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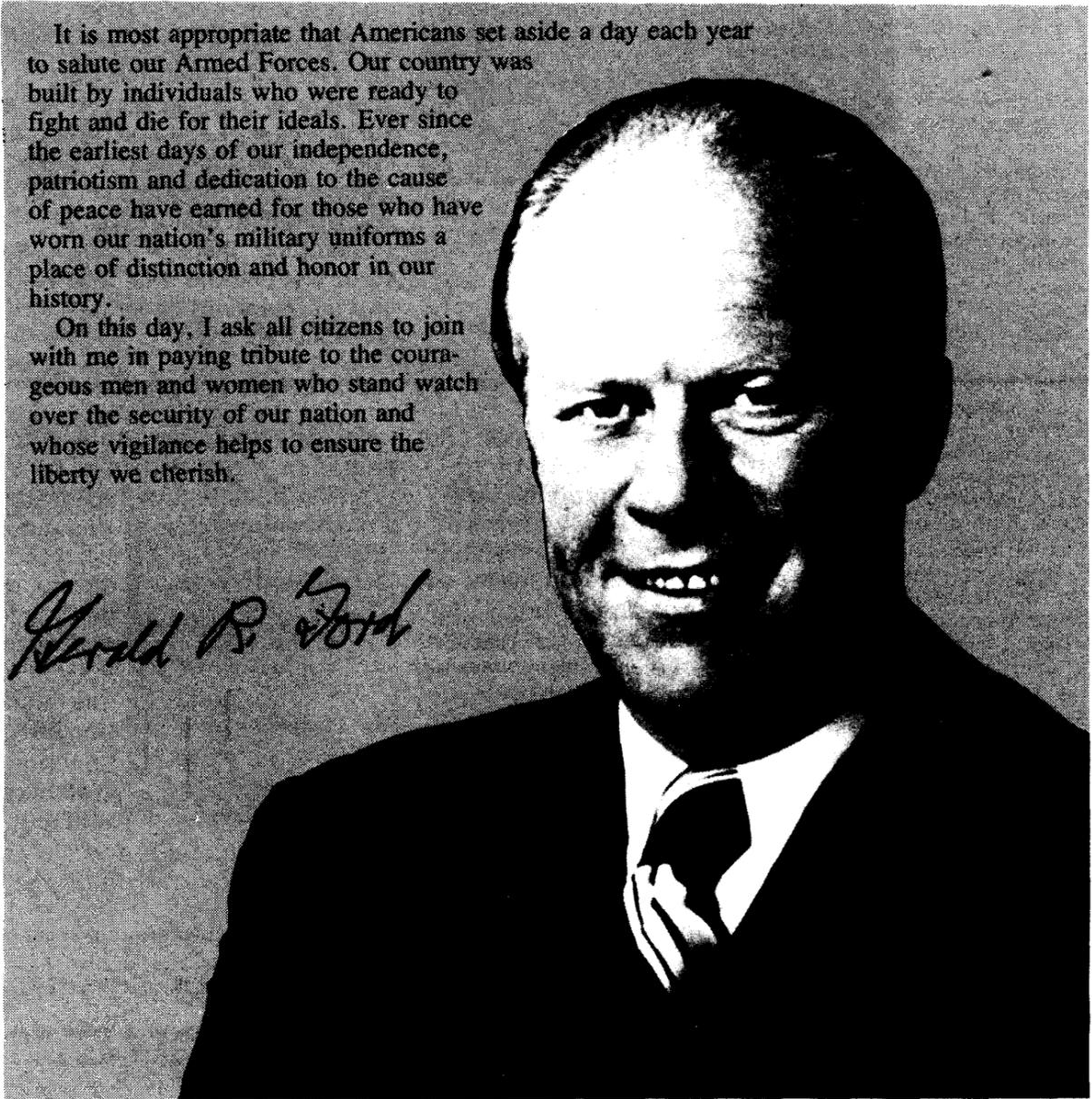
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Armed Forces Day

It is most appropriate that Americans set aside a day each year to salute our Armed Forces. Our country was built by individuals who were ready to fight and die for their ideals. Ever since the earliest days of our independence, patriotism and dedication to the cause of peace have earned for those who have worn our nation's military uniforms a place of distinction and honor in our history.

On this day, I ask all citizens to join with me in paying tribute to the courageous men and women who stand watch over the security of our nation and whose vigilance helps to ensure the liberty we cherish.

Gerald R. Ford



ARMY '75

On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, adopted the raising of "ten companies of riflemen" as the nucleus of a National Army, to fight alongside militia units from the colonies. That hastily authorized Army, with a combined strength of 790, has evolved to become one of the most effective single fighting forces ever created and just as it did in 1775, today's Army stands ready in our national defense; *vigilant, vital and volunteer.*

OPERATIONAL FORCES

The key to a quality Army is combat readiness, a capability which the Army continues to improve. Today, 13 active Army divisions are combat ready and operational in Europe, Korea, and the United States.

United States Army, Europe (USAREUR), is committed to its responsibilities in the defense of Western Europe. USAREUR demonstrates its reinforcing capabilities annually with designated units based

in the United States deploying to Germany and combining with pre-positioned elements and equipment. These exercises are entitled Reforger and the last such operation, held in October 1974, airlifted almost 12,000 troops from the U.S. to Europe where they combined with 50,000 other American, Canadian and West German troops in testing and updating the latest techniques in rapid strategic deployment.

The Army plans to increase its combat capability in Europe with the deployment of a 3,800-man brigade from the 2d Armored Division, Ft. Hood, Texas. This is part of the Army's overall objective of increasing combat forces while reducing administrative support forces.

For 25 years the United States has contributed to Korean stability. Today, members of the Eighth U.S. Army work alongside Korean soldiers as they continue to promote understanding and mutual respect for each other.

The Army celebrates its Bicentennial next month. Since its beginning on June 14, 1775, the Army has served the Nation in war and peace. In 1775 it struggled for certain high ideals. Today it preserves those ideals by continually improving its ability to protect our American way of life.



AUSA: For Three Decades, The Army's Friend

Since shortly after World War II, the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) has posted a record of interest — and action — in national defense matters.

And the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Huntsville has distinguished itself among the 116 AUSA chapters nationwide. One of the largest in the country, the Tennessee Valley Chapter is known for advocating the importance of Army research and development, Army training and education and for fostering Reserve Officer Training Corps programs in area high schools and colleges.

Among the recent guest speakers who have addressed TVC meetings are Secretary of the Army Howard Galloway, the late Army Chief of Staff General Greighton W. Abrams, and S.L.A. Marshall, noted author and spokesman of military affairs.

Cadets in area junior and senior ROTC programs continue to compete for coveted AUSA awards for excellence in academic subjects and leadership. More than 600 AUSA ROTC awards are presented each year by the national organization, not counting hundreds of others bestowed by local chapters like the TVC.

Top graduates of the Missile and Munitions Center and School whose academic average are 96 per cent or above receive the Tennessee Valley Chapter's plaque for achievement.

Top instructors of each calendar quarter at MMCS are also recognized by the local AUSA organization. Such recognition of performance is part of the overall local effort to encourage efficiency and professionalism in military service.

But the impact of the local chapter is felt beyond Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal. The Tennessee Valley Chapter has been active in enhancing employer support of the National Guard and Reserve and helping the men and women in the reserve components.

A number of other programs and actions by the local chapter are also in support of overall AUSA objectives. Among those objectives:

—To advance the security of the United States and to support the Army as an instrument of that security.

—To maintain public support for an adequate defense capability.

—To work for an Army large

enough and properly equipped to perform its missions.

—To encourage public support and appreciation for the military profession.

A broad spectrum of Americans in the AUSA work for the same general objectives and forward specific recommendations to be presented as resolutions for vote at the annual meeting in Washington.

Nearly 39,000 active Army personnel are in AUSA, along with about 4,600 Department of the Army and Department of Defense civilian employees. The nearly 12,000 retired military personnel, 16,500 civilians in other categories, cadets, guardsmen and reservists bring the current total AUSA membership to well over 82,000.

Daily operation of AUSA headquarters is carried on by a staff of 37, headed by the executive vice president. Policy direction for the organization comes from an elected council of trustees and officers. This group includes leaders from various professions. All council members serve without compensation and pay their own expenses to the quarterly AUSA meetings.

An advisory board of 50 persons is also available for consultation and assistance on specific topics and issues as needed.

As resolutions and positions of AUSA are approved by the membership, they are communicated to opinion leaders and decision makers through a variety of media. AUSA communicates through white papers, position papers, articles in Army Magazine, public testimony before legislative committees and speeches to audiences around the country.

In return for their efforts and participation, AUSA members receive without additional charge Army magazine — AUSA's monthly professional publication. Among the topics in one recent issue are a look at Army rations through the decades, personality sketches of key Army leaders and a look a defense strategy.

Members are also eligible for low-cost life, hospitalization and disability insurance.

The Tennessee Valley chapter is now conducting its annual membership drive. More information — and membership forms — are available from organizational AUSA representatives.

The power of AUSA support goes to:

- a strong Army of all components whose total force acts as a realistic and credible deterrent and cornerstone of U. S. security.
- retention of sufficient U. S. troops in NATO to insure the security and stability of western Europe.
- public understanding of the military mission and esteem for individuals in uniform
- programs for adequate health and dental care for eligible personnel
- **additional family, troop and transient housing**
- reserve component incentives, including improved medical and dental care; enlistment and reenlistment bonuses; increases in retirement plan along with extension of retired reservists' benefits to eligible personnel
- employer support for Army National Guardsmen and Reservists
- **equity in service pay**
- Senior and Junior ROTC programs and the U. S. Military Academy
- Army civilian employees
- quality primary and secondary education for the dependents of federal military and civilian personnel
- opposition to further weakening of the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- **a single component officer system**
- opposition to general amnesty for those who have unlawfully avoided military service
- an effort to receive a prompt and responsible accounting for all personnel missing in action in Southeast Asia
- well-funded research and development programs to modernize and equip Army forces
- necessary airlift and sealift

The Rocket

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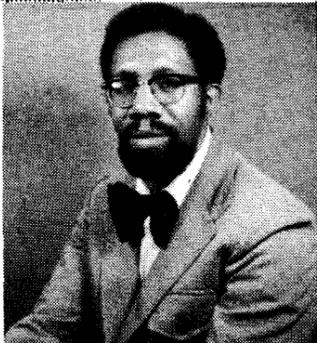
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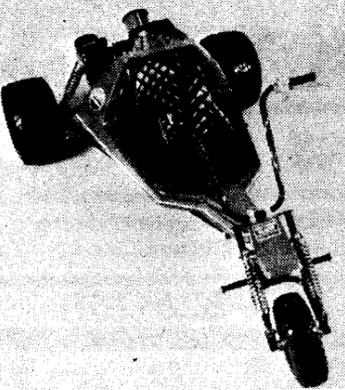
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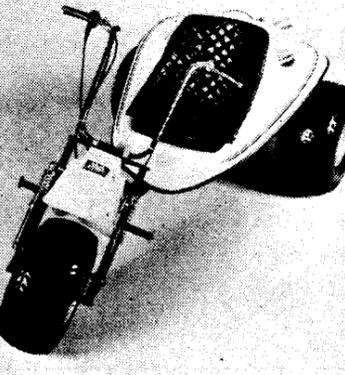
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Both the house armed services subcommittee and the house appropriations subcommittee are expected to hold hearings this week dealing with the commissary issue. The panels are expected to hear testimony from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget and the Assistant Secretary of Manpower and Reserve Affairs from each of the military services.

In addition, chiefs of recruiting services will have a chance to testify.



HELPING HAND. It looks like a study of employment opportunities for the Army's 100,000 civilian women got off to a good start as Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway met with the study panel at its opening session. Here the Secretary and Mary Ellen Harvey, the panel's chairperson, enjoy a light moment during the meeting. Harvey is an Army Materiel Command employee. (U.S. Army photo by Sfc Ray Jewett)

On Display By '76 . . .

Missile Skins In Demand

With the approach of the country's bicentennial year, certain people in MICOM's Materiel Management Directorate are getting more mail.

A section in the Distribution and Transportation Division handles requests for missiles for permanent display in cities, on Army posts, at National Guard armories, VFW posts and other authorized locations.

Their records go back to 1968. "We've had about 90 requests since then, but business is noticeably picking up since organizations want to make special observation of 1976," Charlotte Bell, in the Divisions Plans and Analysis Section, notes.

Requests for the display missiles

are routed to her desk.

She says it is a fascinating job that can get complicated, but remains interesting. "Often people have heard the name of some missile, so that's the one they request. Frequently none of that particular one are available. In that case, if some others are, we write and suggest they consider a substitute. That usually satisfies people. They just want a missile.

"There's a lot of red tape in this process when requests come in. We ask the item manager if any display missiles are available. If something can be furnished, we find out the shipping costs to the requestor's destination - missiles are usually shipped from Army depots. The requester pays the

shipping costs," Mrs. Bell explains.

Only inert missiles are offered for display purposes - the kind without the ingredients to make them go.

Based on her records, Mrs. Bell says the first display missile in 1968 went to the Presidio of San Francisco, followed by a couple of other requests that year.

Only certain organizations are authorized to get display missiles - VFW posts, National Guard units, municipalities, Army posts, are examples.

Schools may request them, but that must be approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and is a considerably more complicated route, and more expensive. HEW has certain regulations about reports and annual inspections of the missile at the display site that the school must prepare and finance.

Display missiles started appearing around the countryside before 1968, but records currently available do not reflect those. There is a Hermes at what was the old entrance to Huntsville's first airport, and there were some missiles at other Huntsville locations earlier than '68.

In more recent times, the Nike Ajax, Nike Hercules and Honest John have been available for display, but supplies are never plentiful.

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PV2 Rhoda Anderson
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10 MSG: Willis Kirkland (MMCS)

Awards

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL:
SFC Calvin Pinkney (MMCS)

President Reemphasizes Support For Equal Employment Opportunity

President Ford has reemphasized his strong support for equal opportunity in Federal employment.

"Minorities and women have demonstrated their ability to compete successfully under merit principles," Mr. Ford said. "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."

Referring to a report recently submitted by Chairman Robert E. Hampton of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, the President said he was encouraged; but he also emphasized that equal employment opportunity efforts must continue, and he urged heads of departments

and agencies "to provide strong leadership in your own organization."

"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 employment," Mr. Ford said.

VBCC Tickets At Rec Center

The Recreation Center has been made an agency for events at the Van Braun Civic Center and will handle tickets for both military and civilian personnel.



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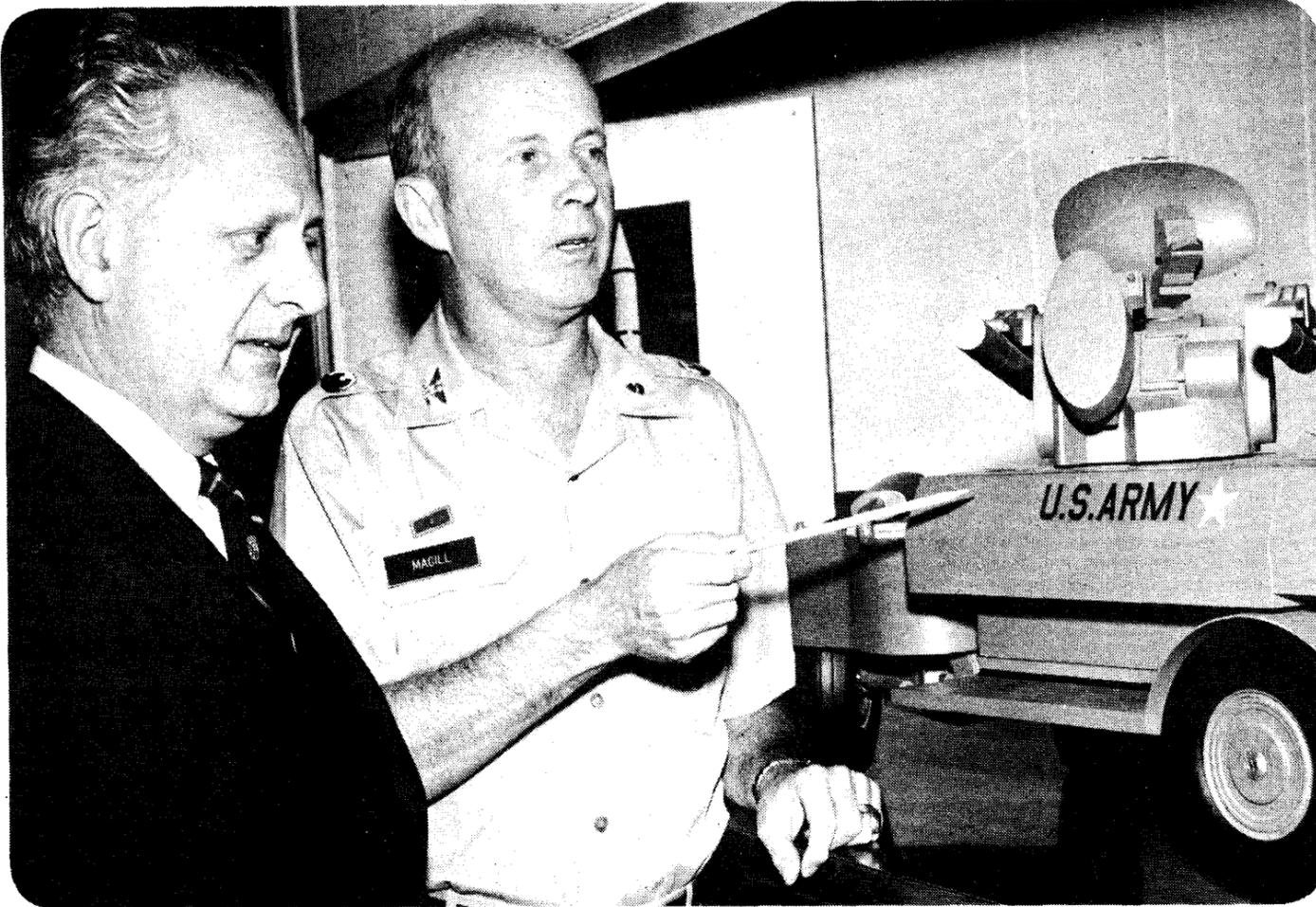
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ROLAND MISSILE TALK—Colonel Henry Magill and Colonel Bertrand Robineau look at a model of the U.S. Army's version of Roland mounted on the GOER vehicle.

Dance Tickets Don't Miss Fun

Martha Orick is making sure she doesn't miss out on any of the fun. When tickets went on sale last week for the Army 200th Birthday Ball, she was the first to buy.

"I love dancing and this sounds like a great way to get into the spirit of the bicentennial," said Martha who is employed with the Facilities Engineering Division.

The dance is scheduled for June 13, at the NCO Club from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Music will be provided by two bands, the "Southern Comforts" and "The Charades". There will be almost every kind of beat from Dixieland to rock and roll.

Planned as the biggest social event in the arsenal's history, two thousand tickets have been printed for the dance. The entire club interior will be opened for the dance as well as an outside patio area for dancing and relaxing.

Dress will be coat and ties for men and cocktail dress for women. Military personnel have the option of wearing uniform or civilian dress. Appropriate uniforms for officers and enlisted men are dress blues or whites with four-in-hand tie.

The dance will be a unique opportunity for employees at Redstone, community residents, civilian and military personnel to come together for an evening of festivities.

Mrs. Orick also commented, "I think the dance is a terrific idea. We should have more activities like this. It gives people the chance to become friends socially besides just working together."

Tickets are on sale at various arsenal locations and at the main offices and branches of Henderson National Bank and Central Bank.

Working Group Concludes Roland Talks

A U.S., French and German air defense working group concluded first round talks here last week to coordinate development of U.S.-European Roland programs.

During four days of discussions

hosted by the Missile Command the group, 11 strong, began negotiations toward a memo of understanding to tie the joint programs together.

Another formal meeting is

scheduled in Paris for late June.

Roland is the Army's new all weather, short range air defense missile system (SHORADS).

Colonel Henry Magill, Shorads Project Manager said the group discussed mutual problems of interchangeable parts, logistics, testing, simulation activities and ways to increase program commonality.

Among attendees meeting with Magill were Colonel Bertrand Robineau, Director of the Franco-German Program Bureau responsible for European Development of Roland; Detlef Forndran, senior Roland manager, German ministry of defense; Colonel Pierre Givaudon, senior Roland manager, French ministry of defense; Colonel Peter Blumenthal, Chief of Military Assistance Advisory Group, Paris.

For the U.S., Hughes and Boeing are building the Army's version of the French-German developed Roland and are mounting it on an American vehicle.

Roland consists of two automatic missile launchers, a search radar and a tracking radar mounted on a turret, and a fire control module featuring computer together with consoles and associated displays and control equipment for both the commander and gunner.

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Defense is the key to NBC training for today's Army. This nation's policy of "no first use" of chemical weapons means that soldiers must be able to defend against the initial use of such weapons by potential enemies. "While many factors influence our ability to survive NBC attacks," commented Lt. Gen. Orwin C. Talbott, Deputy Commanding General of TRADOC, "one of the most important is the training our soldiers receive throughout their military careers."

The program of NBC defense training being developed places importance on the continued use and expansion of the skills taught in Basic Combat Training (BCT).

NBC defense training objectives in BCT will be strengthened. They will include: recognizing the existence of chemical hazards, interpreting and giving CB alarms and signals, wearing the protective mask, care and maintenance of the mask, seeking protection against nuclear

hazards, self decontamination following chemical attack and first aid for chemical casualties.

A realistic performance test will also be added to BCT. Trainees will undergo a surprise attack using a harmless but irritating chemical smoke during field training.

During Advanced Individual Training, the soldier will be given further opportunities to improve the basic skills. When possible, NBC training will be integrated into field training exercises, road marches and bivouacs. Students will be called upon to perform their military jobs while wearing a protective mask and protective clothing.

Decontamination of the individual, his tools and equipment will also be practiced.

Individual and unit training in NBC defense will be stressed by TRADOC in cooperation with FORSCOM. The Soldiers Manual, Skill Qualification Tests and training support materials will underline its importance. The Army Training and Evaluation Program will also add to a unit's preparedness to meet a chemical attack.

"We must orient our soldiers and their leaders," said LTG Talbott, "to the critical importance of the need to achieve, maintain and improve the capability to survive and continue the mission through repeated use and practice of the skills obtained."

He Came, Saw, And Plans To Stay

Not many people in the Army get to go back to an area they like, but Major Robert M. Duggan is currently serving his third tour of duty in the Huntsville area.

Duggan, a procurement officer for the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, has been assigned to only two different places in his 12 year Army career; three tours of duty in the Huntsville area and two in Vietnam.

Though he is a native of Richmond, Virginia, and received his BS Degree from the University of Richmond, Duggan likes Huntsville so well he has purchased property locally and plans to eventually retire here.

Duggan's attraction to Huntsville started in 1964 when he was

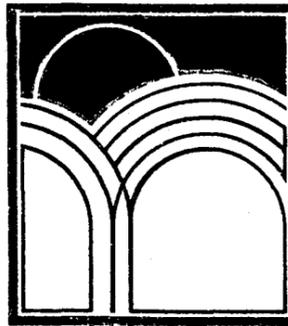
assigned to the Sergeant Project Manager's office. Following a tour

in Vietnam from 1966 to 67, he was reassigned to the Safeguard System Command.

After a second tour in Vietnam in 1971, 72, Duggan returned to Huntsville to his current assignment. During this time he has been attending Alabama A&M University and will receive his Masters Degree in Business Administration later this month.

"I am happy that I have been assigned to Huntsville so many times in my career. It is home to me now and not many people find their retirement home their early in their career," Duggan said.

Though he has at least eight more years in the Army and can expect several more reassignments, Duggan is optimistic about his chances of coming back to Huntsville again before retirement.



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Area Firms Get Service Awards

Huntsville firms received more than \$900,000 worth of business from the Missile Command during the past month to cover awards for goods and services, and approximately \$250,000 in orders went to companies in nearby cities.

Contracts for missile weapon systems and related equipment totaled \$21,222,102.

Types of material and services purchased for support of missile programs include office and laboratory supplies and equipment, items used for maintenance of buildings and grounds, food, laundry and cleaning, and tuition to area colleges and universities.

MICOM's Procurement and Production Directorate executes the contracts and awards.

Panhellenic Group Planned

Wives and daughters of military personnel assigned to the Arsenal who are members of national Panhellenic sororities, are invited to join the recently organized Redstone Panhellenic group.

The group was formed to foster philanthropic causes on Redstone, to encourage sorority affiliated women to maintain ties with their sororities, and as a contact point for recommending college-bound daughters of service personnel for membership in sororities.

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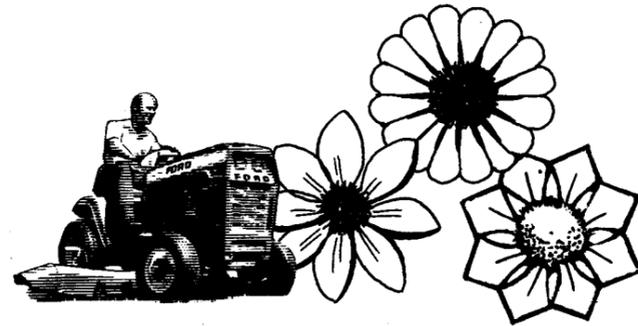
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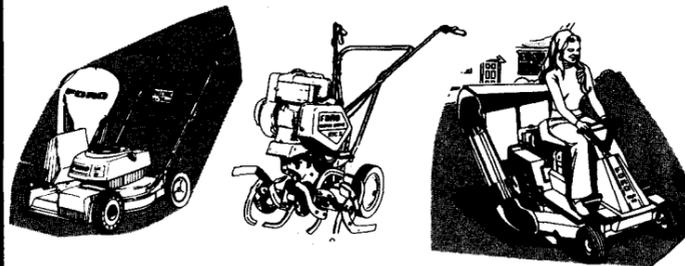
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Vietnam Era Over

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Soldiers now on active duty will not lose any benefits as a result of President Ford's proclamation ending the "Vietnam era" as of May 7, DoD reiterated last week.

In the proclamation to Congress, Ford ended some veterans benefits as of May 8 and asked Congress to terminate others. "The terminations will not affect the eligibility of millions of Vietnam veterans or those presently in the armed forces," Ford said. The proclamation is in line with actions taken by other presidents after World War II and the Korean conflict, DoD pointed out.

DoD said persons without prior service who start active duty May 8 and later will not get about a dozen veterans benefits presently received by persons on active duty or previously discharged honorably.

These benefits include a payment of up to \$250 for funeral and burial expenses and an allowance of up to \$150 for a burial plot, if not buried in a National or U.S.-controlled cemetery.

Among other benefits new enlistees will not get are VA-provided drugs and medicines under certain conditions, special consideration for service disability pensions, non-service connected disability pensions and, under certain time limitations, a

presumption that a psychosis resulted from active military service.

New enlistees coming on active duty after May 7 will still receive GI bill education and training benefits and the various types of loan guarantees, but those entering service after June 30 would lose all GI Bill education and training benefits under the President's proposal to congress.

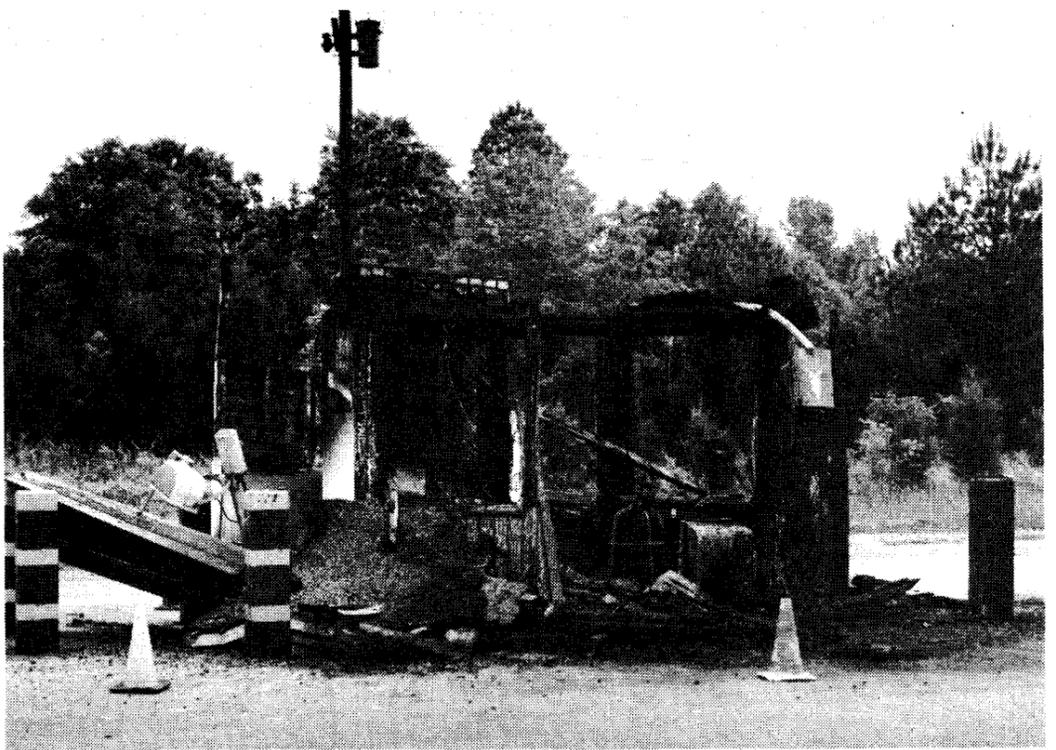
The proposed bill, DoD said, would include terminating the accrual of entitlement to Pre-discharge Education Program (PREP) benefits, while permitting a soldier on active duty before June 30 to continue to accrue eligibility for education benefits until his first discharge or release after June 30.

The proposed bill also would expressly continue the present loan guarantee benefits of the GI Bill while establishing July 1, 1985 as a final termination date for using GI Bill education benefits.

The Army has determined that it will not terminate Project Ahead if Congress legislates and end to the GI Bill, according to DA.

Officials say the Army will increase its emphasis in advertising for the program toward in-service personnel currently eligible for GI Bill benefits and encourage new enlistees to save toward education and enrollment in Project Ahead institutions.

Pentagon officials emphasized that in-service education programs will continue, with an increase in them expected as a result of the proposed GI Bill losses.



DESTROYED—Stormy weather hit hard at Redstone Thursday night when lightning struck the guard shack at Gate 7 on Martin Road West about 11:30. An anonymous caller notified the Military Police desk sergeant that the building was burning. A unit from the arsenal fire department responded to the call but the structure was a total loss.

Lightning Fells MP Guard Post

A fire, apparently caused by lightning, destroyed the Military Police gate station at Redstone Gate No. 7 Thursday night. The small frame structure stood

in the center of Martin Rd. West, the only vehicle exit on the Arsenal's west boundary.

An unidentified caller notified Military Police about 11:40 that the

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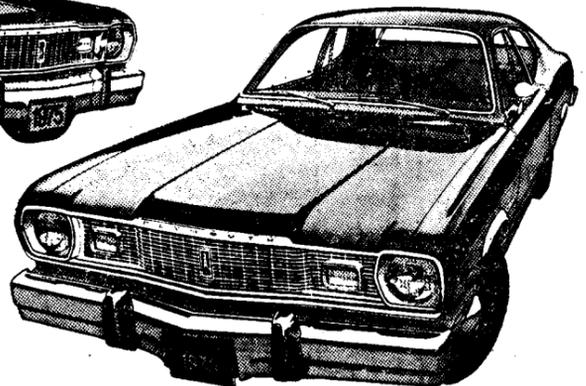
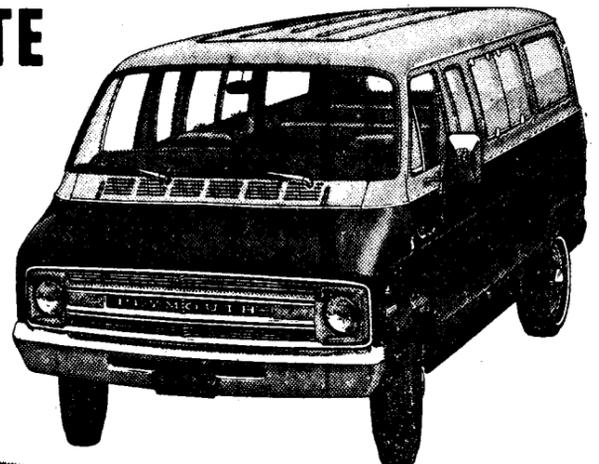
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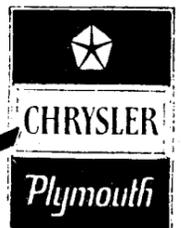
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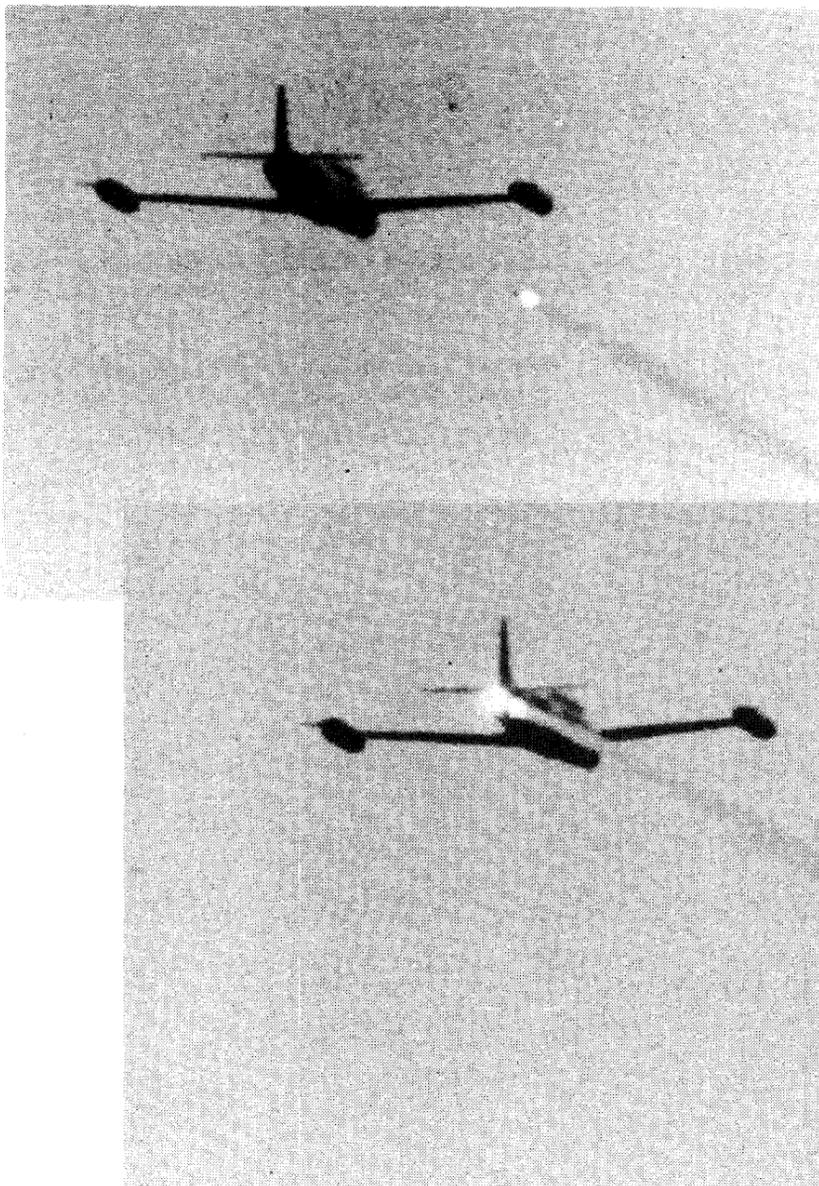


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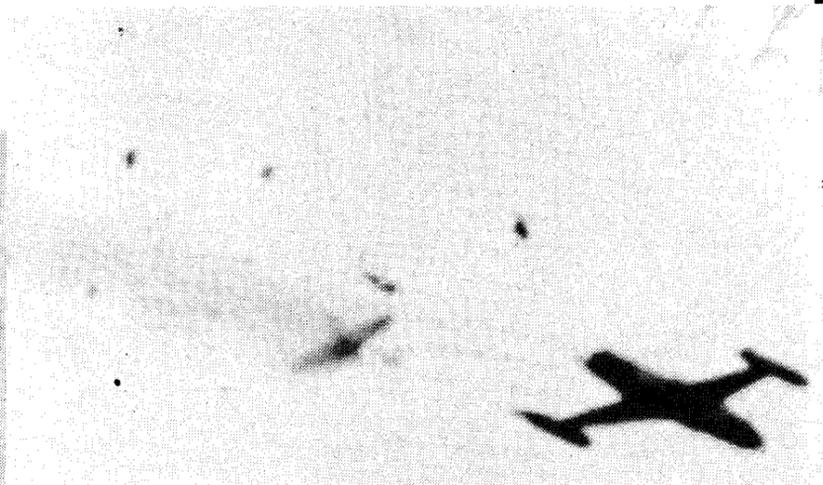
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Decatur Firm Wins AVs Center Award

Bryson Construction Company, Inc. of Decatur has been awarded a \$274,000 contract for construction of an audio visual support center at Redstone. The 6,060 square-foot structure is scheduled for completion in January 1976.

ASQC Meets

Professor David Chambers of the University of Tennessee will be the guest speaker when the American Society for Quality Control meets at the Officers Open Mess on Tuesday evening, May 20. The subject of Professor Chambers' presentation will be "Quality Control and Professionalism." Additional information on the program or the local chapter of ASQC may be obtained by contacting Fred Williamson at 883-7155.



Legislative Guide

Persons interested in the law-making process can obtain a free copy of the "Legislative Guide for the Military", a publication of the National Association for Uniformed Services. The pamphlet outlines the procedures by which laws are enacted and tells how the individual serviceman and his family can make their views known to their elected representatives. A free copy of the pamphlet may be obtained by sending a self-addressed and stamped business-size envelope to NAUS, 956 N. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22201, ATTN: Legislative Guide.

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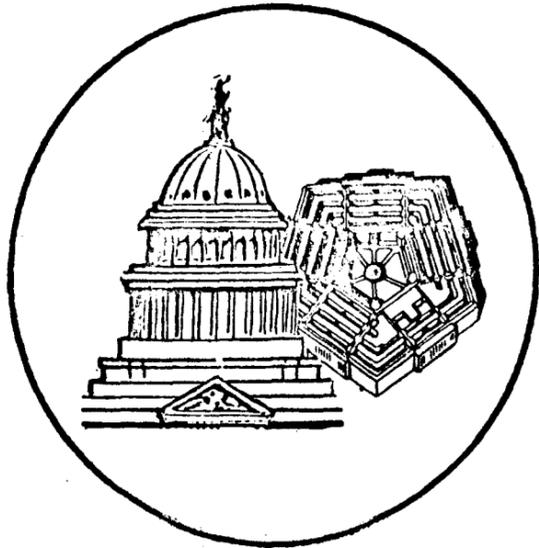
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The Status Of The Army



In recent briefings to Members of Congress, Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway expressed enthusiasm for the tremendous changes the Army has made during the past 2 years. Some of these changes which the Secretary mentioned follow:

VOLUNTEER ARMY

"The revolutionary change was to a complete volunteer Army—revolutionary in the sense that we are fulfilling worldwide responsibilities—without the draft. The volunteer Army is working. Every measurement device indicates we have a better, more professional, tougher, and more combat-ready Army than

"Enlistments and reenlistments all go to try that has done this before in modern times. A whole array of changes—evolutionary in nature—followed.

STREAMLINING MANAGEMENT

"We are continuing to streamline management. One of our most recent efforts was the elimination of Army headquarters in Hawaii, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Europe, and CONUS. We are reducing the Army Staff by approximately 1500, which will create enough spaces for almost two battalions.

ACCESSIONS

"In 1974, we recruited approximately 226,000 young men and women. This number exceeds the size of the US Marine Corps, or the cities of Syracuse, N. Y. or Grand Rapids, Mich. These 226,000 recruits surpassed by 62,000 the number of men and women recruiting during 1973.

REENLISTMENTS

"In 1974, we outdistanced our reenlistment objectives for first termers and career soldiers as shown in the table

"Each reenlistment reduces the need for an accession, diminishes training and accession cost, and contributes to maintaining trained strength. If we meet the aspirations of our soldiers, our reenlistment rates should continue to be high.

we had 2 years ago. I know of no other country that make up total strength. For the end of CY 1973, the total force was 782,244. In CY 1974, it was 772,763. And the projected end strength for CY 1975 is 785,000.

QUALITY

"Quality was up markedly in the past 2 years. Steps to further improve quality have been initiated. At the same time, adverse discipline indicators—desertions, AWOLs, and courts-martial—are down. By reducing the number of enlistees in CAT IV and emphasizing the enlistment of high school graduates, we have imposed higher enlistment standards. CAT IV accessions were 15 percent of total

portunity to rise on their own merits and efforts.

OFFICER-TO-ENLISTED RATIO

"The Army's officer-to-enlisted ratio, currently one officer for every 6.55 EM, is a considerable improvement over last year's 1 to 5.9. Our plan is to increase the ratio to one officer for every seven EM by June 1976.

RESERVE COMPONENT READINESS

"Significant progress has been made in the readiness of our reserve units, our soldiers, and our equipment. Army National Guard and Army Reserve continue to show marked progress in achieving improved readiness. This past year, substantial progress was made in the personnel and training elements. Only slight gains were reflected in equipment status. The overall readiness posture of major reserve combat units has improved with over half of the units meeting their overall min-

REENLISTMENTS (in thousands)^{1/}

	1973		1974	
	Objective	Achieved	Objective	Achieved
First termers	20.0	16.4	22.8	32.6
Career soldiers	31.8	30.0	37.3	39.4
TOTAL	51.8	46.4	60.1	72.0
Percent of objective		89.6		119.8

^{1/}Does not include prior service enlistments which are accounted for in accessions.

nonprior service accessions in 1974. This is a 2 percent lower than the 1974 CAT IV category of the total enlisted force composition, and 6 percent lower than the CAT IV category of the US population (percentile distribution).

EDUCATION

"More than 75 percent of our enlisted personnel are high school graduates. That's up 4 percent from 2 years ago. We are aiming for 80 percent of our enlisted personnel to be high school graduates by June 1976 and for 10 percent to have had college experience.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

"Our current minority representation and enlistment rates indicate minority awareness of opportunity. More than 90 percent of all jobs in the Army are now available to women. During 1974, we recruited over 15,000 enlisted women on active duty. Race relations and equal opportunity programs emphasize that all our soldiers are provided an equal op-

portunity goals. The affiliation program is emerging as a most valuable means of improving Reserve Component readiness and increasing Total Force capability at the least cost.

COMBAT FORCE

"Our 13 Active and eight Reserve Component divisions are structured to support the national strategy. Our goal is to create three additional divisions by reshaping and streamlining our command support structure and reapplying these resources to the formation of combat units. Our tooth-to-tooth ratio has been changing over the years and will continue to change in an effort to increase combat force percentages. In 1974, our tooth-to-tail ratio was 9 combat to 11 support. By the end of 1975, the ratio is expected to be 1 combat to 1 support. The overall objective is to obtain a force that is adequately supported but maximized in combat capability. The

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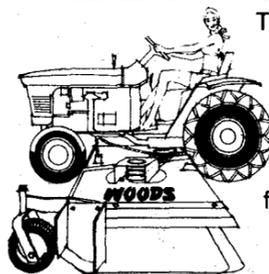
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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

"Our research and development efforts cover projects that range from tanks and helicopters to radios and military medicine. Our highest priority group, the "Big 5," consists of:

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND LOGISTICS

"In these days of energy conservation measures, the Corps is making a significant contribution by the construction of hydroelectric facilities, by water transportation alternatives, and by flood damage control measures. Similarly, the Army's management efforts in logistics have also been significant.

EXPENDITURES

"Army expenditures, although significant, have decreased markedly in the past 20 years. In 1954, immediately after Korea, Army outlays represented 3.5 percent of our gross national product and 17 percent of total Federal spending. By 1974, immediately after Vietnam, this had decreased to 2 and 9.5 percent, respectively. It is important to consider this trend carefully in the interests of stability and real needs. By the end of 1975, we will be making much more effective use of our dollars because our tooth-to-tail ratio will be better.

BUILDING A BETTER ARMY

"In building a better Army in 1975 and beyond, the Chief of Staff and I have estab-

lished three major goals which we feel will provide the Nation with the Army it needs—responsive to today's requirements and keyed to the future:

"• First—Upgrade the quality of our soldiers while maintaining our momentum in recruiting and retention.

"• Second—Obtain the maximum benefit from all resources.

"• Finally—Shape the Army for the future.

"As the Army moves toward attaining these three goals, we are ever mindful that we cannot succeed without the dedication and full support of all the men and women who serve, including the many civilians who support our efforts."

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MICOM's Improved Hawk people got a good look last week at a new all-terrain truck that combines terrain-crossing characteristics approaching those of a tank with a capability to ride smoothly at sustained freeway speeds.

Called Dragon Wagon, the truck is being used by the Raytheon Company in a program for feasibility demonstration of a self-propelled Improved Hawk fire platoon. Raytheon is the prime contractor for Improved Hawk.

Dragon Wagon is made by the Lockheed Company and is a late version of their Twister military vehicles. It has Twisters' mid-body articulation joint which allows the truck pitch, roll and yaw freedom while moving over rough terrain.

In demonstrations here last week Dragon Wagon scrambled in and

out of ditches and streambeds, climbed very steep (60 per cent) slopes and—at speeds on the order of 30 miles per hour—blasted through stretches of mud and marsh impassable by conventional trucks, including the 2½ ton truck presently used to transport the Improved Hawk system. Dragon Wagon can go over walls three feet high.

A raytheon representative here last week said that among the chief features Dragon Wagon would bring to Improved Hawk would be an ability to make quick and frequent position changes while allowing platoon dispersion, which would reduce vulnerability of the system to air attack by making it harder to find and hit.

Hawk, acronym for Homing All-the-way Killer, is a supersonic surface-to-air missile designed to complement the aerial defense provided by other missiles systems where its ability to operate at extremely low altitudes is required. Improved Hawk will be used by the Army and Marine Corps deployed in several foreign countries. It will also be built by a NATO consortium, and numerous foreign countries are equipping their armed forces with Improved Hawk.

The Improved Hawk assault fire unit is made up of numerous components including launchers, two types of radar and an improved platoon command post. A Dragon Wagon would be required for each component.

Dragon Wagon, configured with Improved Hawk equipment, will soon undergo full-scale mobility demonstrations at Ft. Bliss and White Sands, including missile firings from the vehicle.

Some features of Dragon Wagon are diesel engine, automatic transmission and 10 ton load capacity. All eight of its wheels are drive wheels. Ground contact of individual wheels in rough terrain is maintained by a suspension system that gives each wheel 16 inches of travel. The articulation joint gives a wide roll-yaw range.

Dragon Wagon is being considered for a number of military applications. It is used commercially in mining, forestry, construction and other industries where rough terrain is encountered.

During its week at MICOM, Dragon Wagon's possible use as transport for the Shorads Missile system was studied by the Shorads Office, while future weapon applications for it were looked into by the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.



. . . Dragon Wagon's mobility demonstration here last week was a prelude to upcoming full-scale, missile-firing demonstrations, for which the vehicle will be fitted with an Improved Hawk launcher as in this photograph taken earlier at White Sands.

Scores Out

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Army has ended use of mean scores on Officer Evaluation Reports (OER).

Under the mean score system, adopted by DA in January 1973, average OER scores were published to provide rating officials with a starting point when completing the numerical parts of the OER.

However, instead of serving as a reference point for average ratings, the published scores generally were used by raters as the minimum score they should grant an officer under the system. OER averages began inflating at an increased rate, despite revisions of the mean scores by DA.

A recently-issued message instructs officials to stop entering mean scores on OER's having close-out dates of June 1, 1975 or later. In the same message, the Army also released the actual average scores from OER's submitted from October 1974 to March 1975.

The scores are considerably higher, DA said, than the published benchmark scores that raters and indorsers ostensibly used as references.

By rank, the actual average scores were: COL—195; LTC—193; MAJ—193; PT—191; 1LT—185; 2LT—182; CW4—195; CW3—194; CW2—189; and WO1—186. These represent cumulative scores of rater and indorser.

A new officer evaluation system now being staffed will be used after Jan. 1, 1976. Current OER forms will be used until that date.

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Cocker Invades Campbell

Ft. Campbell's Fryar Stadium will reverberate with the rock incantations of Joe Cocker next week as the giant base hosts a music festival as part of its "Week of the Eagles," and Redstone soldiers are invited.

On the same bill will be Barbi Benton, Rufus and the Earl Scruggs Review.

The show gets underway at 7 p.m. May 22. Tickets are \$6.50 at

the gate the night of the performance.

Some 40,000 tickets will be available to military personnel, their dependents, Ft. Campbell civilian employees and guests, according to the post's Information Office.

The "Week of the Eagles" honors the 101st Airborne Division by giving over seven days and nights to entertainment and

athletic competition. Since the 101st returned from Vietnam three years ago, the special week has become an annual affair.

Among the myriad activities scheduled are a rodeo, motorcycle field meet, a seven-day carnival and a circus. Provisions are being made to let troops participate in as many activities as duties will allow.



Managers Air Problems

Some 75 Missile and Munitions Center and School and Huntsville area managers will be attending one of three Executive Seminars on Race Relations and Equal Employment Opportunity conducted by Dr. Charles H. King of the Urban Crisis Center this week and next.

Focusing on racial and minority group problems, the seminars will last 16 hours each. King's copyrighted presentation will include films, recording and several other training aids to supplement and stimulate group discussion.

Military personnel attending have been asked to wear civilian clothes to reduce uneasiness on the part of some to discuss sensitive topics in the presence of high-ranking supervisors.

King founded the nationally-known Urban Crisis Center after serving on the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, which investigated the roots of urban riots in the 1960's. He came away from the commission convinced that he must foster urban stability through human relations seminars. Abandoning his theological and professorial duties, he took his Atlanta-based Crisis Center program to trouble spots nationwide. His seminars are designed to quell existing tensions and prevent future outbreaks.

In addition to conducting his human relations programs, King was the recipient of the 1970 Luis Brumlow Award for best writing on contemporary urban affairs by a city official.

Past seminars at the U.S. Army Missile Command and the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command

have been attended by top level managers, including Major Generals Vincent H. Ellis and Bates C. Burnell.

King limits attendance to ap-

proximately 20 participants each. The MMCS-sponsored meetings will take place May 15 and 16, 18 and 19, and 22 and 23 in the post chapel social room.

LEGION CITATION—Thiokol employees, filling an auditorium, saw John Goodloe, manager, receive the Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans from Dave Headrick, representative of the American Legion. The certificate is issued annually by the Legion to companies which emphasize programs in hiring and retaining veterans. Thiokol participated with the State Employment Service in a program to train Vietnam era veterans and place them, and other job development cases.

Host Coffee

The wives of German soldiers and airmen at Redstone Arsenal will host a coffee at 10 a.m. May 22 in the "Soldatenstube" near building S-3511.

Reservations may be made through Marge Davis (A-L) at 837-0717 and Betty Willis (M-Z) at 837-4497.

Reservations must be in by noon Monday.

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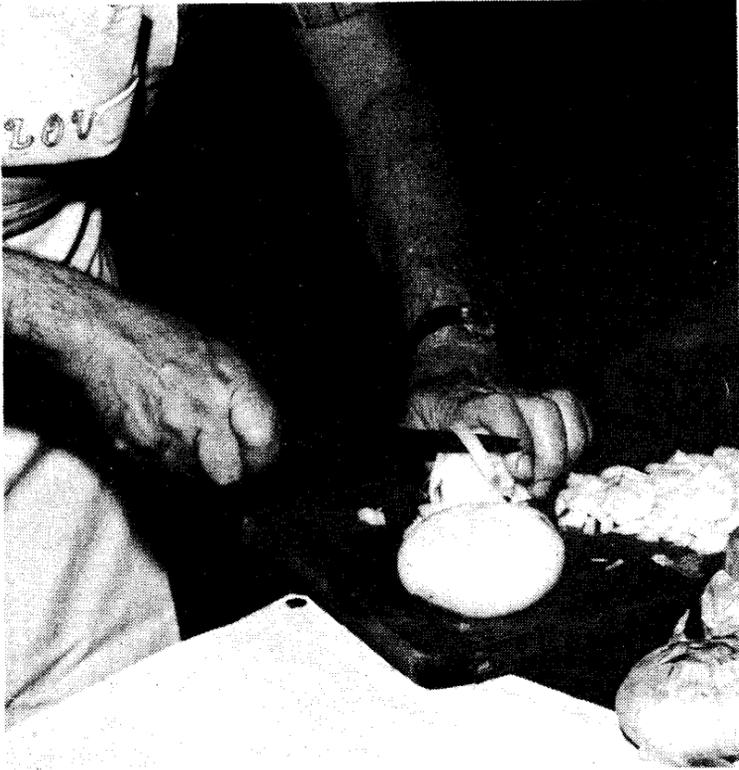
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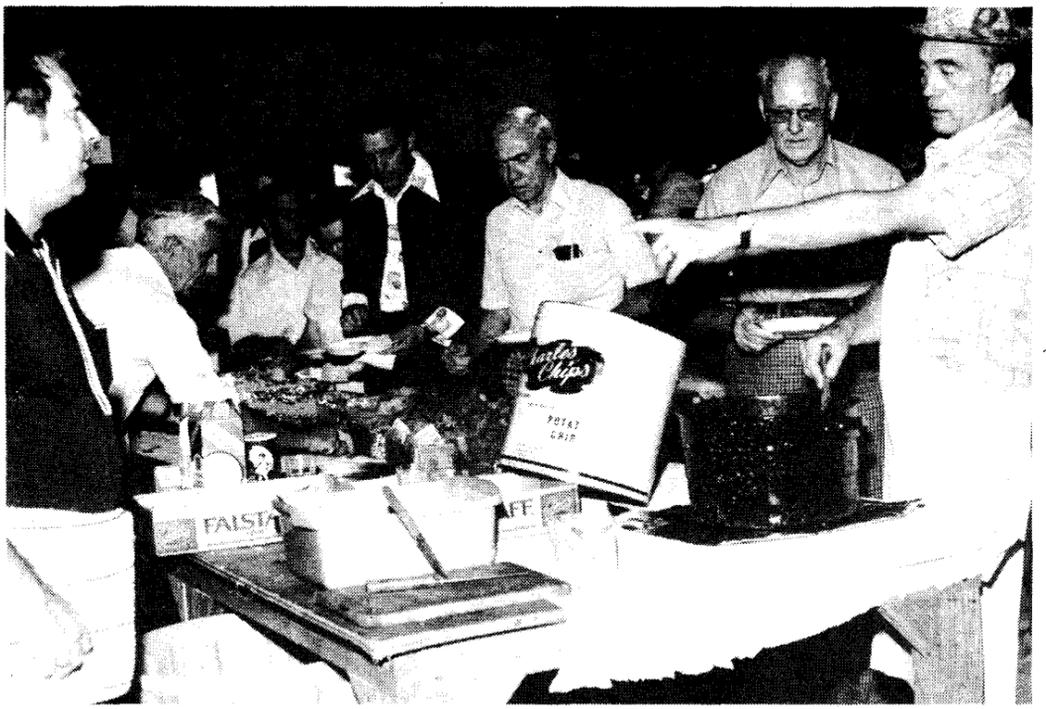
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Proof of the picnic season could be seen recently when the smell of fish and hush puppies filled the air at the Civilian Recreation Area. As in years past, Maintenance employees gathered with their families and friends at the Rustic Lodge to share catfish and raise a can of beer.

The Lodge was filled to capacity with several retirees returning for the fun. There was also no doubt that the veteran cooks just keep getting better and better.

The Rec Area has already been used for several other organizational outings and family picnics this season. An ever popular facility, the Tennessee River setting hosted over 24,000 persons last year.



... THE END

A Few Dead Soldiers, A Few Minutes . . . And War

(Prepared by the MICOM Information Office)

Dead soldiers have a political value in inverse proportion to the length of war which is a nice way of saying that a few dead soldiers can be a handy thing to a country looking for a reason to go to war.

The dubious honor of being the immediate reason for a declaration of war by the United States on Mexico went to the American soldiers in a small cavalry unit patrolling the north bank of the Rio Grande surprised and wiped out on April 25, 1846.

It took two weeks for news of that skirmish to reach Washington and about two minutes for President Polk to draft a message to Congress declaring that a state of war existed. Congress passed it and Polk signed it on May 13. The ultimate result was expansion of the United States from Texas to the Pacific. American soldiers have died for much less.

Polk first tried to buy the land he wanted from Mexico. Failing that, he sent most of the regular Army into disputed territory along the Texas border.

With a force of 4,000 regulars under General Zachery Taylor camped on the north bank of the Rio Grande, Polk and his administration had little to do but wait and see if the Mexicans would fight.

The expansionist aims of the American government, made no sense at all to their neighbors to the South. It developed that Mexicans would indeed fight to hold what they felt was theirs.

The men of the unfortunate cavalry patrol found that out first,



but before news of their deaths reached Washington there had been two other much larger fights and the casualty lists had begun to lengthen.

Taylor had built a small fort opposite the Mexican City of Matamoras, garrisoned it with an infantry regiment and some artillery, then moved most of his army closer to the Gulf of Mexico.

On May 3, 1846, several thousand Mexican troops surrounded the fort, brought up guns and began a bombardment which continued for four days.

Taylor started back to relieve the fort with about 2,300 soldiers and on the morning of May 8 ran into a Mexican battle line of about 6,000 soldiers moving into position

to block the road.

HORSE ARTILLERY

As Americans of a later generation would say, this battle at Palo Alto, named for a hill bordering the field, was the payoff for the elite corps of the American Army, the new horse artillery units. Major Samuel Ringgold's "Flying Artillery" went into action to cover the deployment of the American infantry. Years before, Ringgold's redlegs has impressed Congressmen with their ability to swiftly maneuver their light guns, now they impressed the Mexicans with a gun drill at once smooth, accurate and deadly.

A Mexican infantry column still moving into position dissolved in shreds under the fire of the Yankee guns. Then American and Mexican artillery swapped shots for more than an hour. When Mexican infantry tried to flank the American line, the horse artillery quickly shifted position and broke up the attack while American infantry at the other end of the line drove off Mexican cavalry.

Next the Yankee guns went forward and shot up a portion of the Mexican line. As night approached, the Mexican infantry came forward in a line with flags flying, a band playing, and the American gunners shot the line to pieces.

It had been an artillery fight, Yankee gunners dominating the action. Ringgold proved the worth of his outfit, but had been shot dead in the process, one of the only nine Americans killed in the fight.

The next morning, the Americans took up their march and found the Mexican infantry posted in a dry river bed - the Reseca de la Palma - a strong defensive position with its flanks resting on lagoons of standing water and cactus thickets. While the artillery engaged the Mexican guns posted to fire down the road, Taylor's infantry attacked along both sides of the road.

COMPLETE ROUT

In the thickets, the American battle line quickly broke up into small units, led by NCOs and junior officers. Pulled together from a hundred frontier posts, this American Army had not yet been accustomed to maneuver in mass formation, but the regulars knew small units tactics as well as they knew their unit numbers. The infantry broke the Mexican line, American dragoons charged down the road and knocked out the Mexican guns and the battle ended in a rout that became a race to the nearby Rio Grande.

The Mexicans who made it swam across to safety. More than a thousand were killed, drowned or wounded. Taylor lost 33 men killed and 89 wounded.



"REMEMBER YOUR REGIMENT"

It had been a severe test for their new weapons, the infantry's percussion cap musket and Mr. Samuel Colt's wonderful revolving .44 caliber pistol, sidearm of the American officers and dragoons.

New of the victories along the Rio Grande sent the nation's spirits soaring. In a burst of enthusiasm Congress doubled the size of the regular Army, expanded each company to a strength of 100 enlisted men, added a regiment of mounted riflemen and gave the President authority to call for 50,000 volunteers.

Here was something new, volunteers in place of the old practice of using state militia. The volunteers would come mainly from state militia units enlisted into federal service but that avoided the sad experience of the War of 1812 when militia units flatly refused to leave American soil.

Volunteers poured in, most from southern states and a lot of them were hard cases, frontier Americans with the bark still on.

There was, for example, the 1st Missouri Regiment. They showed up at Ft. Leavenworth and amazed regulars by holding a mass meeting to elect their colonel. Each candidate took a turn, made a speech, and the men finally chose Alexander William Doniphan.

ALL THE WAY

They marched West with Colonel Stephen Watts Kearny and the 1st Dragoons in June 1846. Kearny's immediate objective was Santa Fe but his orders were to go all the way to California, in essence to

take possession of all northwest Mexico to the Pacific shore.

At Santa Fe, Doniphan's volunteers "unwashed and unshaven, ragged and dirty, without uniforms, dressed as and how they pleased," left Kearny and struck straight south on an epic march that took them across desert and mountains, safely through two major battles and finally into Taylor's army near Monterey.

Most of the volunteers went directly to one of the American armies operating in Mexico and quickly melded into the ranks. Taylor relieved volunteers of all other duties and drilled them six hours a day side by side with his regulars.

Ulysses S. Grant, then a second lieutenant in the 4th Infantry, saw what happened and wrote a generation later: "The citizen soldiers were associated with so many disciplined men and

professionally educated officers, that when they went into engagements it was with a confidence they would not have felt otherwise. They became soldiers themselves almost at once."

The strength of this regular army, in short, lay in its experienced NCOs and junior officers who turned these volunteers into first rate soldiers in a remarkably short time. Many of the volunteers found they liked the life.

About half of the Mexican War regulars, some 15,000 of the eventual strength of 30,000 were enlisted from the volunteers while the Army was in Mexico.

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Fourth, Eighth Vie In Handball Final

The rambunctious 4th and 8th student companies clobbered their eastern division adversaries in European team handball semifinals last week, assuring a family-style title scrap between the two western teams.

That championship contest had been scheduled for Monday night.

In the semis, 4th SC scoring leader Marshall Lewis ground out four points to propel his team to a 12-5 win over the usually agile German Air Force.

The aviators spread their scoring too thin, however—their five points came from five different players—and couldn't match Alphonso Williamson's three and Jim Barmore's two in support of Lewis.

Joe Harris and Greg Keith took the lead in the other melee, scoring three and two respectively to boost the 8th SC to an 8-6 victory over the 7th.

Tops in the east, the 7th was always a goal behind as Jim Jackson claimed three and John Johnson two in the losing proposition. The 8th, number two

in the west, rocketed in four in both halves to earn itself a berth in the finals.

The 7th had exploded in the preliminaries, posting 15 points against a comparatively meager eight-point showing by the 291st MP's. Energetic Jim Jackson spurred the students to the impressive win with seven points.

Keeping the 7th's tally high behind Jackson were Vance Picard and Jim Johnson, both with two. Brady Pitts and Willie Rice of the

MP's were standouts, claiming four and three respectively.

The two teams finished the first half with an indeterminate 4-3, the 7th in the lead. But by the time the clock ran out, the students had left the 291st in the dust, collecting 11 against the cops' five.

Bowling

Wednesday Officers

STANDINGS

	Points
Strikeouts	85
Swingers	80
Gimlets	78
Lucky Strikes	77
Bee M's	76
Black Jacks	68
Widjets	67
ExASPRators	64
Readiness Group	52
Redrock Engineers	46
Halo's	43
Sch. Bde. B's	42

RESULTS

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

HIGH SCORERS:

High Series: Hopper, 584 (224); Shuput, 575 (209); Stewart, 569, Laska, 588; Ald-rur, 543; Fuller, 543; Arnold, 530; Bryan, 530; Ogozalek, 527; Brotherton, 525, (213); Murray, 523.

Soccer

Hard heads and tough toes are in demand as the RSA soccer team recruits military personnel to flesh out a thinning roster. The team practices at 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Ralph Santaliz, sports director, has more information at 876-4050.

Calvin Harris and Greg Keith, netting four each, engineered a 13-7 victory by the 8th Students over the 6th in another prelim match. Michael Hudson contributed two for the winner.

Kenneth Hodge tallied four for the 6th, but the intimidated students fell back from a four-point performance in the first half to three points in the second as the 8th maintained the pressure.

The western division-leading 4th SC flew into the semis on the wings of a forfeit. An impressive lineup of players, including Jim Barmore, leading scorer in regular season play, got no competition from the Marines. The Leathernecks hold

last place in the east.

The German Air Force also drew a ticket to the semifinals through forfeiture. MICOM's missilemen never showed for their prelim round.

In an early-week scrap to determine the eastern division leader, the 7th dropped the Germans, 13-10, behind Gary Finney's four-point drive.

Providing bedrock for Finney's theatrics were Woodrow Wysong, Jim Jackson, John Johnson and Jim Armfield, all with two each. Bernard Ockert floated in four to head the losing assault and teammate Hans-Juergen Kalus added two.

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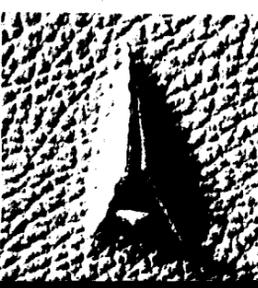
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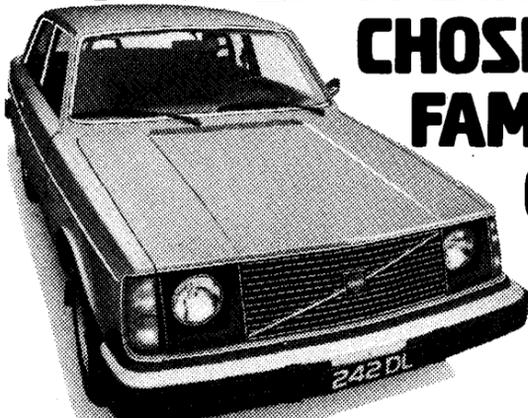
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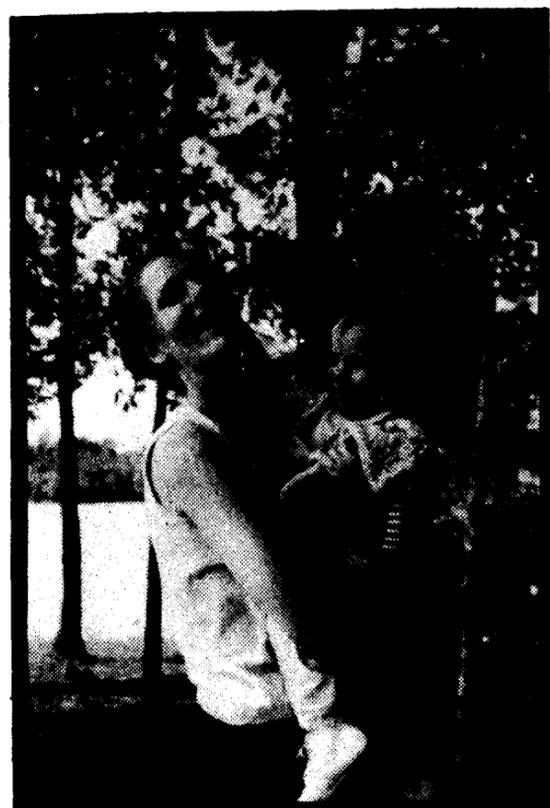
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Long, Hot Summer Looms In CWF Softball

A tight, season-long scrap is in store for CWF slo-pitchers this summer with no less than five of the eight entrants showing the early footing that could take them all the way to the league crown.

Only the defending champions from MISD and Materiel Management are able to claim clean slates after two weeks of play. And if it hadn't been for last Thursday's deluge that flooded the Rec Area, the unbeaten ranks would have been down to one.

MISD made it two for two with an 18-8 conquest of T&E and Materiel Management, the 1973 winners, duplicated that with an 18-6 conquest of the Satellites in games played May 1.

A couple more contenders came out on top in another pair of offensive shows the same night with R&D measuring the Comptrollers and Finance and Accounting taking it out on the Chargers to the tune of 27-11.

Last Tuesday the Satellites got into the swing of things with a double win. After edging past T&E 14-12, the Satellites bombed the Accountants, 21-10.

The Accountants had captured their third straight earlier in the evening but had to go nine innings before prevailing against R & D, in a 19-16 barn burner. R&D also got an even split on the evening at the expense of winless T&E.

The two nights of play left MISD and Materiel Management with two wins apiece at the top of the heap followed by F&A and R&D, each with three wins in four starts. The Satellites have split even in four games. The Chargers and the Comptrollers have each dropped both of their starts while T&E is still looking for a win after four setbacks.

LONG BALL

The defending champs exploded a four-homer attack in racing to their win over T&E. Theotis Horn, Johnny Roberts, Danny Smith and Bruce Coker accounted for the over-the-fence wallops while Horn Roberts, Randy Sumner and Soug Wise each hit safely three times. Coker picked up the win with Ray Wernle absorbing the loss.

Another four-homer assault propelled Materiel Management to their second straight win with Lindon Calvert handling the pitching chores. Dave Edwards was the loser.

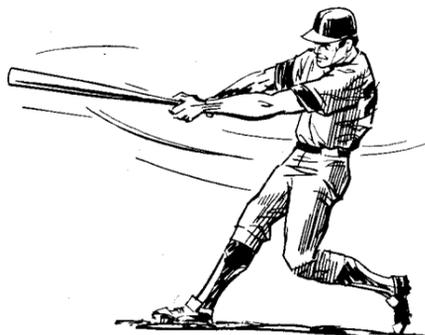
Jody Winkles poled a pair of shots over the left field fence with Jerry Williams and Dave Bryant joining the home run brigade. Mel Waters and Wade Griffeth each hit safely three times for the Satellites.

Dean Reese went four-for-four and Chuck Kiss added a pair of safeties in pacing R&D to their win over the Comptrollers. One of Reese's hits went for four bases and Jerry Arszman added another circuit clout to the winning attack. Ray Whiddon picked up the win.

The Accountants unleashed a devastating 28 hit attack in burying the Chargers. Hal Jacobs collected one of each variety, single, double, triple and homer, in five tries with Tom Johnson and Bill Cannon smashing homers. Mal Rooks did his part with four straight two-basers.

The Satellites pushed four runners across home plate in the first inning and held on to edge the T&E crew in their Tuesday duel.

Waters, Tommy Cutts and Charles Blackburn singled to load



the bases at the start of the game. Robert Driver promptly unloaded them with a booming triple to left center for three runs and he made it four when Ken Lomax skied deep to right.

Leonard Hatcher collected four hits, one more than Blackburn and Cutts, in the winning attack. John Aufferham saw a four-for-four night go for naught while Bob

Eastwood and Jim Jones each added three in the losing cause. Pete Anderson picked up the win and Ray Wernle took the loss.

SAVES THE DAY

Clutch jitting by Bill Third together with a sensational catch by Bill Cannon enabled the Accountants to stay alive in their game with R&D, and a four-run rally in the ninth brought them

home a winner.

Cannon and Johnson each baged out a pair of four basers and Herbe Wagenheim collected three hits in four tries. Emmett Mathis was the winner and Whiddon the loser.

The Accountants were all set to make it four straight and jumped off to an 8-4 lead after two innings of their game with the Satellites.

But from there on they were seeing nothing but Satellites trotting around the bases while their own batters were having nothing but trouble with the relief

pitching of Waters who came on part way through the second and allowed but two hits the rest of the way.

Jacobs got his mates off and running with a grand slammer in the first inning and Cannon and Johnson made it look easy with shots over the fence before Waters came on the scene.

Blackburn and Charles Lovejoy homered to power the Satellites to their winning rally while Waters and Robert Driver hit safely three times apiece.

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Payroll Crunch . . .

Early Leave Response Good

Word that MICOM is running out of money to meet payrolls through the end of June, especially in several organizations, and that taking annual leave would ease the crunch has encouraged many civilians to plan earlier vacations this year.

Funds to pay for leave are set aside as leave is earned. Use of leave thereby increases funds to meet the payroll.

According to A. A. Stewart, deputy director of Materiel Management, one of the areas affected by the shortage of payroll funds, "We seem to be ahead of ourselves as far as annual leave is concerned - it appears people are taking more before the end of June. I notice many supervisors are scheduling leave in the next six weeks, and they're the ones who usually wait until later in the year. I figure if supervisors are doing that, people in their offices will follow suit."

Although the period until the end of June is one of the busiest for personnel in Procurement and Production especially for those who handle procurement actions, several persons there in administrative positions have not only scheduled annual leave, but a few have requested leave without pay for up to two weeks.

Janice Yarbrough, for instance, in the Administrative Office, says she feels it is appropriate to go on LWOP when the command is low on funds and she is able to take time off early in June.

Out of 19 employees in Plans and Analysis, eight are taking leave this month or next and one will be on LWOP for a month. Others there are thinking of taking shorter periods of leave without pay.

Several project offices have noticed that requests for leave

before the end of the fiscal year seem to be more numerous than during the same period last year.

There's a definite upward trend of leave requests before June 30 in the Directorate for Product Assurance, W. R. Pfeiffer, chief of the directorate's Plans and Programs Analysis Division notes. "People are really responding by taking leave earlier than usual this

year as compared with last," he said.

Most of the MICOM staff, all of Materiel Management, Plans and Analysis, Personnel Training and Force Development and parts of Procurement and Production and Product Assurance are the organizations where salaries are paid from the funds in short supply.

'Day Of Grace' Ends . . .

Army Urging Liberal Leave

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The fiscal year is rapidly drawing to a close. And if past experience is a reliable indication, many soldiers will end up losing large amounts of leave—leave to which they are entitled by law.

A related problem is that far too many soldiers carry high leave balances which at separation translates into costly payments for unused accrued leave payments. These high leave balances and accrued leave payments are far in excess of what could be reasonably accumulated because leave was denied due to military necessity.

To help deal with these problems, the Army is emphasizing that each soldier must be given the opportunity to use at least 30 days leave each fiscal year. One period of leave is to be for a least 14 days; other periods of leave will be used to give soldiers frequent break from the routine of work.

Leave programs and schedules are to give soldiers an opportunity to take leave in line with their desires. To this end, unit leave policies are now a matter of IG interest.

In another change, the so-called "day of grace" will end June 1. In the future both the day of departure and day of return will be charged as leave. As an accounting technique the day of return is now

considered a duty day.

Additionally, future PCS orders will authorize soldiers 30 days leave between assignments—with the exception of soldiers who have just entered active duty.

Also, when soldiers depart for or return from an overseas tour, they will be allowed four days of "proceed time." This time will not be charged as leave and is in addition to travel time. Proceed time is designed to give a soldier more time to take care of personal affairs at either the departure or arrival point of the overseas tour.

Later this year, DoD will submit legislation to Congress that will equalize officer and enlisted reimbursement for unused leave. Enlisted soldiers are now permitted to "sell back" unused leave at the end of each enlistment.

The new legislation would limit reimbursement for unused leave to 60 days—collectable at separation, retirement or at time of reenlistment. This legislation, if passed, also will increase BAS and BAQ accrued leave payments for enlisted soldiers.

The thrust of the Army's new leave policies is to gradually reduce large accrued leave balances during the next few years.

The changes in the Army's leave policies are detailed in forthcoming changes to AR 630-5 that will go into effect June 1.

Redstone Edges A&M At Golf

Spurred by Mel Davis's two over par 74, the RSA Rockets overpowered Alabama A&M, 343-352, in a golf match last week at the post course.

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion, was led by Dana Lewis and Billy Holden, both with 84's.

Rounding out the scoring were Tom Perry (RSA) with 91; Frank Womble (RSA) 97; Bruce Belyen (A&M) 89; and Frank Sledge (A&M) 95.

John Piette contributed an 81 to the Rocket drive and placed second in scoring. A&M, current Southern

Detail Leads League

The Golf Detail of School Brigade pulled a clean sweep last week to retain the lead in the MMCS Golf League, eight points ahead of the Marines. The Developers paced the Marines on the links to retain their tie for second.

a tie for fourth and now hold a slim lead over the Slicers and Tech Escort.

No birdies were recorded last week, but four players will receive prizes for low net scores.

A position round was scheduled for Tuesday.

The Old Fogies edged out of Captures Honors

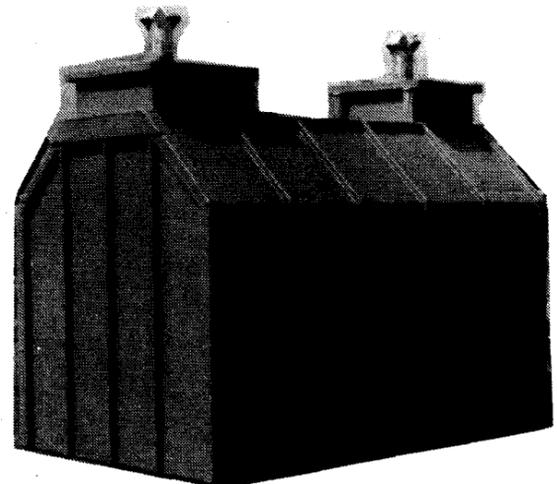
Sonja Skemp took top honors in the championship flight of last week's Spring Handicap Tournament of the Officers Wives Golf Group. Joy Mundy was runnerup in the 54 holes of match play.

First flight winner was Jo Donley with Goldie Holt sweeping the second flight.

In the consolation flight, June Young was top player. Pat Jackson led the first flight with Maggie Bennett out front in the second flight.

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Tech Escort	43	37
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High Potential Designee Selected For Fellowship

Paula Ingram, a budget analyst in the MICOM Comptroller Office, has been awarded a fellowship at Indiana University under the Education for Public Management program during the 1975-76 academic year.

Program goals are to provide mid-careerists professional education that will prepare them for managerial positions.

Eligibility criteria for nominees for this competitive development program included a requirement that the individual nominated be a person who has been identified as having high potential for development to managerial levels.

The program is offered at several universities, with special emphasis given to different areas of study at each. "Indiana University and the University of Virginia are two that offer what I want and need to study," she said. She is one of 12 government employees from various agencies selected for the program at Indiana.

Since coming to work at MICOM in 1966, Mrs. Ingram has attended night classes of financial management at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and completed a number of government sponsored courses in her



PAULA INGRAM

field.

In addition to taking career related courses, she has studied interior design and history of art.

Mrs. Ingram's application for competitive development, initiated by her supervisor, was first approved by the MICOM training committee, then by the Army Materiel Command, Department of Army and the Civil Service Commission.

The Training and Development Branch of the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division administers arrangements for employees to participate in the program.

Mrs. Ingram feels her previous appointment to MICOM's Potential Executive Development program and being included in the Army-wide high potential list for Comptroller careerists were instrumental in her selection for participation in the program.

Very much aware of the advantages of education, she said she wanted to enter the Education for Public Management program to get a better understanding of public management and administration of public policy. "It's compatible, too, with both my career and executive development plans," she said.



Hawaiian Music Fills The Center

The Recreation Center's entertainment schedule for the weekend will be highlighted by an appearance Sunday night by "The Pearls of the Pacific." Slow time is promptly at eight.

The Pearls is an exciting group of musicians, dancers and singers with an authentic presentation of Hawaiian and Polynesian entertainment.

Per Diem Raise

(ANF)—A bill to raise per diem for government employees from \$25 to \$35 a day has passed the house and is on the way to the senate for approval.

The bill would also raise mileage allowances for privately owned autos from 12 cents a mile to 20 cents a mile.

Similar legislation for military members is pending in the house.

Exchange Items Qualify for Rebates

Exchange customers who may be in the market for small appliances are invited to watch for manufacturers' rebates now catching on throughout the industry.

That word comes from Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) headquarters, which has informed that at least two companies well-known for small appliances will offer rebates for limited periods on such merchandise as clocks, oven broilers, toasters, hair dryers and many other popular items.

According to AAFES, any item carried by the exchange that is advertised as a manufacturer's rebate special will qualify for the rebate based on requirements and rules established by the manufacturers. The firms offering rebates will be using national and local media to promote the specials which will generally offer rebates anywhere from \$2-\$10.

Customers are invited to keep an eye out for the rebate pro-

motions, then shop at AAFES for the chance to save beyond the low exchange prices normally offered.

DRIVE SAFELY

Protestant Women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will meet at the Chapel at 9:30 on Tuesday morning, May 20.

The program for the day includes the installation of officers and a special presentation by Post Chaplains.

All women of the Redstone community are invited to attend.

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"I also enjoy meeting people and talking about my work. So recruiting work has been a natural for me.

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How Can Best Equipment Fail?

Ft. Monroe, VA — "Enemy tank to the left of the farm house! Range 400 meters. Quick, zap him!"

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Could such an incident really happen? It not only can but in a training situation it has.

How can the best possible equipment fail to achieve the desired results? That's one question that TRADOC is addressing. But it's only a part of the overall task of upgrading training.

TRADOC has taken steps to ensure that each weapon system is examined in detail. This weapon system includes not only the hardware but the people who use it. This examination is termed the 'systems approach.'

This systematic investigation leads to the ability to quantitatively measure a system's capabilities and limitations. Questions such as "is it worth its cost", "How can it be improved," and "Should it be replaced" can be answered. Sound complicated? Technical?

Example. On the first battlefield of the next war, enemy tanks will probably outnumber ours by 5 to 1. And therein is the basic problem—how to win that first battle though outnumbered.

It's going to take tank killing weapons. Let's take the LAW (M72 Light Anti-tank Weapon) and see how it fits in the systems approach.

A group of officers was asked to describe everything they know about the LAW. They indicated that it was an individual weapon which required little training to become proficient with. It had danger from back blast and could reliably hit a Soviet T62 tank out to 400 meters.

But what people think "ain't necessarily so." When the LAW was purchased, a sub-caliber training device was part of the package. It was expected that in training, the troops would fire service practice with the LAW and with the sub-caliber device.

But what happened is that no training was conducted! Why? Most commanders felt that the LAW was an easy weapon to fire and no training was required.

Brigade and battalion commanders of four CONUS divisions were asked to rate the operational capabilities of the LAW when fired by their gunners.

A sampling of soldiers went through the standard four hour training. Then they fired at moving and stationary targets.

When the firing results were tabulated, it was found that the commanders had gauged their soldiers twice as effective at 100 meters against a moving tank than the actual firing results indicated. Firing at stationary targets was relatively better.

This overestimation on the part of commanders could be serious on the battlefield. They could well deploy their troops in positions which greatly exceed the capability of their soldiers to obtain hits in combat.

What about the danger from back blast? Most infantry officers feel that the LAW is dangerous to fire in a 'combat in cities' situation due to back blast.

Yet scientific studies of the

danger thresholds of various weapons which produce back blast produced the following results: LAW fired in a 9'x12'x8' room in a frame house does not create lethal over-pressures nor does it do physical damage to the soldier if he wears ear plugs. There is danger from flying glass but a soldier can guard against that effect.

Now what about the LAW being an individual weapon?

Several years ago the Marine Corps conducted experiments firing LAWs at a variety of targets. The Marine Corps found that by training their men to fire in pairs or in sequence, they were able to score more hits at ranges out to 200 meters. These experiments suggest that the standard tactic for using the LAW should be to train soldiers to fire in pairs or sequence.

What should "LAW Doctrine" be now that it is found that impressions by most soldiers were incorrect.

Systems approach demonstrates that:

—the LAW should not be fired beyond 200-250 meters.

—the LAW should be fired in pairs or sequence

—the soldier's LAW load should be 2 or more

—our tactics should force the enemy to stop to give the LAW gunner a shot at stationary target.

As a result of systems approach, TRADOC finds that there is a gap between what is possible, what is assumed, and what is the actual capability.

What can be done about it? A new training program for LAW gunners has resulted in a substantial increase in the number of hits on moving targets. This program emphasizes the sub-caliber simulated firings.

Another important facet is to incorporate into training literature and make part of doctrine the findings obtained by the systems approach.

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Accountants Close Season

The Huntsville Chapter, Federal Government Accountants Assn., will drop the curtain on another season Thursday evening when they meet at the Ramada Inn.

The program for the final monthly meeting of the season will consist of a panel discussion on "Computers: Their Use and Misuse." The discussion will be conducted by MICOM personnel, William McBride and James O'Hara.

Chapter officers for the coming year will be installed.

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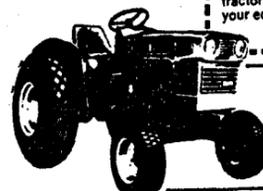
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The 1975 Spring Meeting of the American Defense Preparedness Association, packaging, handling and transportability division, was held recently at MICOM headquarters.

Major General Vincent H. Ellis, MICOM Commander, gave the welcoming address at the two-day meet. In introductory remarks, Colonel Ivan R. Prince, Director of Materiel Management, discussed the mission of the packaging division of that Directorate.

Other discussions included regulations on hazardous packaging material, new perspectives and ways to cut weapon packaging costs.

Attending the meeting were representatives from government, industry and military installations.

MICOM participants included

Dr. Don M. McDaniel, David L. Anderson, Duan M. Byrum, William J. Goguen, James M. Shew, Robert R. Weiss, Bernice Billingsley, John Noguez and Walter Pont.

Following the meeting, the visitors toured facilities at the Alabama Space and Rocket Center.

CIVILIAN BRIEFS

RETIREMENTS

The following is a list of retirements and promotions for the period May 2-8. There were no new hires during this period.

Foster, Michael K., GS-560-12, RDE Lab. Wood, Hubert, WG-3416-13, Product Assurance.

Harkins, William C., WG-2617-14, RASA. Bertus Roland E., WS-4102-9, RASA.

PROMOTIONS

Hunter, Willie H., WG-2602-12, RASA. Love, James E., GS-305-3, Comptroller.

Anzalone, Roberta R., GS-204-6, PT&FD. Taylor, Theoplus, J., WS-5301-14, RASA.

Bradford, Clyde E., GS-301-2, Comptroller.

Curley, Howard W., WL-4607-9, RASA.



BOOK GIFT—Redstone Pre-School pupils, left to right, Marc Rosenbaum, Kerry Lynn Murray, Charles Padgett and Katherine Green, eagerly look through some of the books recently donated to the school by the Redstone Panhellenic group. Mrs. William Hecker, Mrs. Lark Murray and Mrs. Charles Green, Jr., left to right, members of national college social sororities that make up Panhellenic, are helping place the new books in the school library.

Title I Summer School Program

A Title I summer school, sponsored free of charge by the Huntsville City Schools, will begin June 10 for students already enrolled in the Title I program at one of the 12 participating elementary schools.

Classes are from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day with instruction to be offered for kindergarten along with reading and math for grades 1-3. Classes will not be held July 4 in

observance of Independence Day but will resume the following class day and conclude July 18.

Schools housing the summer school program include Blossomwood, Cavalry Hill, Colonial Hills, East Clinton, Farley, Lakewood, Lincoln, McDonnell, Rolling Hills, Terry Heights, West Huntsville and West Mastin Lake elementary schools.

Further information on the program may be obtained from the school principals or from Silas Cross, Title I coordinator, at 3405 Triana Blvd. or by calling 539-2111, ext. 295.

Stocks Race In Girls Club Benefit

A benefit stock car race will be held on May 18, at the Huntsville Speedway beginning at 2:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Lincoln Girls Club for purchase of a bus-van. The race is sponsored by the Metropolitan Kiwanis Club.

Advance tickets are on sale at all Huntsville banks and savings and loan associations for \$4.50. Tickets at the gate will be \$5.

Events will include a 100 Lap L.M. Sportsman, 50 Lap Limited and 25 Lap Hobby Car.

NCMA Workshop

William C. Ruckert, Manager of Marketing Analysis for General Dynamics Corp., Pomona, Calif., will speak at a workshop on May 19 in room A-115, building 5250. The National Contract Management Association is sponsor of the event.

Ruckert's topic will be "The Fiscal and Life Cycle of Army Defense Systems."

Two sessions have been scheduled as follows: First session registration from 2-2:30 p.m. with the presentation from 2:30-4 p.m.; Second session registration from 5-5:30 p.m. with the presentation from 5:30-7 p.m.

The presentations are directed primarily toward personnel associated with defense procurement. For further information, contact Claude Kerry, 876-4207.

Pops In Park

"Pops in the Park", a presentation of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, will begin at 5 p.m., on May 18 in the Big Spring Park. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Von Braun Civic Center. Admission is free.

Guest soloist will be Mark Amile. Appearances will be made by conductor, N. Beauchamo and cymbalist, Dr. Robert Mitchell.

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Red Cross Honors Volunteers



1500 VOLUNTEER HOURS—Mrs. Harold Golden, who has served as Hospital chairman for the Red Cross at Redstone during the past year receives a special hourly recognition certificate from Leo Kirk, Red Cross Director. She served 1500 hours as a volunteer. With Mrs. Golden and Kirk are Mrs. Robert Morrison, left, assistant chairman of volunteers, and Mrs. Frank Ragano, who will be chairman of volunteers the coming year.

More than 60 Red Cross volunteers at Redstone were honored at the annual recognition and capping ceremony Monday evening at the Post Chapel.

Those who had worked 250, 500, 1000 hours or more during the past year received certificates of recognition, and awards also went to those who had worked from one to 22 years as volunteers.

Mrs. Kenneth W. Barney, Mrs. Jose De La Rosa, Mrs. Neil McCarron, Jr., Mrs. William Ward and Mrs. Alan Winkenhofer received their caps as full fledged volunteers.

Special certificates were presented to those who had served as chairmen. They included Mrs. Tom E. Bradley, Mrs. Harry Griehling, Mrs. John Bramblett, Mrs. Richard Dean, Mrs. Marion O'Neill, Mrs. Robert Hunzinger, Mrs. Leland Bryan, Mrs. Jack Fletcher, Mrs. Ernest Jackson, Mrs. Harold Golden, Mrs. Robert Morrison, Mrs. Paul McNamara, Mrs. Clarence Longcor and Mrs. Ruth Martinus.

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As we commemorate Armed Forces Day 1975, I am confident the Army will continue to maintain the high state of readiness necessary for our national security. Well-trained and well-equipped troops will reflect an Army that is fully capable and credible—one that will continue to earn the respect and support of the people it protects. You are part of a great tradition—congratulations!

Bo Callaway
Howard H. Callaway
Secretary of the Army

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This Armed Forces Day is a special one for the Army. In a few days we will celebrate our 200th anniversary. Since 1775, Americans in uniform have been defenders of freedom and guardians of peace. They gave freely of themselves to shape and defend the United States. We owe our continuing heritage to them.

To protect this heritage and to preserve it for the future, today's Army must be proud and professional. The country needs a ready and dedicated force in which people experience a full sense of belonging. We have that kind of Army today. With dedication and readiness as our watchwords, we will continue to provide the Nation a strong, capable, responsive Army—both Active and Reserve Components.

This is a great time to be in the Army. Our anniversary is not just the culmination of two centuries of history—it also marks the beginning of a new era of service to the country. It is an era of opportunity, a time to renew our spirit, a time to increase our strength, a time to serve. A capable Army is essential to the continued life of our Nation, just as it was essential to its birth 200 years ago.

Fred C. Weyand

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General, United States Army
Army Chief of Staff

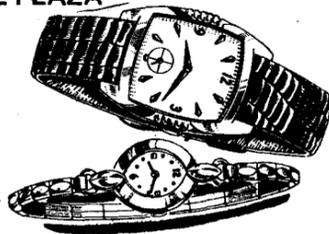
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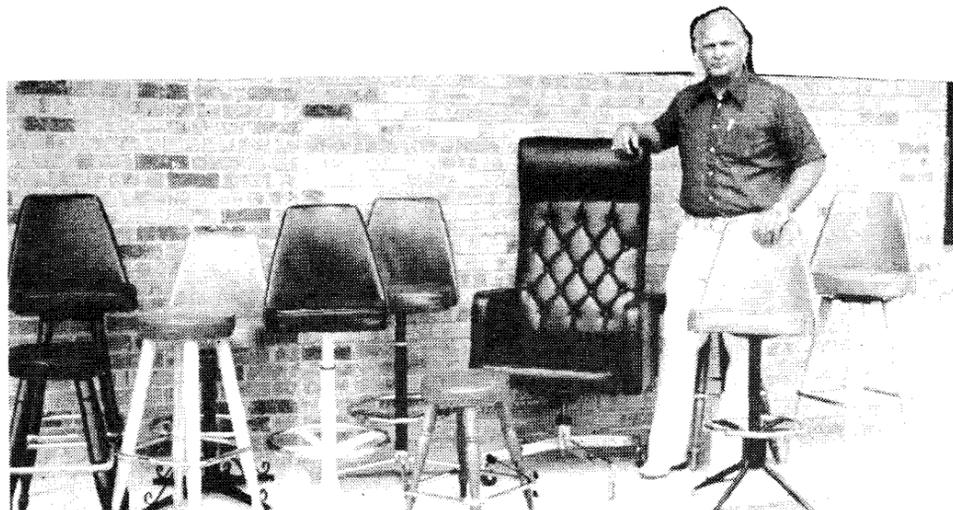
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QUESTION: Since the new television Channel 17 is now a part of the overall cablevision in Huntsville, why doesn't Redstone Arsenal have it? I understand there is no extra cost for those presently on cable in town.

ANSWER: The Satellite Systems Corporation completed installation of a Community Antenna Television System on post in Sept., 1974, to serve approximately 1100 post quarters and other non-appropriated fund activities, providing 11 off-the-air channels for an installation charge of \$6.90 and a monthly recurring charge of \$5.45 per main outlet. In order to add WTCG-TV, Channel 17, an independent TV station from Atlanta, the contractor proposed that the monthly rate be raised from the present \$5.45 to \$6.45 to compensate for the added cost of transmitting via microwave to Redstone. The U.S. Army Communications Command Agency-Redstone (USACC) recommended rejection of the proposal because the addition of Channel 17 may be desired by some subscribers but not be all and there is no technically feasible method of selectively permitting the channel to be transmitted only to those willing to pay the increased fee.

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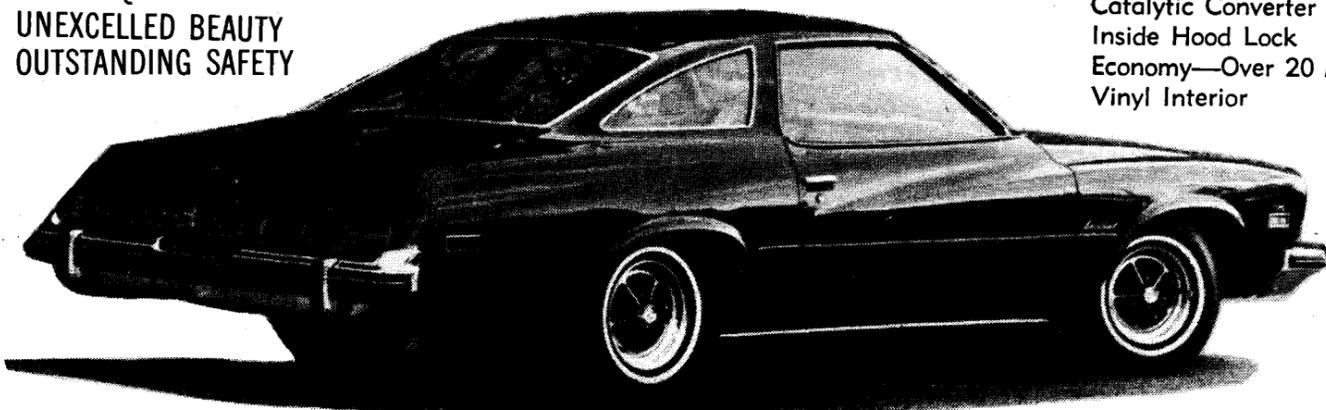
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