility so that all employees have the opportunity to gain skills to enable them to compete for higher level positions. Such actions are under way in the Federal Government. They must be continued and expanded.

Although the Federal Government has employed large numbers of minorities and women, vigorous efforts to assure equal employment opportunity must continue, particularly in those geographical areas and agencies and installations where more progress is needed. There are program areas where special emphasis is needed. There is reason to believe, for example, that the skills of the Spanish-speaking as a group have not yet been fully tapped. Also, a much wider range of employment opportunities for women can be opened. We cannot and must not permit persons to be locked into jobs not commensurate with their potential. I am looking to you and to every manager in the Federal Government to assure that employees, without regard to their race, national origin or sex, have an opportunity for advancement in accordance with individual abilities.

Moreover, men and women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds must be assured a fair opportunity to serve in positions where they can make a maximum contribution and participate in the decision-making process.

Equal employment opportunity doesn't just happen; it comes about because managers make it happen. I want equal opportunity to be reflected in every aspect of Federal employment. I have called on Chairman Hampton of the Civil Service Commission to keep me fully informed on an annual basis of the progress each Federal department and agency is making in this regard. Increased accountability on the part of Federal managers will help to promptly identify deficiencies and strengthen our EEO program at all levels.

Just as we will not condone preferences in employment decisions because of a person's race, ethnic origin or sex, we will not tolerate failure to vigorously carry out affirmative actions in support of equal employment opportunity. I am asking for your personal commitment and active cooperation in assuring that the American ideal of true equal employment opportunity is a reality in the Federal Government.

Please make my views known to all employees and managers in your organization. Their understanding of my objective is essential. Their support is required.

Gerald R. Ford

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Letters

In building 5400 the water coolers have been unplugged or the electric cords cut to save energy. These expensive fountains use relatively small amounts of energy because a refrigeration cycle is used and the water temperature is only lowered from 55 degree fahrenheit to 50 degree fahrenheit in the coldest winter months and from about 70 degree fahrenheit to 50 degree fahrenheit in the hottest summer months. Direct tap water is cold enough to drink in the winter; however, water from the disabled coolers is not only too warm but is untasty (stagnant tank taste).

Why can't the water cooler use be approached similarly to the lighting, that is, why not leave approximately 50 per cent of the units in operation? This reduces energy consumption and gives more fair treatment to all employees. At the present time energy is being used to make coffee outside the cafeteria. Since coffee is only savory at temperatures above 130 degree fahrenheit, the energy required to produce a hot cup of coffee, starting with tap water, is at least 6 to 30 times greater than the energy required to cool a cup of water (using a nominal value of 2 as the coefficient of performance for the cooling system).

Also located in the building are numerous energy-consuming soft drink machines. Thus, people can get cold soda pop and hot coffee at will. Palatable water, however, is only available from the faucets in the rest rooms and janitor closets. In the summer this water will be too warm. Is this condition fair? Are the adverse effects on the morale of quite a number of employees worth the small energy consumption of a reasonable, acceptable water cooling arrangement? If other employees of the Missile Command have convictions about cool drinking water, whom would they contact?

W.G. Burlison

(Editor's note: In answer to the last question contact—in writing—Jim Still, energy coordinator, Bldg. 7613, AMSMI-KLE.)

CIVILIAN BRIEFS

The following is a list of retirements and promotions for the period April 4-10. There were no new hires during the period.

RETIREMENTS
Finney, Robert R., GS-1081-13, Information Office
Kennamer, Leon B., GS-085-8, RASA
Moman, G. B., Jr., GS-301-12, RASA

PROMOTIONS
Barnes, Thomas M., WS-2805-11, RASA
Grigsby, Harry, WG-5309-10, RASA
Anderson, Ernest, WG-5309-10, RASA
Green, Leroy, WG-5309-10, RASA
Barlowe, William C., WG-5309-10, RASA
Larmon, Faye H., GS-525-6, Comptroller



Editor:
Many thanks from an L-HP* for the cover picture of an L-HP on the Rocket last week.
Sigrid Benson
*Left-handed person

Everywhere you look it seems that the Army is upgrading quality and tightening its belt. More than 800 E-5s are feeling the squeeze in a big way. They have been barred from reenlistment under the Army's Qualitative Management Program.

A Department of the Army Board reviewed 4,500 E-5s who had over 11 years service and found 810 of them, or 17 per cent, unfit for retention.

The DA Board is charged with examining the records of soldiers who are not progressing through the ranks with their peers. The average service time for promotion to E-6 is six years and ten months.

There is an appeal route to remove the reenlistment bar—but it's all uphill.

The Rocket

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The Safeguard System is an outgrowth of 20 years of ballistic missile defense research and development work by the Army and its contractors. The Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command and its predecessor organizations managed the development and deployment.

Marking the Army's accep-

ance of the Safeguard from its prime contractor Western Electric Company last year, Norman R. Augustine, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development, said the System "represents in terms of enormity and difficulty of technical challenge one of the three or four most demanding undertakings in history."

He also spoke of Safeguard's influence in attaining the ABM Treaty and Interim Offensive Agreement with Russia: "The benefits in terms of peace for people throughout the world are the real payoff."

The Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex deployed near Nekoma, North Dakota, is named for the late Lt. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, who pioneered in the

Army's air defense program during the mid-1950s. The complex has two huge radars and five missile-launching sites, along with supporting automatic data processing equipment to control and conduct the complex engagement execution functions.

The long range Perimeter Acquisition Radar searches for threatening objects and passes its tracking data to the Missile Site Radar for use in guiding the defensive missiles to intercept incoming warheads.

Use of two differing interceptor missiles gives Safeguard both a long and short range defensive capability. Spartan is the long range missile providing area defense and designed to intercept approaching missiles beyond the earth's atmosphere at a range of several hundred miles. The Sprint is the short range, high-acceleration weapon providing terminal defense and would intercept incoming warheads within the atmosphere.

Both Safeguard missiles will carry nuclear warheads.

The North Dakota complex and the Ballistic Missile Defense Center in Colorado are operated by the U. S. Army SAFEGUARD Command. With achievement of operational status, the entire system is under the operational command of the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Air Defense Command (CINCONAD) headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Ballistic Missile Defense Center is located in the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) command post in Cheyenne Mountain, the terminus for all of NORAD's Global air and space surveillance and warning networks. It is equipped with data processors and display scopes linked to their counterparts at the radar and missile complex in North Dakota. It is through the BMDC that the CINCONAD will exercise his operational command of the system.

Development of the Safeguard System began in the mid-1950's with the Nike Zeus program, which developed conventional radars and the Zeus interceptor missile.

The succeeding Nike-X project replaced the conventional radars with the electronically steered phased-array radars capable of handling numerous targets simultaneously and added the Sprint missile.

The United States announced its decision to deploy some Nike-X hardware concepts as the Sentinel Ballistic Missile Defense System in 1967.

The emphasis of the deployment was changed and the system was redesignated the Safeguard System in 1969.

The 1972 ABM Treaty with the Soviet Union and subsequent congressional action limited the Safeguard deployment to the single site in North Dakota.



CONTROL SYSTEM REVIEW. Army Materiel Command certificates of recognition were presented to members of MICOM's demonstration review team for their participation during the DOD Cost-Schedule Control System Control study of systems used by Hughes Aircraft Company in management of the Ground Laser Locator Designator program. Left to right are Aaron Trimble, Polly Starkey, George Starkey, Otha Acuff and Charles Lassiter.

Wheeler Dam On Tour Agenda

The Recreation Center has scheduled a tour to Joe Wheeler Park and Dam in Rogersville for military personnel, their families and friends, on Saturday. The outdoor park facilities, lodge, beach area and picnic facilities will be visited. The tour bus leaves the Recreation Center at 10:30. A picnic lunch will be furnished to all who sign up for the tour. For further, information contact any staff at 876-4531 or 876-5492.



OPERATIONAL. The Safeguard missile site radar site of the Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex in North Dakota.

New Hours Set At Troop Clinic

New hours of operation for the Troop Health Clinic, building 3615, were recently announced by Colonel James M. Feltis, Jr., MEDDAC Commander. The schedule is effective April 21.

Sick call for students at the Missile and Munitions Center and School will be from 6:30 to 7 a.m.

All other military personnel will have sick call from 8 to 10 a.m.

E-7's and above may schedule a same day sick call appointment by calling the Troop Health Clinic, 876-2911 or 876-4990 at eight. For further information contact 1LT Van Dyke or 1LT Rumore at 876-2857.

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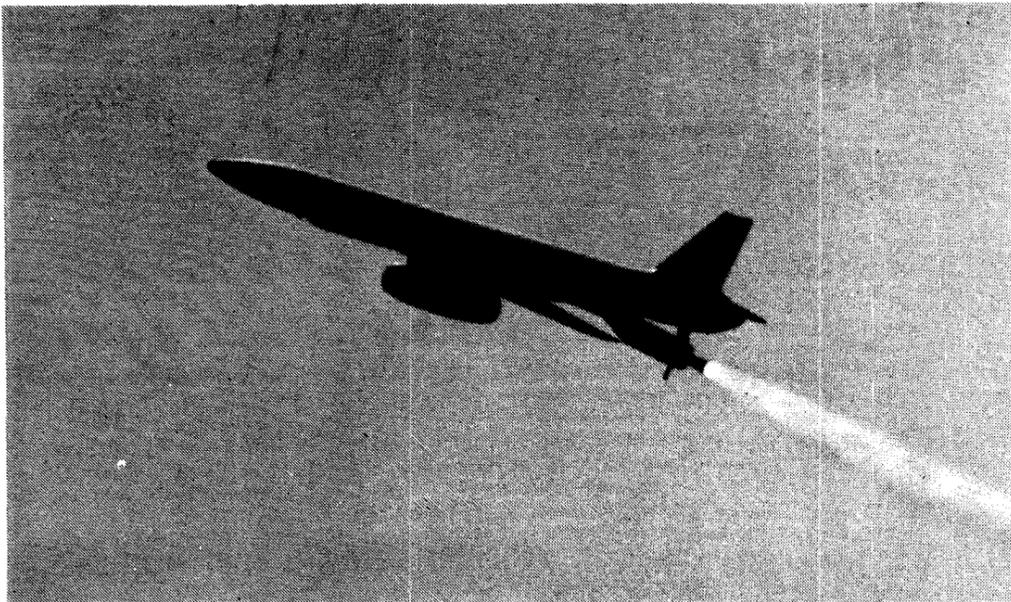
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ARMY'S NEW TRAINING TARGET... Beech Wins Out

Air Defense Training Target... Beech Wins VSTT Contract

The Missile Command has awarded approximately \$7.7 million to Beech Aircraft Corporation at Wichita, Kansas, for first year production of Variable Speed Training Targets (VSTT) and equipment.

Total value of the multi-year contract for VSTT, expected to become the Army's primary training target for air defense systems and guns, is more than \$26 million.

Raye Stanley, VSTT Project

Engineer, said the fixed price contract calls for initial production and testing of target vehicles, ground support equipment, initial repair parts, documentation and ancillary equipment like tow targets and banners.

Beech and Northrop Corporation at Newbury Park, Calif., had competed since 1972 in the design, fabrication, testing and evaluation of the VSTT. Following development and evaluation of the competing designs, the Army chose the Beech version as the more cost effective system.

The VSTT competitive development approach follows the Army's fly-before-buy concept which means contracting for fabrication and competitive testing of prototype hardware before the government procures the system.

VSTT, which can operate at altitudes ranging from 300 feet to 40,000 feet at speeds up to 500 knots, will serve as targets for air defense systems such as Chaparral, Stinger, Hawk, Redeye, Vulcan and SAM-D.

Developers Head League

The Developers rose to the top of the heap in the second week of play in the MMCS Golf League last week, while other teams were jostled up and down on the standings ladder during early season play.

The Marines rose sharply to grab possession of second place,

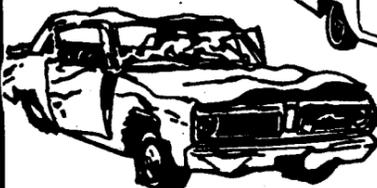
while the Parakeets and Loggers drove into a tie for third.

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Laser Deputy Named

Walter B. Jennings, Jr., deputy project manager for the High Energy Laser program at MICOM, is one of four nominees to represent the Department of Army in the government-wide competition for the 1974 Arthur S. Flemming award.

The award is made annually by the Washington D. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce to 10 young men in the Executive Branch of government who have done outstanding and meritorious work for the government.

The award is divided into two categories: five to young men in scientific and technical fields; and five in administrative or executive fields.

Jennings has received the Army certificate of achievement in connection with his selection as a nominee. The certificate cites



JENNINGS

his outstanding planning, program execution, and technical di-

rection of all Army high energy laser research and development.

IEEE Luncheon

The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers will meet Friday in the Safeguard Room of the Officers' Open Mess. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with a noon address by guest speaker Joel Snyder, IEEE professional activity liaison.

For further information and reservations call Mike Khetarpal, 533-3700, ext. 245 or Bob Trenkle, 536-9611.

New Programs To Aid Senior NCOs

Two new programs which will improve management procedures for senior NCOs will become effective July 1, according to MILPERCEN.

The First Sergeants program lays down policies and procedures for the selection, assignment and retention of highly qualified E-7s and E-8s to serve as First Sergeants. The program calls for the awarding of a new Special Qualification Identifier rather than a separate MOS for First Sergeants.

The second program is the Sergeants Major Program, which will direct Sergeant Major unit assignments based on projected vacancies of authorized positions. Under this program, specific individuals will no longer be requisitioned from the field.

The only exceptions to this rule will be nominations to positions by Presidential support activities, and the Offices of the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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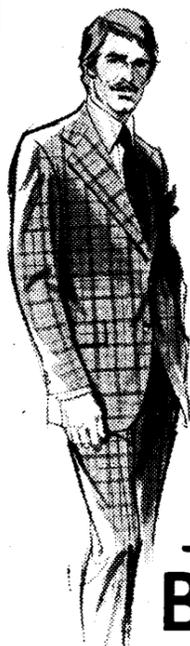
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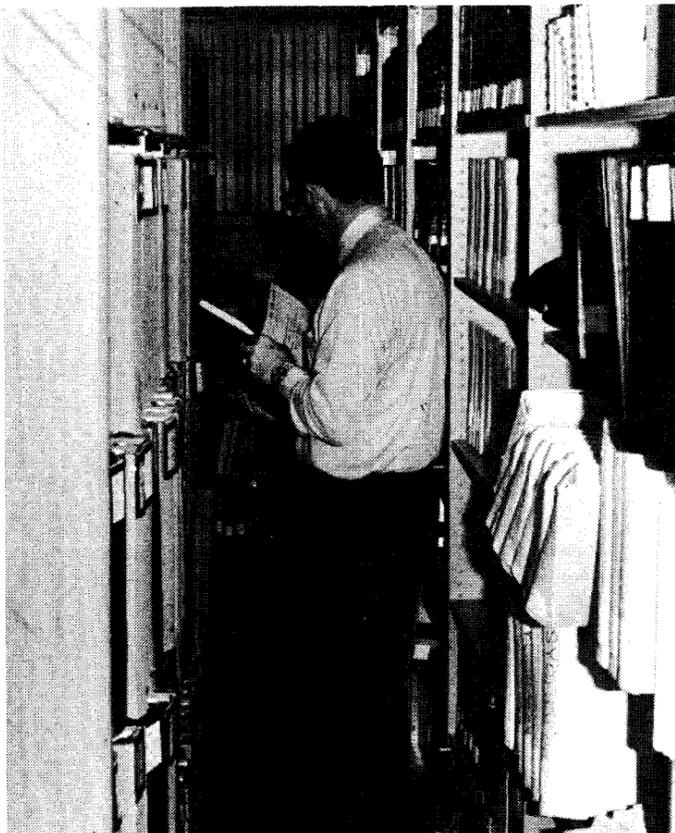
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DATA WARREN—A non-commissioned officer pauses briefly to consult a technical manual at the MMCS Technical Library.

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"The purpose of this observance is to focus national attention on the importance of reading in American life and the importance of libraries of all kinds," said Eva M. Cathey, MMCS librarian.

She invited members of the faculty, staff, and student body to visit the Library, Bldg. 3323, and the Learning Center, in 3209, "to make a personal assessment of the facilities, resources and services.

Currently, the library features about 10,000 volumes, books and bound periodicals. The subject matter in the bound collection includes math, physics, chemistry, engineering, education and military science.

"We also have a music room and a collection of about 250 records," said Mrs. Cathey. Recordings include classical and contemporary standards and language instruction for seven tongues.

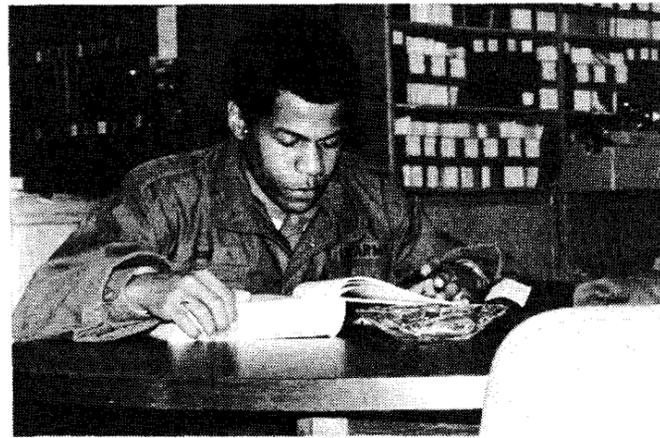
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The library has reading accelerators for those who wish to become speed readers.

There's a complete Military Occupational Skill (MOS) library with study guides for every Army MOS and references for many skill fields.

The library even has small rooms for independent study, research, or typing in privacy.

Operating hours for the library were recently extended to make the facility more accessible to staff, faculty and students. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. The library is closed on weekends.



SOURCE OF IDEAS—Private Alvester Hunt, a student of wire guided missile repair assigned to the 6th Student Company, checks up on occupational careers at the MMCS Technical Library. Hunt, 19, is originally from Detroit.

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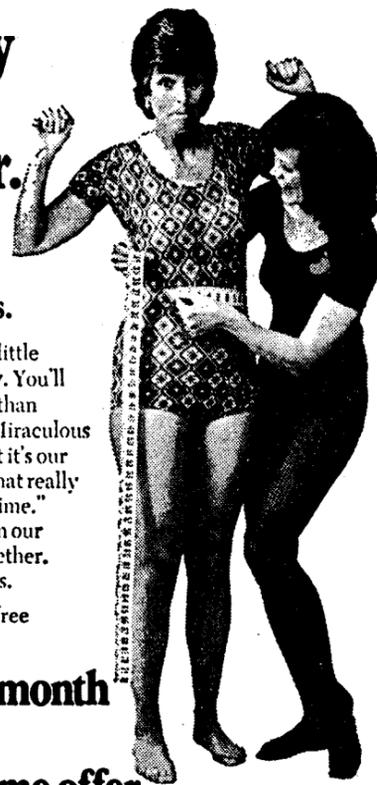
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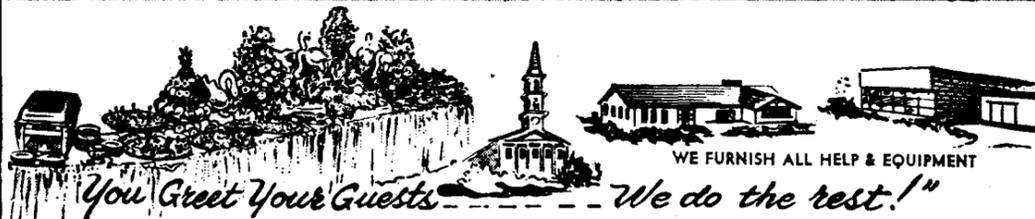
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Redstone's energy conservation program has been the subject of some study in recent weeks. Early in March AMC sent a team from its Installation and Services Agency at Rock Island to perform an energy use audit here. The team was to evaluate the conservation program at Redstone and suggest ways to improve it. But: "The team got more from you people than they were able to give", said

the colonel who serves as AMC energy coordinator in a recent telephone talk with a Redstone energy official. The team characterized the installation conservation program as generally "austere". They saw "a great impact on energy usage" resulting from the shut-off of heating on weekends and the complete cutback in non-essential use of air conditioning. Also noted

was "greatly reduced" lighting in most areas and 68 degree heat limits. "It was also evident that most mission equipment was operated on a need basis", the team concluded in its report. Earlier this month a team from the Federal Energy Administration visited Redstone as the first stopover in a conservation survey of 37 Federal activities in

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Day Moves To Maintenance

Baker Named PT & FD Director

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Although Baker had not been stationed at Redstone previously, he said it is good to be among friends as he worked for so long with MICOM people while chief of the Command's Field Office Tokyo, Japan, the position he held before transferring here.

He said he feels that personnel management is a field that requires dedicated people and it provides an essential service for insuring that the individual is given consideration. "What personnel people do can affect the contentment of people in their jobs," he said. "I've found that

if there is no effective personnel management, morale in an organization goes quickly."

The Colonel is in his 30th year of Army service, and said he had seen many changes—living con-

ditions are much better and soldiers have more incentives and opportunities for self improvement and advancement than they did when he came in as an enlisted man.



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The Officers Wives Club Spring dinner-dance will be Saturday, April 26 at the Officers Open Mess. Dress is casual.

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All seating will be chosen on a first come, first served basis when you purchase your ticket. Tickets at \$8 per person are on sale at the Officers Open Mess on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 to 1:30.

BMDSCOM Wives

The BMDSCOM Officers Wives Club will meet on Monday morning, April 21, in the Pershing Room of the Officers open Mess. The meeting will start at ten.

Test and Systems Engineering Support Directorate wives are hostesses for the monthly coffee, with the permanent reservation list in effect.

Reservations and cancellations may be made by calling Mrs. F. R. Bisch (837-2490) or Mrs. E. M. Ridlehoover (881-3244) before noon on Friday, April 18.



GUESS WHO—Members of the Redstone Officers Wives Club, dressed in costumes representative of well known movie and TV actresses, made up the program of a recent Club meeting. Left to right are Mrs. Johnsey Conner as Greta Garbo; Mrs. Eugene Simonson as Minnie Mouse; Mrs. H. E. Miller as Scarlet O'Hara; and Mrs. James Amato as Betty Grable. Members and guests were asked to try to identify each character as the women appeared in costume.

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The British had to fight before they took and then burned the city. There is a battle streamer on the U. S. Army flag commemorating that fight at Bladensburg, Md., although what happened there was not the proudest day in the 200 year history of the American army.

It seems difficult to understand with the advantage of hindsight, but official Washington had been slow to realize that the seat of government lay wide open to attack. In 1813, a British fleet had cruised the Chesapeake Bay, burning towns and generally raising hell. The commander of the fleet had concluded from that experience that with a few thousand good troops added to the fleet, he could pretty much do whatever he wanted to along the undefended American coast.

In the summer of 1814 he had the troops, several thousand tough veterans of campaigns against Napoleon, and in August, he had them ashore at Benedict, Md., and he had them pointed down the road to Washington.

WARNING NOT HEADED

There were only a few American soldiers in the area. Most of the U. S. Army was scattered along the Candian border where it had been vigorously but ineffectively trying to invade Canada for two years.

President James Madison had warned his cabinet on July 1 that he expected an attack on the city. The government alerted militia for possible service in Washington's defense, but also told the military commander, Brigadier General William Winder, that he could not call up the militia until there was

predictable result was chaos, typified by the astonishing act of James Monroe, then Secretary of State. He mounted a horse and rode eastward in an attempt to determine the whereabouts of the invading army.

A plank bridge spanned the East Branch of the Potomac River at

swung right hit the flank of the first American line and rolled it up.

After a brief pause, they flanked the second line and smashed it too, as disorganized American militia broke and ran.

Commodore Barney's mixed force of soldiers, sailors and marines were another matter. They stood and fought while the rest of the American defenders took to their heels. Legend has it that the feisty Barney, ducked the shot of a British rifleman, personally aimed a cannon and ended the argument with an 18 pound solid shot. Barney's men even charged to clear some red coated soldiers from a position behind a nearby fence, the sailors and marines shouting "Board-em" as they swarmed over the top rail of the fence as they might leap aboard an enemy ship.

In the end, the civilians driving Barney's ammunition wagons took off after the militia fading back down the road to Washington. Barney spiked his guns, ordered the survivors to retreat and, badly wounded, lay down beside the road to await capture.

The British lost 64 dead at Bladensburg and counted 185 wounded. The Americans lost 71 men and their nation's capitol.

SHORT OPERATION

An American colonel said afterward: "We were outflanked and defeated in as short a time as such an operation could well be performed."

And President Madison, snatching up what he could before galloping away from the White House, sadly remarked to a friend:

"I could never have believed that so great a difference existed between regular troops and a militia force if I had not witnessed the scenes of this day."

No one left in Washington had any doubt what would happen next. Americans had burned towns in Canada earlier in the war, the British had done the same in brief forays into New York. They sacked Washington, set fire to the White House and many government buildings, blew up and burned military stores, before they staggered back to their ships with the loot of the blazing city.

A few days later they tried to take Baltimore, but Baltimore, unlike Washington, had had some time to prepare defenses. The British army landing force was checked and the heavy guns of the fleet could not knock out the stubborn defenders of Ft. McHenry, key to the harbor.

The final futile bombardment of the fort went on through the night as clusters of Congreve rockets bathed the harbor in wierd red light. Francie Scott Key, taken aboard one of the British warships seeking release of a captured civilian doctor watched it all, and wrote down what became the words of our National Anthem.

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This Week's Review

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U.S. Army History

Apr. 14, 1818, Office of Surgeon General established—World War I.

Apr. 15, 1861, Lincoln calls for 75,000 militia for three months' service to surpress the rebellion—Civil War.

Apr. 19, 1898, Congress passes resolution proclaiming Cuba free and independent, and authorizing the President to use land and naval

forces to expel Spain from the Island—Spanish American War.

Apr. 18, 1906, San Francisco hit by earthquake and fire. US Army assumes control, establish order, and organizes relief.

Apr. 13, 1945, Fifth Army in Italy opens final offensive—World War II.

Apr. 16, 1947, Women's Medical Specialist Corps established.

imminent danger.

By all accounts, there was unanimous agreement in Washington that imminent danger had arrived when the first dispatch rider galloped in with the news that British were ashore 40 miles east of the capitol.

Winder did what he could, issued an alarm call to Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia militia and ordered them to concentrate at Bladensburg seven miles northeast of Washington. Panic spread in the city and most of the inhabitants and government officials fled. The

Bladensburg, the point where the invading British obviously had to cross the last natural barrier to Washington. In the confusion that prevailed as the defenders of Washington mustered for the impending battle, apparently no one thought of destroying the bridge.

A Maryland militia unit, for example, arrived the night before the battle, pitched camp and then discovered they were less than half a mile from British pickets. In their haste to move, they left without many of their tents. One man shot his companion in the thigh. Another killed a horse. A few of the men decided their companions were more dangerous than the British and deserted.

Two regiments of drafted Maryland militia had originally held ground on the east side of the bridge but despite orders to stay there, their officers led them back to the Washington side of the river. They formed lines facing the bridge, a few guns and some riflemen, with a tiny reserve posted nearby. The Secretary of State then arrived on the scene and ordered the reserve further back, posting them on a hill about 500 yards behind the first line, too far to offer any support.

As other militia arrived they spread out along the hill, their flanks in the air.

NO REAL THREAT

Unknown to the first and second line men, a third line formed another 1,200 yards back from the bridge. Commodore Joshua Barney commanded here and he had with him about 500 men, a mixed force of sailors, marines, regular Army soldiers, a few Washington militia and five big naval guns.

Although the Americans outnumbered the British, they posed no real threat to the experienced soldiers who came swinging down the road to the bridge, paused and got ready to fight. A British junior officer recalled his first glimpse of the defenders of Washington: "They seemed a country people, who would have been more appropriately employed in attending to their agricultural occupations than in standing with muskets in their hands on the brow of a bare green hill."

When it came, the British attack was methodical, unbrilliant, but effective. Under a barrage of shrieking Congreve artillery rockets, inaccurate but terrifying to the ustrained Americans, the British got a brigade across the bridge under fire and set up a line. A second brigade then crosses,

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Army Crafts Program Deep-Rooted

The Army crafts program began in 1942, when it was established by the War Department under the title, "Interior Design and Soldier Art Group." Although troop morale was a consideration, the direct mission was to enhance military buildings

and grounds. Many artists were assigned to paint murals, decorate dayrooms and landscape grounds.

By 1944, the program had expanded to conduct classes in drawing, painting, sculpture and photography. The philosophy had expanded too. More emphasis was given to the soldier and his need to create.

At the outset, activities were primarily contained in the United States. Later, with large numbers of troops overseas, another need arose. What type of handicrafts could be done on shipboard and at temporary stations abroad?

In response to this question nearly half a million craft packages were distributed throughout the Army. Included were handtools and instructions for drawing, painting, leathercrafts, plastics, metal crafts, clay modeling, wood carving and knotting and braiding.

In 1945, with interest still growing, the name changed to "Handicrafts Branch." The War Department also published a technical manual, "Soldier Handicrafts," that contained instructions for setting up crafts facilities, selecting and improvising tools and equipment, plus information on a variety of crafts.

During that same year, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., for the first time in history, opened its facilities for the exhibition of soldier art and photography which was submitted in the first National Army Art Contest.

As the Army moved from combat to peacetime status, the majority of crafts shops in the United States had woodworking power machinery for construction of furnishing and objects for personal living.

An even more versatile program of handicrafts flourished in the European and Far Eastern theaters. Local artists and craftsmen were employed in Germany, France, Japan and Okinawa to operate the crafts facilities and instruct.

The experiences stimulated soldier interest in the respective native cultures and artifacts. Troops were also encouraged to record their activities on film, providing an invaluable means of communication with families back home.

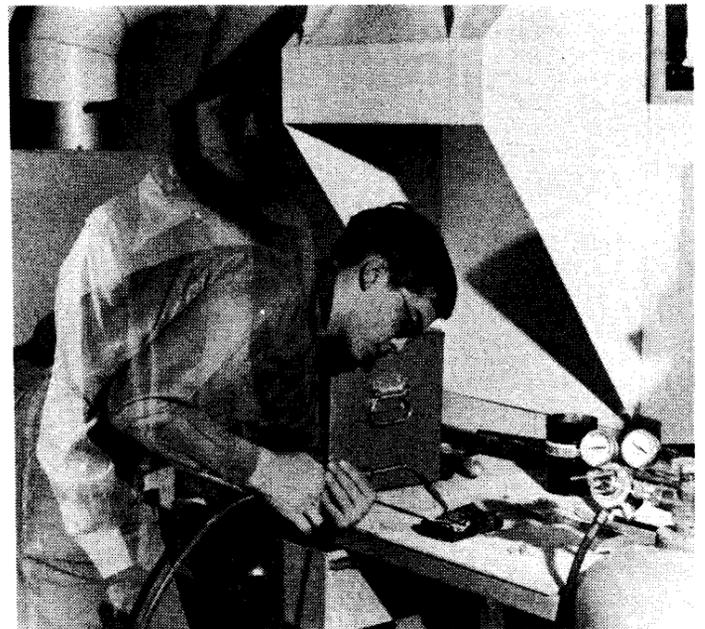
In 1951, the formal designation, "The Army Crafts Program," recognized arts and crafts as an essential Army recreation activity along with sports, libraries, service clubs and entertainment.



Exhibitors Varied

Open House at the Multi-Craft Center, building 3466, will feature a variety of artists and craftsmen from Redstone and the Huntsville communities. Demonstrations will be presented by the following participants:

- Casting—Bill Howard, Eric Rugg
 - Drawing—Jack Dempsey, Lionel Slade
 - Electronics—Fred Napoleon
 - Jewelry—Karl Haft, John Hanby
 - Lapidary—Frank Westfall, Mike Messervy, Mike Augustine, Jerry Strickland
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Off-Duty Study Helps

Approximately 2000 MICOM employees recently received announcements that the Upward Mobility program had been reopened for people in non-professional career fields at the GS-9 and lower grades and in comparable wage grade positions.

The program's aim is to give people in dead end jobs who have underutilized skills and opportunity to prepare to compete for better jobs as future vacancies occur.

When people apply for entrance to the program are selected to participate, they will be joining 175 already on board and working under training plans designed for each individual by Civilian Personnel.

Limitations on training funds have altered some original plans, but many participants are not letting that deter their efforts.

They're hard at work on correspondence courses, going to college on their own time and expense, and taking all available courses offered on Redstone to enhance their capabilities.

Gladys Hill, a supply clerk from Materiel Management, says correspondence courses are very time-consuming as she grabs time during her lunch hour and spends her evening tackling an impressive collection of courses. One on Inventory Management is a 240-hour course, and another on Property Disposal is 160 hours. Records show she has already completed 22 such courses.

A mixture of college and correspondence courses are being followed by many.

Joyce Coker, a library technician, is taking nine semester hours to apply toward a degree in business administration with

emphasis on management. Her goal is to qualify for personnel work.

"We're expected to go to school on our own, but I feel being in the program has focussed attention on my efforts, and in addition I have received some on-the-job training, and hope to receive more," she said. She works in Maintenance.

Charles Chittam of the Metrology and Calibration Center is aiming toward a career as an equipment specialist. He's been adding all possible courses to his record, both in college and by correspondence.

Before he was selected for Upward Mobility, he had taken a variety of courses in financial management. Since entering the program he has completed some of those and has been taking subjects like basic electronics, calibration of LCSS, infrared, and radiometer calibration as well as attending

college for liberal arts courses.

Becoming a procurement clerk since entering the Upward Mobility program is giving Gloria Brown in Procurement and Production the opportunity to get some training on the job in contracting practices. She had three years of college previously and was a clerk steno. Now she is taking courses on her own time and expense at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Sprinkled in are correspondence courses covering procurement subjects, and some government sponsored college training.

These are only a few among Upward Mobility participants using their own initiative to reach their career goals. They all know they aren't going to get there overnight or even within a year or two perhaps, but they want to be ready to compete when there are future vacancies in their chosen fields.

Extends 2-Year Waiver

WASHINGTON—The Army announced last week that senior non commissioned officers and senior field grade officers will continue to be eligible to apply for non disability retirement after only six months time-in-grade.

The waiver of two years time-in-grade required for non disability retirement has been extended, the Army said, through FY76.

Soldiers in enlisted grades E-7 through E-9 and officers in grades CWO-3, CWO-4, O-5 and O-6 which have completed all other service requirements and who are otherwise eligible may apply for voluntary retirement between now and June 30, 1976, if they have completed six months active duty in grade.

Reserve and AUS officers serving on active duty beyond 20 years are as an exception to policy, on promotion lock-in or recommended for promotion will not be involuntarily released from active duty.

Waiver of the two year requirement has been extended because of a continuing reduction in senior NCO and officer ranks and the need for involuntary separations during FY76.

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Team Handball Popularity Soars Here

By DAVE COWAN

The explosive sport of European team handball, on the wane at the handful of Army posts that introduced it in the past five years, has been enthusiastically received here.

There's been so much fervor over the new sport that player-coach Howard Dorsey of MICOM was led to say, "Every day we have new individuals inquiring about the game and if they can join the team."

"Of course, we're glad to take them," said Dorsey.

But not every team has available slots for newcomers, as most teams have filled 20-man rosters, the maximum established by Recreation Services.

Added earlier this year to an already bulging intramural sports program, team handball at Redstone boasts a 13-team lineup, making it the Army's largest stateside handball league.

In all, more than 180 Arsenal soldiers participate in the rough-and-tumble sport.

"Our main purpose of participating in handball was to get into shape, but we had a rude awakening," said Dorsey. "It's really exciting and challenging."

Team handball—created by German sports instructors at the turn of the century—was introduced in the Army by former Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland, who thought the game would stimulate interest in team competition.

PASSAGE OF TIME

During the Westmoreland years, handball was played at many installations, but since the general's retirement, interest in the sport has diminished.

Lt. Col. Larry Montgomery, manager of the 1972 U.S. Olympic handball team and now chief of Recreations Services at West Point, blames the passage of time.

"People actively involved in the sport from 1970 to 1972 have left the service," he said. "Since then, no

programs have been expanded."

Currently four installations under the Army's Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command, including Redstone, have intramural team handball leagues.

The other three are Forts Lewis (Wash.), Hood (Tex.) and McClellan (Ala.).

"I can't understand it," said 7th Student Company's coach Nathaniel Meadors, referring to the handball problems.

"I think it's an outstanding game. If more people would actually get out and see how the game is played, they would be more interested in participating," he said.

GAME OF ACTION

Wingman Bobby Horton of the 291st MP's squad and a handball first-timer, said, "It's a game of action. We have a full roster and it's a shame we have to turn away so many interested soldiers."

Sports director Ralph Santaliz believes that the new foreign game is at Redstone to stay. It's been made part of the annual Commanding General's Trophy competition.

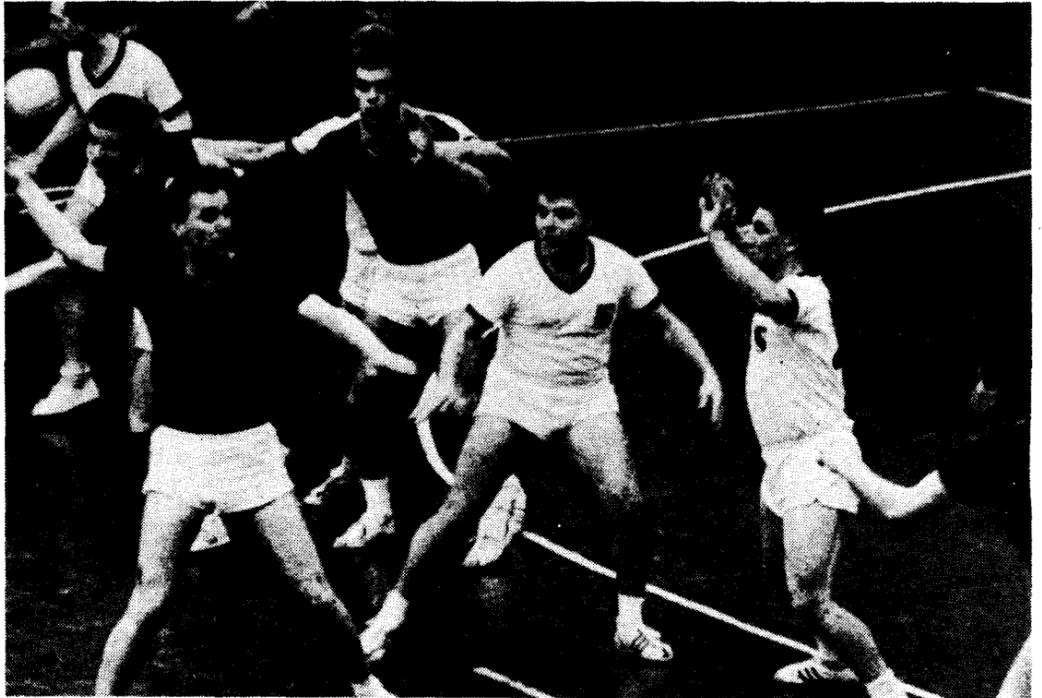
Teams strongly represented in baseball, softball, football, volleyball and basketball are expected to enter handball squads to keep in the running for the coveted trophy.

Meanwhile, lack of participation continues to plague handball throughout the Army.

Athletic and recreation officers at Ft. Lewis recommended to the Senior Sports Council there that handball be deleted from the intramural sports program this year. The council turned down the recommendation.

Home of the 9th Infantry Division, Lewis had 10 teams competing in handball last year. However, division recreation officer Cpt. Gerald Peltheran noted that "it isn't very popular."

But he added that "we might go



INDOOR SPORT, TOO—European team handball, newly organized at Redstone, has its place indoors as well as outside.

as high as 25 teams this year."

Eight teams competed in the intramural handball league at Ft. Hood last year. Assistant sports director Doyle Walker said he's planning for between five and 15 teams this season.

It has been a poor year at Ft. McClellan, according to intramural sports director Doug Guy. Only four teams competed in the post's handball league.

"We played handball in January, when soldiers were more interested in an American game—basketball," he said.

BRAGG DROPS OUT

In North Carolina, Ft. Bragg officials stated they would not have a team handball league this year. The Army post has produced several Olympic handball players in the past.

"Possibly where we made our

mistake was when Westmoreland started at the top and not at the grass roots," suggested West Point's Montgomery.

"Handball needs to start at the grass roots with youths," he said. "Individuals should learn the game early, such as in junior high school."

There are indications that Montgomery's theory has been put into practice. Emmet Rodifer, director of TRADOC youth programs, notes that European team handball has flourished among young Army dependents.

"Youths are picking the game up quick," he said.

At Ft. Hood, Walker reports that the sport had gained a foothold in young peoples' sports. "Our youth activities are keeping team handball alive," he said.

German students at the Missile and Munitions Center and School have a team in Redstone's hand-

ball league. Some German players have more than 15 years of team handball experience.

In the season's opener here, the missilemen from MICOM were defeated by the German contingent.

"They play the game more scientifically," said MICOM's Dorsey. "However, I believe everyone will learn something from them—we did!"

"Handball requires vigorous running and we have learned to pace ourselves after playing the Germans," said Dorsey.

Will team handball survive in the Army?

According to Montgomery, Army Recreation Services officers will determine the fate of the fledgling game.

"Taking on a new sport without giving up others will just about kill handball in the Army," he said.

Germans Throw Handball Oktoberfest

It was somewhat like the gala Oktoberfest last week as the German Air Force team nabbed two victories in opening action in the RSA Intramural European Team Handball League.

The Germans moved to the top of the Eastern division with wins over MICOM and the 8th Student Company, while the 4th students bombarded the 291st MPs and the 8th students again to take possession of first place in the

Western conference.

Monday

On the opening day, the Germans defeated MICOM, 15-9, 4th SC mauled the 291st MPs, 19-10, and the 7th SC crushed the Marines, 12-4.

In their first try at the newly-organized sport, the missilemen played a fine second half against the Germans as both teams scored eight goals; however, the Germans put the game away in the

first half, outscoring MICOM 7-1 for the 15-9 win. No individual statistics were available.

James Barmore scored nine goals in the 4th's win over the MPs. The students took a 7-3 halftime lead and then outscored the cops, 12-7, in the final half for the win.

Norman Endicott and Marshall Lewis had three goals each for the 4th, while Charles Dickerson and Howard Robinson had four and three for the MPs.

Vance Picard and Ruben Rosales netted seven goals between them to lift the 7th SC to a win over the Marines. The students racked up eight goals in the second half, after holding a 4-2 advantage at halftime.

The medics forfeited to the 7th SC, while the German AF edged the 8th, 8-7, in Tuesday's action.

Clarence White netted three goals for the 8th students, but their bid for their first win of the season fell one goal short as the Germans nipped them, 8-7.

The Germans took a 6-2 halftime lead and it looked like another easy win for the foreign students, but the 8th fought back in the second half to outscore them 5-2 in a losing cause.

The 95th Calibration-Meddac game and the 6th SC-291st MP contest were rained out Wednesday evening.

Thursday

In Thursday night's action, 4th SC defeated the 8th, 14-4, MICOM nipped the MPs, 8-7, and Med-

dac and the 8th received double forfeits for failure to field seven players for their contest.

James Barmore scored seven goals — a total of 16 in two games—as the 4th downed the 8th for their second win. The 4th outscored their neighbors in both periods, 6-1, and 8-3, for the victory.

The 291st MP's got four goals from Charles Dickerson, but it wasn't enough as MICOM's Willie

Denny hammered four home to lift the missilemen to a 8-7 win over the cops.

In a matchup between the recognized powerhouses in the intramural sports program, the teams battled to a 3-3 deadlock at halftime, before the missilemen finally pulled the win off with five goals in the final half.

Robert Gofus added two goals for MICOM, while James Fomeby gathered two for the cops.



TEAM HANDBALL—It takes a few twists and a couple flops as a 4th student player scores against his teammate in a scrimmage game recently.

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RSA Wins Judo Kudos

Nineteen of 26 Arsenal youths who competed walked off with honors at the recent first annual RSA invitational judo tournament. The AAU-sanctioned meet was held at the post-gym March 29.

Members of the Redstone Arsenal team were among the top three finishers in fourteen competition brackets, nailing top honors in eight.

About 170 competitors from 13 judo clubs in four states entered. Tournament chairman was Specialist 6 Mike Brown, an instructor on post.

Contestants were divided into

more than 30 age and weight categories.

Wayne Sikes of Hamilton, Miss., won the men's grand championship match, while Pat Taylor of the University of Alabama at

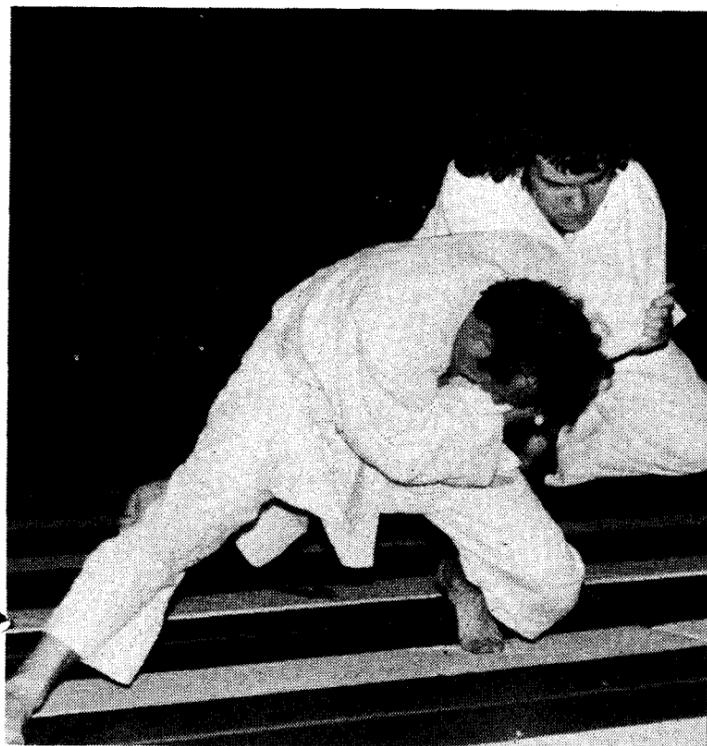
Tuscaloosa was top women's champion.

Sunday, 31 Arsenal judo enthusiasts entered the Southeastern AAU Tournament at Memphis Naval Air Station.

At the Memphis match, 13 Redstone members took top honors in one of the 59 weight categories. Six took second place honors, with another three taking third places.

Youths who competed in Memphis are now eligible to enter the third region AAU tournament at Hendersonville, N.C., in May.

SAVE ENERGY



OVER THE SHOULDER—Dave Putney (left) flips Neal Hettinger in a shoulder throw during a match during the first AAU-sanctioned RSA invitational judo match at the post gym. (Photo by Major William Benson)

No Long Shots, All Favorites

It's not the elite Masters Golf Tournament, but Redstone's answer to the prestigious event may be the match play tournament opening here tomorrow.

Competing in the event will be the University of North Alabama, Calhoun Jr. College, Lambuth

College (Jackson, Tenn.), Alabama A&M and Redstone.

The 18-hole match will be played over the post golf course greens.

Sports director Ralph Santaluz talks about the tourney in the language of a horse race.

"Not one of the entrants is a long shot," he said.

Bowling Results

Wednesday Officers

STANDINGS	Points
Strikeouts	65
Bee M's	60
Lucky Strikes	57
Gimlets	56
Black Jacks	54
Swingers	52
Widgets	45
ExASPRators	44
Readiness Group	44
Redrock Engineers	36
Halo's	33
Sch. Bde. B's	30

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

HONOR ROLL

The Bee M's toppled the maples for a 982 scratch game and a 1084 with handicap. Jack Reece highlighted the game with a 224, followed by Ray Weinberg, 203; Lee Bryan, 200; John Agee, 190 and George Melochick, 165. The Bees also grabbed high scratch series with a 2701, while the

EXASPRators rolled a handicap series of 3060.
High Ind. Series: Townley, 581; Reece, 580; Young, 566; Aldrup, 562; Fuller, 552; Bryan, 551; Agee, 547; Weinberg, 542; Ogolazek, 541; Hopper, 536; Paul, 530.

AMC League

STANDINGS	Points
Spare	69
Bombers	65 1/2
Lily Flagg	64
Fat Cats	62
Alley Cats	61
T-Birds	56 1/2
Hughes TOW	55
Sprinters	51
Untouchables	48 1/2
Sheraton	47 1/2

LAST WEDNESDAY

Spare 4, Alley Cats 0
Sheraton 4, T-Birds 0
Fat Cats 3, Lily Flagg 1
Hughes 3, Bombers 1
Untouchables 3, Sprinters 1
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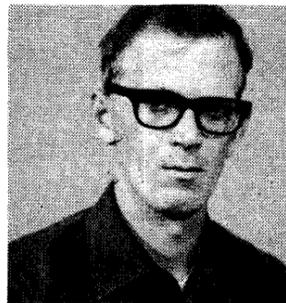
SOM Feels "Just Great" Call For Blood Goes Out Today

What's it like to be named Post Soldier of the Month?

"Just great," said Specialist 4 Joseph H. Endinger, Redstone's Soldier of the Month for April. "And considering the stiff competition, I have a deep feeling of accomplishment," he said.

Endinger, a prior service soldier, was a sheet metal mechanic before enlisting for the second time after a nine year break in service.

"I grew tired of the layoffs and decided that the Army wasn't so bad after all," said Endinger. "Besides, I even got a new job in electronics."



EDINGER

Assigned to Company B, he is now an instructor in the Basic Electronics Department at MMCS.

A 105.6 per cent fulfillment of the Red Cross blood goal for Redstone was realized in March. The Bloodmobile visit here resulted in acceptance of 528 pints of blood from 630 participants.

Best unit participation trophies went to the 8th Student Company, MMCS, which mustered 100 donors for 33.7 per cent participation, and to the 55th Army Band, MICOM, with four donors for 26.6 per cent participation.

The Bloodmobile returns to the Arsenal today. Blood will be accepted from 8:30 to 3 at the Recreation Center.

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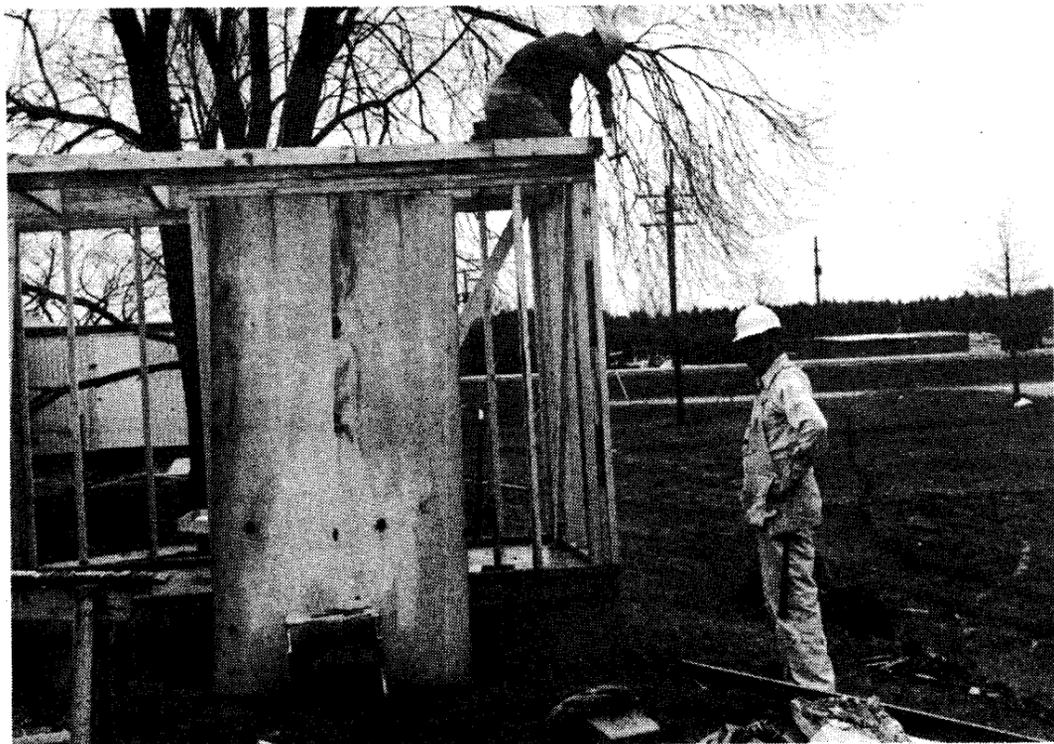
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Film Producer Dies Suddenly

A funeral service for William R. Brown, Chief of the Motion Picture-Television Production Division was held Saturday at the Post Chapel. Burial followed in Long Island City, N.Y.

Brown died suddenly last Wednesday of an apparent heart attack. He was 55.

A native of Floral Park, N.Y., Brown had been employed by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity since 1970. He came to Redstone from the Army Pictorial Center.

Brown had won many awards for outstanding film accomplishments, the most recent in February when he accepted for the Missile Command a silver medal from the International Film and Television Festival of New York for the film, "A System Called MICOM."



WILLIAM R. BROWN

Accountants Meet Thursday

The Huntsville Chapter, Federal Government Accountants Association, will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, April 17 at the Ramada Inn on South Memorial Parkway.

Guest speaker will be Elwood A. Platt, Director of the Interagency Audit Training Center in Washington. He will speak on the subject "Auditor Training in the

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The meeting, designated ladies' night, starts at 6:30. Reservations can be made by contacting James E. Jones, telephone 876-1366 or 876-7514.

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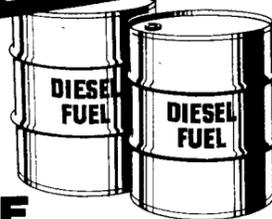
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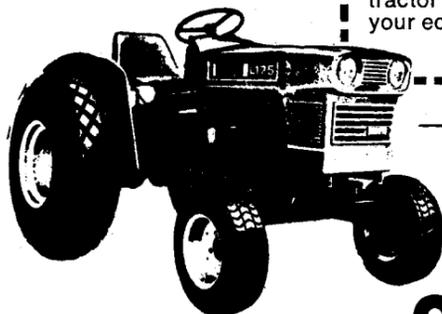
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Vaughn Named Sloan Fellow

Dennis H. Vaughn, a Missile Command engineer experienced in quality, reliability and testing of Army missiles, has been selected for an Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Vaughn, now Chief of the Stinger Product Assurance and Test Division, will join 53 other Sloan Fellows from industry, government, medicine and universities when classes begin in June.

This year's class is the largest since the program began in 1931.

The Sloan Fellowship Program is a one-year training program for young executives from private industry and government who have demonstrated outstanding

management potential. It leads to a master of science in management.

At MIT, the Sloan Fellows will study a variety of subjects, including economics, management science, labor relations, law, foreign policy, organizational studies, finance and taxation. In addition to classroom work, the group will meet with top officials in industry and government throughout the year.

One of the highlights will be a field trip overseas.

A native of Horse Cave, Ky., Vaughn is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Since coming to Redstone in 1966, he has worked in the Product Assurance Division of MICOM's Procurement and Production Directorate, the Product Assurance Directorate, and with the research and development group that formulated plans for what is now the Stinger air defense system.

Vaughn was named MICOM's Junior Executive of the Year in 1972 and assumed his present position that year.



FLOWERS?—Mary Blackburn, left, seems a little puzzled to find that Michele Wilbank's artificial flowers are made from hedgeapples. Michele slices the hedgeapples, bakes the slices in the oven, fashions stems and leaves and then sprays them with clear varnish . . . the result, a very unusual but pretty flower. Both women are members of the Contracts Office, Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command.

Perfect Average Only The Second

The German Air Force liaison office was buzzing last week with prideful words about First Lt. Atel Rademacher, who achieved the second perfect end-of-course average recorded at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Rademacher, 26, tallied a 100 per cent in the Pershing supervisor course. His class graduated last Thursday.

The native of Bremerhaven is a 1974 graduate of the German Armed Forces College, where his major was electrotechnics. Rademacher will become technical officer for the 2nd Pershing Wing, Geilenkirchen.

Just two months ago, a specialist six from Silverton, Ore., became MMCS's first perfect scorer. Michael P. Engelhardt, 25, compiled a 100 per cent in the Shillelagh missile systems repair course.

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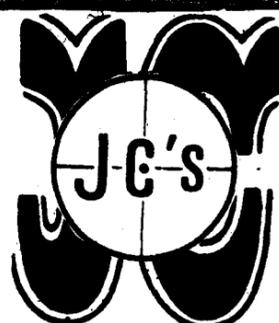


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This system advanced the state of the

art in digital to digital communication and hybrid computer simulation area, and resulted in saving the government several million dollars.

The award winners are Melvin Thornbury, Bobby G. Todd and Archie Young of Management Information Systems, and Kilmer Hall from the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

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Non-Availability Statement

Eligible dependents of active duty military personnel are reminded of the necessity of obtaining a statement of non-availability when seeking coverage under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS).

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erage for costs incurred through civilian hospitalization. In other words, those eligible dependents of active duty military personnel who are receiving non-emergency hospitalization may be held responsible for all costs if the non-availability statement is not filed.

The forms may be obtained from the Patient Administration Division, TR-101, MEDDAC, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35809. For further information on CHAMPUS call 1LT Mel Van Dyke or 1LT Terrence Rumore, 876-2857.

Huntsville, Area Firms Get Awards

Huntsville firms received more than \$1 million in Missile Command orders for goods and services during March, and those in nearby cities were awarded approximately \$300,000 worth of business.

Orders represent types of supplies needed to support the Army missile and rocket missions at Redstone, and maintenance services.

Contracts for weapons systems came to \$18,861,337 during the same period.

Among the small purchases are pipe fittings, fabrication of missile rocket components, medical supplies, labor and materials for building alterations, photographic materials, scientific books and office equipment.

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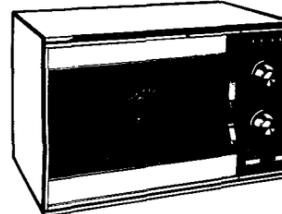
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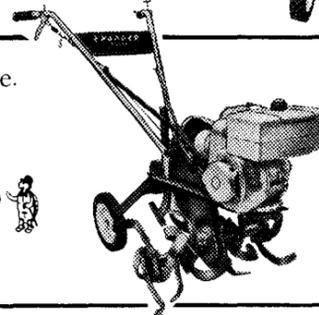
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