

## Ready When The Call Came

Redstone soldiers moved swiftly and effectively Sunday to aid search and rescue operations involved in an apparently fatal boating accident and an airplane crash that seriously injured two men.

The chain of events began at 2:13 a.m. when Military Police were advised by the Redstone Army Hospital that a man had called from the Civilian Recreation Area reporting a boating accident and requesting assistance.

An Army ambulance sped to the scene with SSgt John R. Allen, MP patrol supervisor, Sgt. William E. Dupal and SP4 Robert N. Branan. They found Michael M. Love, 23, of Huntsville, at the Recreation Area.

Love told the military policemen that he and a companion, Michael Key, 18, also of Huntsville, had been fishing on the Tennessee River when a tow boat and a string of barges suddenly loomed out of the darkness. Efforts to start their 16 foot aluminum boat's outboard motor failed, Love said, and the boat was swept beneath the towboat. He swam ashore at the recreation area, broke into the office and used the phone to summon help.

While the ambulance rushed Love to the Army Hospital, Allen set up a command post at the Recreation area and fanned out other military policemen as they arrived to search the bank of the river.

At MP headquarters, Capt. Jesse A. Crider, duty officer, Sgt. William B. Timms, and others swiftly began to summon help. Their calls brought the Madison County Rescue Squad, Coast Guard and Alabama Marine Police to the rec area. They also contacted a marine radio operator who reached the tow boat "Robin", and the boat and barge string stopped at Triana.

The Madison County Rescue Squad under Chief Paul Baker began to search the river and its banks with three boats and were joined by State Trooper Clifford Watts of Huntsville. About 5:30 a.m. Watts located the shattered wreckage of the fishing boat floating partially submerged several hundred yards of the boat launch ramp at the rec area. The stern of the boat where Key had been seated according to Love, had been slashed repeatedly by the towboat's propeller.

As mist and fog burned away after daylight, an Army helicopter joined the search. The UH-1H, flown by Capt. Raymond R. Benson and CW2 Richard Bosworth also carried SSGT Kenneth E. Gann, SP4 Gerald P. Nogues, SP6 Marion Edge and SSGT Ronald L. Dibling, an MP patrol supervisor.

About 9 a.m. at the request of civil authorities, the helicopter flew to the North Huntsville Airport at Meridianville to participate in the search for a downed light plane.

The plane, owned by the MARS Flying Club, an organization of Marshall Space Flight Center employees, and carrying two MSFC employees, John Haire and James Patterson, both of Huntsville, crashed and burned in the woods near the airport during the



**Search Mission — One crew arrives at the dock as another leaves — this was the theme throughout Sunday and Monday as five rescue squads searched for a man missing after a boating mishap. The base of operations was the Civilian Recreation Area. Hundreds of employees who tried to use the area for picnicking and boating were turned away in order to allow the rescue operations to proceed unhampered.**

night.

Capt. Benson found on arrival at the airport that the crash had been located and that ground rescue workers were carrying Haire out on a stretcher. Benson landed the helicopter in a field near the crash site, took Haire and a rescue worker on board, and flew the injured man to Huntsville Hospital. The Army pilots skilfully set their chopper down in a parking lot across the street from the hospital, transferred the injured man to an ambulance, then returned to the river and resumed their search for the boat accident victim.

The two plane crash victims were hos-

pitalized with serious injuries. Love, after being treated at Redstone Hospital, was later moved to Huntsville Hospital and released from there Sunday afternoon.

Military police remained at the Recreation Area throughout Sunday as rescue squads from throughout the area arrived to assist in search and dragging operations for the missing man.

The search resumed at daylight Monday. Rescue workers recovered the body of Michael Key from the river about two in the afternoon, some 500 yards southwest of the recreation area.

# The Fourth: What Does It Mean?

Every nation on the face of the globe has its birthday. What, then, is so unusual, so markedly different about July 4 that it should merit such uncommon demonstrations of distinction?

The explanation lies in the fact that the day not only marks the birth of a nation but also commemorates the birth of a concept—the concept that all men are created equal, that a people have the right to be free and to install a government of their own choosing, and that each individual has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This blueprint for democracy that the Founding Fathers drew up is a legacy to a grateful world, not to Americans alone.

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The inescapable truth is that, 199 years later, freedom still demands a willingness of individuals to make sacrifices for it. Men who value their freedom must be prepared to resist any threat to it, whatever form the threat takes, and whenever and wherever it occurs. Certainly, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are as overwhelmingly precious now as in 1776.

Democracy maintains that the state is the servant of man and that man's liberty is of paramount importance, that the state cannot demean the individual without by that very act degrading itself. Democracy restrains individual freedom only when it would infringe on the rights of others, impair the common welfare, or endanger national security.

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## Army-Wide Review

### New Desk Audit Slated

All nonsupervisory GS-12 through 15 positions (approximately 2800) in all agencies serviced by the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division, will be desk audited during FY '76 as part of an Army-wide study called Support Activities Staffing Review (SASTAR).

Desk audits of other civilian positions in the same organizational element may occur depending on the outcome of the review of the GS-12/15 grades.

The SASTAR study is separate from the full scale position and pay management survey which has been underway at MICOM for several months. That survey covers only MICOM and was directed by the Civil Service Commission following its evaluation of personnel management at MICOM last Fall.

SASTAR is an Army-wide review. It resulted from a CSC look at 13 federal agencies more than a year ago. CSC found error in job classifications in all the agencies and directed corrective action.

SASTAR is designed to examine enlist-ed and civilian staffing and grades in Army support activities. Department of Army said that an arbitrary quota of man-power reductions has not been assigned as part of the SASTAR study.

As one phase of SASTAR, DA has di-rected that Civilian Personnel Offices at Army installations will review civilian positions to assure accuracy of grade classifications.

Items to be included in the SASTAR review, in addition to the review of non-

supervisory GS-12 through 15 positions, are:

—Supervisor/managerial positions at staff and operating level organizations to assure a supervisory ratio exists consistent with regulations.

—All clerical positions in support of action officers at staff and operating level organizations to assure optimum ratio.

—All "assistant to" and deputy posi-tions that do not meet the criteria in reg-ulations. Report is to be made of action taken or plans to correct out-of-line po-sitions.

—All scientific/technical advisor po-sitions. In validating these positions, determination is to be made of the feasi-bility of combining advisor duties with other positions.

—All organizations with three or more action officers to identify organiza-tions that can support lower level tech-nicians in lieu of higher grade specialists.

—All nonsupervisory wage grade po-sitions above the full journeyman grade level to assure validity of classification.

—Secretarial positions in those of-fices where there are other administra-tive positions such as Executive Officer, Admin Officer to assure proper classifi-cation.

DA instructions for SASTAR said that inflated or distorted job descriptions must be corrected to accurately reflect work requirements and be certified in accord-ance with the latest Civil Service Com-mission guidelines.

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## Race Relations Is Job-Related

An arbitrator has ruled that race relations training is job-related and therefore federal agencies can compel employees to attend and discipline those who refuse.

The decision grew out of a case by a Watervliet Arsenal employee who was given two disciplinary suspensions for refusing to attend mandatory race relations sensitivity training which AMC has ordered for all employees.

The case was brought to arbitration twice, first on the severity of the disciplinary action, which the arbitrator upheld, and again on the grounds that the training was not job-related along with other contentions.

The arbitrator ruled that the training was job-related since race relations has to do with one's dealing with co-workers.

The Watervliet local of the American Federation of Government Employees, in bringing the case to arbitration the second time, contended that the training should not be mandatory because it was not job-related, that it was a form of thought control and invasion of privacy, and that the training wasn't necessary for the employee since there was no evidence that he harbored racial prejudice and that to compel him to attend was to imply that he did.

## Groundbreaking Set

July 11th marks the beginning of construction for the new hospital and troop health clinic at Redstone as officials gather for the groundbreaking ceremony at the Goss Rd. location.

The new 40-bed hospital will serve not only active duty personnel at Redstone but also, the more than 7,000 retired military personnel and their dependents residing in the Huntsville area.

With 6,700 square feet, the health clinic will be able to meet the needs of the troops stationed here.

This construction will provide the first new health and medical facilities since the original hospital was completed at Redstone in 1943.

Contracts have been awarded by the Mobile District Engineer for the new hospital to Mercury Construction Corporation in the amount of \$8,982,739 and for the troop health clinic to Bryson Construction Company in the amount of \$316,154.

Major General Vincent H. Ellis, Commander of the Missile Command, will officiate at the ground-

breaking. The keynote address will be delivered by Major General Spurgeon H. Neel, Jr., the first Commander of the U.S. Army Health Services Command, Ft. Sam Houston Tex.

During over 30 years of military service, General Neel has commanded combat medical units in Europe, Korea and Vietnam. He also served as Command Surgeon of the Military Assistance Command in Vietnam and as Deputy Surgeon General, Department of the Army.

Colonel James M. Feltis, Commander of the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity at Redstone will discuss local medical services.

Also participating in the ceremony will be Colonel John D. White, Deputy Post Commander and Commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity; Colonel Drake Wilson, District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile; Colonel William T. Wetzel, Staff Chaplain; and Captain Harold Hanmum, Chaplain.

## Retirees Get COL Increase

Federal civilian and military retirees will get a 5.1 percent cost-of-living annuity increase effective Aug. 1, and appearing in Sept. 1 checks, according to word received last week from the Civil Service Commission.

The increase became certain when it was announced that the

Consumers Price Index rose 0.4 percent in May.

Retirees get a matching pension increase plus one percent add-on for each 3 percent CPI advance which is sustained for at least three months. The increase then is geared to the highest CPI reading during that period.

## Hellfire Tested

Army combat soldiers from the Armor and Aviation Schools tried their marksmanship with laser guided missiles at Redstone last week and struck stationary and moving targets completely hidden from the launch site by trees and terrain.

The tests, demonstrating pinpoint accuracy of Hellfire missiles launched from a helicopter in an indirect trajectory.

Colonel John Hanby, Jr., Hellfire Project Manager here said the indirect firings complete all major objectives in advanced development to verify technical feasibility of the Hellfire Program.

"These tests are a prelude to an Army decision to enter engineering development," he said.

Hanby said the Missile Command has demonstrated Hellfire's versatility and accuracy with rapid and ripple test firings, direct and indirect launches from the ground and helicopters. And particularly important, the last four firings featured user participation, highly unusual at this early stage of development.

Normally, soldiers don't get their hands on new equipment until much later in the development cycle, during operational and development tests.

Captain Kurt Rhodenhamel, a pilot instructor from Fort Rucker was pilot of the Cobra gunship which hit the moving target at MICOM's Test Area I. Chief Warrant Officer Harry Barber was at the controls for the successful stationary shot. Sergeant Tim Hastings was the forward observer who makred the targets with a laser beam for both pilots.

Both Barber and Hastings are assigned to the Armor School with the 7-1 Cavalry at Fort Knox, Ky.

The script for both Hellfire missile firings was similar.

Hastings, equipped with a Ground Laser Locaor Designator, acquired the targets more than a mile away from him and requested fire support just as he would do in a tactical situation. Barber and Rhodenhamel, during their respective missions, flew a nap of the earth maneuver and moved to the firing site which was completely hidden from the target location by trees and terrain.

Hovering about 25 feet off the ground, the pilots launched their modified Hornet missiles carrying Army Laser Seekers. The missiles, launched at a seven degree elevation, pitched up over the tree thicket to 1500 feet, locked on the laser energy reflected off the targets and flew straight to the spots illuminated on the targets.

Operational communications were incorporated into both tests with Hastings calling for and directing fire on the targets using normal communication procedures in cooperation with the Test Area blockhouses.

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

MICOM test engineers for Hellfire are Dr. Robert Yates and James Knobloch of the Guidance and Control Directorate; Terry Farris of the Test and Evaluation Directorate and James Bell of the Hellfire Product Assurance and Test Division.



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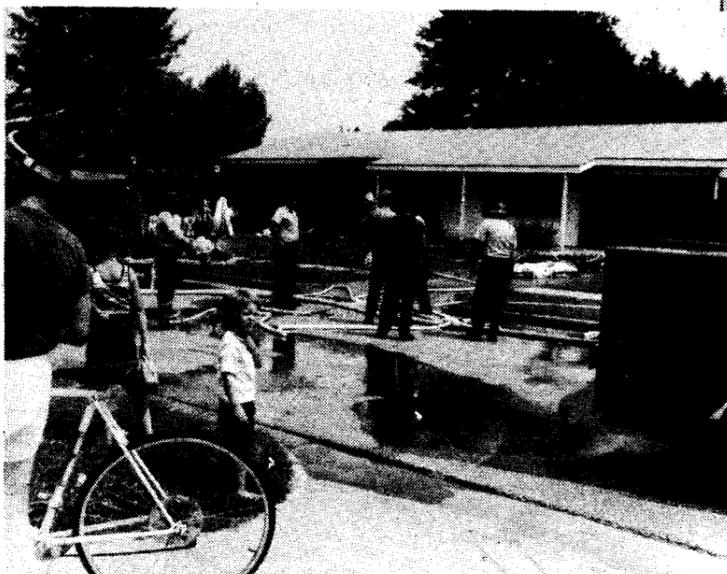
# Neighbor Halts Fire



**CHARRED REMAINS**—With the shattered window of the fire-gutted room as a backdrop, Redstone Firefighter John Bagwell and Assistant Chief F. L. Carr examine the charred remains of a bed.



**OTHER DAMAGE**—Heat caused the sheet rock to peel apart in a hallway adjacent to the fire-gutted bedroom, while other rooms of the five-room dwelling sustained smoke and water damage.



**TASK COMPLETED**—Redstone firefighters reel in the hoses as bystanders look on.

# Ft. Jackson Is TRADOC Leader

HQ TRADOC, FT. MONROE, Va.—Ft. Jackson, S.C. doubled its goal of 86 first-term reenlistments during Fiscal Year 75 to take first place among Group One competitors in the TRADOC reenlistment contest.

Group One embraces TRADOC posts with an enlisted first-term population of about 2,500 to 3,500. The competition ended March 31 after just nine months due to the success of the overall reenlistment program.

Ft. Jackson also reenlisted 266 careerists for a total of 438 reenlistments for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

Ft. Rucker, Ala. was tops in Group Two for the second year running. Group Two includes posts with approximate enlisted first-term populations of 1,200 to 2,000. Sixty-seven first-termers reenlisted at Ft. Rucker, with the post reporting an overall reenlistment figure of 185.

Carlisle Barracks, Pa. achieved 333.3 per cent of its objective of three. The figure was tops among Group Three installations with enlisted first-termers numbering under 1,000. Six careerists reenlisted at Carlisle Barracks during the nine-month contest.

The Missile and Munitions Center and School also in Group Three, re-enlisted 26 first-term soldiers and 78 careerists through March 31 for a total of 104.

Among new standards to emphasize reenlistment of quality soldiers within TRADOC and Department of the Army is prohibition of reenlistment for soldiers who have been Absent Without Leave (AWOL) for more than 15 days.

Future qualifications and standards of conduct for reenlistment may be even more restricting.

A neighbor who contained the flames with a garden hose is credited with probably saving the residence of Major Takashi M. Sato which caught fire at Redstone Friday afternoon.

Fire gutted a bedroom of the five-room dwelling while other rooms were damaged heavily by smoke and water.

The fire was discovered by Sato's wife who was at the residence with three small children.

Mrs. Sato, after a futile attempt to put out the fire, escaped with the children to a neighbor's house. There were no injuries.

Mrs. Sato told Redstone fire department officials that her 4½ year-old son started the fire in a bedroom closet with a cigarette lighter, Assistant Fire Chief F. L. Carr said.

The fire department got the alarm at 1:58 p.m. Flames had engulfed the bedroom when firefighters arrived and were shooting out a window, igniting the roof eave above.

Firefighter John Bagwell of Station 2, first at the scene, said that when he arrived a man was trying to keep the fire out of the roof by playing a stream of water along the burning eave with a garden hose. "He probably saved the place", Bagwell said after the blaze had been extinguished, "but we can't thank him because he got away before we could find out who he was."

The man was later identified as Colonel Warren M. Schaub, whom fire officials said spotted the fire from his residence on Rice Drive diagonally across from the Sato residence. Schaub is RASA deputy commander.

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# EM Rating Forms Separated

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Two new forms—one for soldiers E-5 and below, and one for E-6s and above—will be used to evaluate soldiers starting in October.

The Enlisted Evaluation Report (DA Form 2166-5) will be used for junior soldiers and the Senior Enlisted Evaluation Report (DA Form 2166-5A) for senior enlisted soldiers. The forms, which replace the single form now used for all enlisted soldiers, are part of a continuing effort to upgrade and improve the Enlisted Evaluation System.

The separate forms are to be used because of basic differences in duty requirements between junior and senior enlisted soldiers.

Reaction to the new evaluation forms was favorable after testing at eight CONUS installations. Extensive critiques from enlisted men and officers went into preparation of the new forms.

Major changes in the new forms—shown below—include:

—The personal data part of both forms can be used with SIDPERS and can be printed by computer.

—Traits on which soldiers are evaluated cover a wider range of characteristics and are specifically described.

—Specific leadership skill evaluations are required on the senior EER.

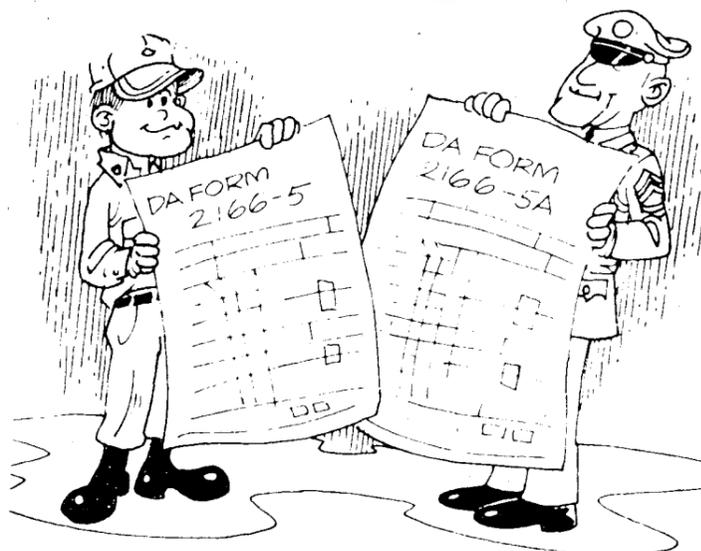
—More space is provided for the written narrative; both high and low ratings must be justified.

—Scores and comments given the rated soldier are based on independent observations of both the rater and indorser.

—The scoring system is open, allowing rated soldiers to determine the source of their scores. The maximum rating is 125.

—Both the rater and indorser must counsel the soldier being rated.

—The reviewer must authen-



ticate the report.

—Rebuttal statements are no longer authorized.

—An EER appeal may be submitted up to two years after the rated soldier authenticates the report.

Detailed instructions on preparation and use of the new forms are being added to AR 600-200. A revised DA PAM 623-1 will contain brief and specific instructions for raters, indorsers and reviewers. Both publications should begin to reach the field in August.

## A Riehle Baby

Spec 5 Dennis and Spec 4 Rebecca Riehle announce the birth of their daughter, Brandy, June 24 in the Ft. Campbell, Ky. Army hospital.

Both parents are assigned to the MICOM Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. at birth.

The Riehles reside on Rt. 1, Athens.

## Quantity And Quality . . . .

# Recruiting Objectives Met

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Recruiting statistics for the month of May reveal that the volunteer Army is continuing to meet its enlistment objectives in terms of both quantity and quality.

The recruiting objective for May was 16,400 persons. The Army actually recruited 16,440 persons, or 100.2 per cent of the objective. The educational level and mental quality of the May 75 group show a significant improvement over the figures for May 74 enlistees.

Three out of every four Non-Prior Service (NPS) recruits in the May 75 group are high school graduates. By contrast, of the May 74 NPS enlistees 53.6 per cent were high school grads when they enlisted.

The trend towards higher quality holds true for mental caliber as well. The percentage of NPS enlistees in the top categories (I-

Major General Vincent H. Ellis will be guest speaker at the annual membership meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter, AUSA, on Tuesday.

The meeting, to be held in the Officers Open Mess, will include on the agenda the election of the officers and board members for the 1975-76 year.

The MICOM commander will discuss command's current situation and outlook for the immediate future.

The slate of officers to be presented to the general membership include Fred Guest, president; Joe J. Weed, first vice president; A. H. Bryan, second vice president; H. W. Anderson, treasurer; and Joyce Newton, secretary.

New board members include Roy Tidwell, William O. Turney, Lee James, Dr. Julian S. Kobler,

Jack McQuinn, C. E. Richardson, and Jane Robertson.

Tickets at \$4.75 each, are available from AUSA members located within major commands and commercial organizations. Information and ticket contact points include Stacy Daveport, 876-7135, MICOM; CSM B. C. Tawater, 876-7320, MMCS; Denise Bartley, 533-5520, Ext. 311, Henderson National Bank; Fred Guest, 837-2400, TRW Systems Group; and W. O. Turney, 895-3410, BMDSCOM.

## TIP Workshop

(ANF)—Fort McClellan will be host a teen involvement program workshop August 18-22.

The teen involvement program, (TIP) is a DOD initiated program whose goal is the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse in schools serving military dependents.

## CIVILIAN BRIEFS

The following is a list of new hires, retirements, and promotions for the period June 20-26.

NAME	GRADE	ORGANIZATION
<b>New Hires</b>		
Morgan, William E.	GS-085-4	RASA
Stern, Henry E.	GS-1520-12	MIA
Oliva, Sandra N.	GS-1071-12	RASA
Sloan, Joseph W.	GS-1710-11	RASA
Bunt, Avery	WG-4607-09	RASA
Love, Curtis S.	GS-322-1	PT & FD
Durhan, Willie M.	GS-2151-3	RASA
Miller, Robert D.	WG-4607-09	RASA
Horton, Willie M.	GS-235-9	PT & FD
Eaton, Myrna L.	GS-312-4	Maintenance
Weisser, Howard H.	WG-4607-09	RASA
<b>Promotions</b>		
Moses, Charles D.	GS-802-4	RDE Lab
Clapper, Gene L.	GS-301-13	Maintenance
Watson, Joseph L.	GS-1670-13	Maintenance
Hicks, Billy J.	GS-1670-13	Maintenance
Saile, Roy R.	GS-1670-13	Maintenance
Kesting, John W.	GS-855-9	RDE Lab
<b>Retirements</b>		
Kilgore, Mattie V.	GS-301-4	RASA

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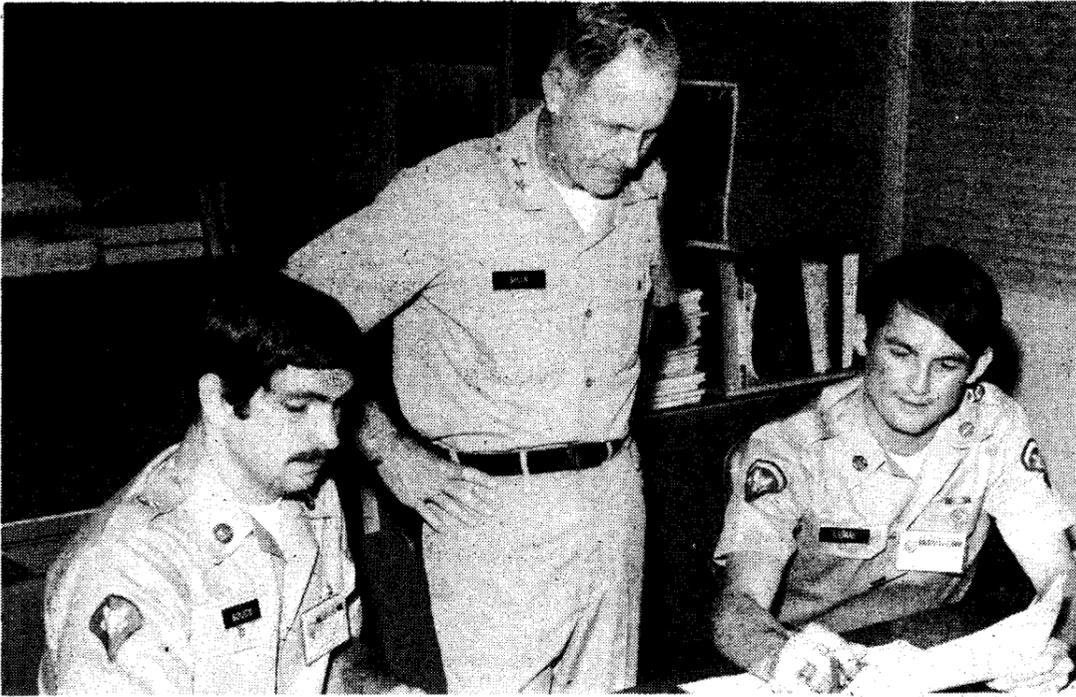
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**REVIEW**—Major General Norris E. Sills takes a closer look at the cataloging procedures used by Sp4 Dennis T. Soucy and Sp5 Leslie M. Thomas. The two soldiers are members of the 300th Inventory Control Center undergoing temporary training at MICOM.

### Reviews Unit Training Here

Major General Norris E. Sills, Commander of the 310th Support Command (TAACOM), an active reserve unit in Washington, D.C., toured Redstone facilities during a recent visit.

The general reviewed training procedures of personnel from the 300th Inventory Control Center (ICC), a subordinate element of the 310th. A detachment of nine people completed training at the Missile Command.

The 300th ICC has units training at each of the Army Materiel Command commodity commands. Personnel train for a period of two weeks.

After meeting with Major General Vincent H. Ellis, MICOM Commander, MG Sills toured the Maintenance and Materiel Management Directorates.

Commissioned at the United States Naval Academy, the general has held a variety of military assignments including positions with infantry and logistics elements.

### Second Chance In New Field

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Career soldiers—those on a second or later reenlistment—who fail a primary MOS test for the first time may now extend their enlistment so they can qualify in a new primary MOS.

An enlistment extension of up to one year now may be approved by the appropriate reclassification authority. Extensions are being granted so that motivated career soldiers can remain on active duty.

The Army has also cleared up

some questions about the CONUS station of choice reenlistment option. Soldiers may reenlist for a different unit, or organization, or command if it is located at the same installation and no cost to the government is involved.

For example, a medic serving with the 197th Infantry Brigade—if eligible—could, under CONUS station of choice option, reenlist for an assignment at Martin Army Hospital since both organizations are located at Fort Benning, Ga.

### Bottom & Co. At Center

Bottom and Co., Tennessee's newest recording artists, will appear at The Recreation Center on Sunday evening. Show time is eight.

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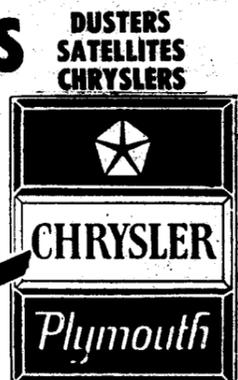


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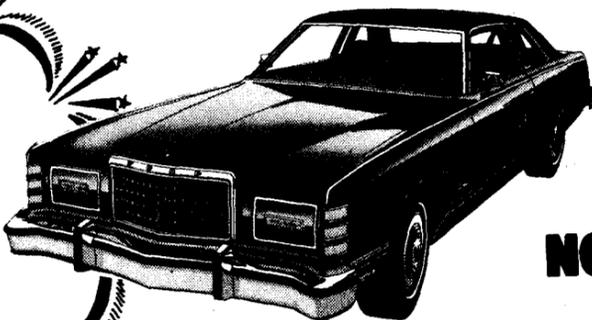
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The young men huddled around their smoky breakfast fires saw their own pickets run out of the woods, turn, fire back into the trees, run on toward them.

Suddenly an enormous Confederate battle line loomed out of the shadows under the trees, left and right as far as could be seen, shook out its battle flags and came crashing into the camps of Union regiments from Fraley field all the way back off to the right where the small frame Shiloh Church stood beside the road that ran down from Pittsburg Landing the 20 miles or so to Corinth, Mississippi.

Along more than a mile of front, shouts of running men, musket volleys and booming cannon blended into a single wild animal roar that rose in pitch with each passing instant.

No one who lived through what followed carried any illusions away from the battle at Shiloh.

Two armies of youngsters so green some had never even loaded their weapons, contested the ground between Shiloh Church and the high bluff about a mile off to the Northeast along the Tennessee River. Most of the soldiers and the men who led them believed the hearts of the men on the other side were not really in this war.

### BACK TO THE RIVER

There were about 33,000 soldiers in the Federal Army of the Tennessee under MG Ulysses S. Grant camped near Shiloh Church on Sunday morning, April 6, 1862. Many of them were so new to the business that they fired their muskets into the air after a shower just to see if the things still worked. The army had its back to the big river, flanks resting on creeks and gullies. At that stage of the war it was considered bad for morale to entrench so this army had done no digging although it had been waiting several days for another Federal army under MG Don Carlos Buell to hike across Tennessee and join it.

Victory, it appeared, lay somewhere just off down the road because the combined armies would move in overwhelming strength to Corinth, a vital railroad junc-

tion, and squash the Confederates gathering there under Albert Sidney Johnston.

It was a perfectly good plan and all it required for success was some cooperation from Johnston. Federal commanders unwisely had given him two months to regroup after Grant's soldiers captured two Confederate forts and opened the Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers to invading Union armies. By early April, Johnston had more than 40,000 soldiers at Corinth and no intention at all of allowing the two Union armies to get together if he could stop it.

His inexperienced soldiers took five days to make the shorthike to Shiloh which they ate or threw away most of their rations in a march as chaotic as any made in the war, telling one another as they came that one Confederate could lick 10 Yanks. They got close to the Union camp on April 5, making so much noise that most of their senior officers believed even deaf Yankees would be alert to an impending attack.

At daylight April 6, Johnston sent them in, risking everything on one throw of the dice.

They had a rule of thumb in the Union army after Shiloh: if volunteer troops were going to run they would as soon as the fight started. If they stayed then, they would stay to the end.

### SIGHTSEEING

Whole regiments of Grant's army vanished in the first shock, dazed men and officers streaming off to the rear, thousands eventually lining the river bank in the shelter of the high bluff. Many of the Confederate youngsters stopped to stuff themselves on food found in the camps

abandoned by the Federals. Some fought for a time and then went sightseeing, gawking at prisoners. Others ran away.

Most of the soldiers on both sides stayed and fought. They had personal notions about what it meant to be a soldier, but most understood that it meant fighting, so they fought all through the day as regiments dissolved or became hopelessly mixed and men fired muskets and cannon at one another, sometimes at arm's length.

U. S. Grant told friends years after that in all the Civil War, he never saw a worse fight than Shiloh.

chance had passed. Both armies had fought to exhaustion. Grant had a solid line of artillery posted on the bluffs and the advance elements of Buell's army were coming across the river joining the men who held this last defensive position.

Dazed soldiers, numb with fatigue, tried to sleep while the wounded cried for help off in the darkness. Fires smoldered everywhere. Union gunboats lobbed massive shells down the Confederate line while more of Buell's regiments, bands playing, came filing up from the steamboat landing. All through the night, grim surgeons amputated shattered limbs by torch light.

### FIRST LIGHT OF DAY

The Union counterattack began at first light and for a while it was just like the first day, a point blank fire fight on a scale never before seen on the American continent. Then Union numbers began to tell. The Confederates fell back and by mid afternoon had begun to file away back down the road to Corinth and it was time to add up the bill.

Casualties were staggering. The Union army lost more than 13,000 soldiers killed, wounded or captured, roughly a third of the men who got into the fight. Confederate losses added up to about 10,000, perhaps a quarter of their army.

A Confederate said afterward that New Orleans was never really glad again after Shiloh. The same could have been said of many of the cities and towns in the North.

There is a national cemetery at Shiloh on the bluff overlooking the river. One of the largest permanent camps of the Army of the Tennessee, it contains the graves of more than 3,500 young men from the Mid West. A majority of headstones are marked "Unknown." The occasional visitors to this out of the way place walk the paths winding beneath huge, ancient trees and sometimes notice a few newer markers. These, with the word "Vietnam" cut into the stone, are set on the graves of young men from the small towns near the battlefield, home from another war.

They are in good company.  
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Union officers managed to stabilize some kind of line after a time but intense pressure forced Grant's army back slowly toward the river.

A division under BG Benjamin Prentiss found itself pushed into a sunken farm road running roughly across the center of the battlefield. Grant rode up, told Prentiss he had to hold until he could get a defensive line built up behind him and Prentiss told his men to lie down in the partial shelter of this makeshift trench.

They held while outfits to their left and right were driven back, held though eventually under fire from three sides, held even after the Confederates lined up 62 cannons wheel to wheel and blasted them at point blank range.

The men in the sunken road lost track of the Confederate charges they shattered and drove back but they held until late afternoon and one of them killed Albert Sidney Johnston.

When Prentiss and his 2,000 survivors surrendered at last, the Confederate

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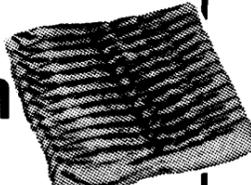
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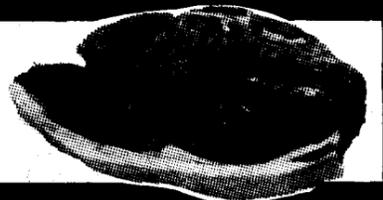
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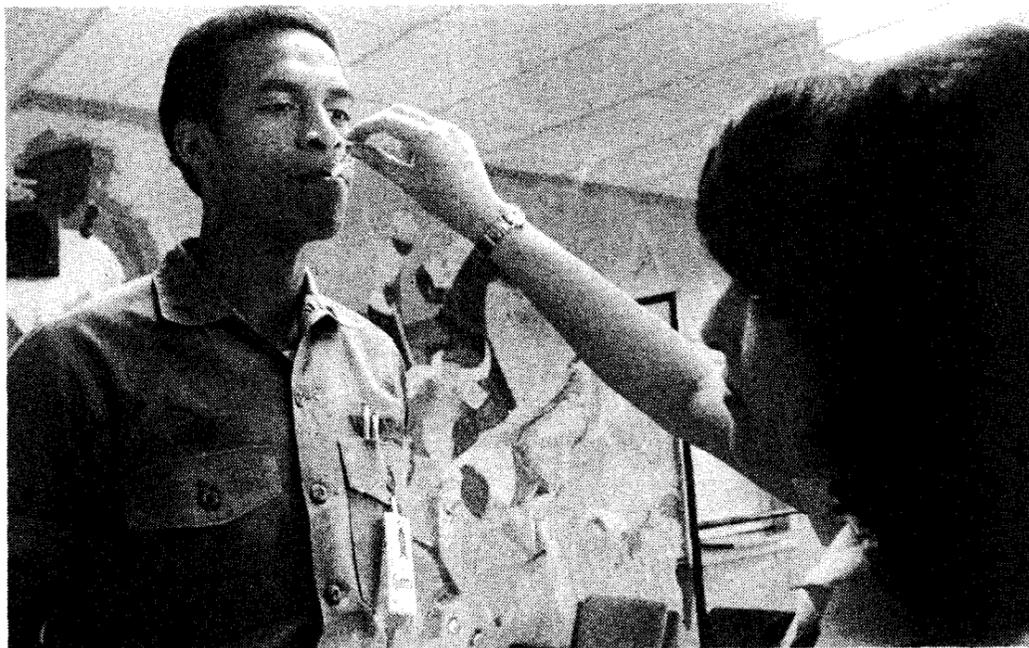
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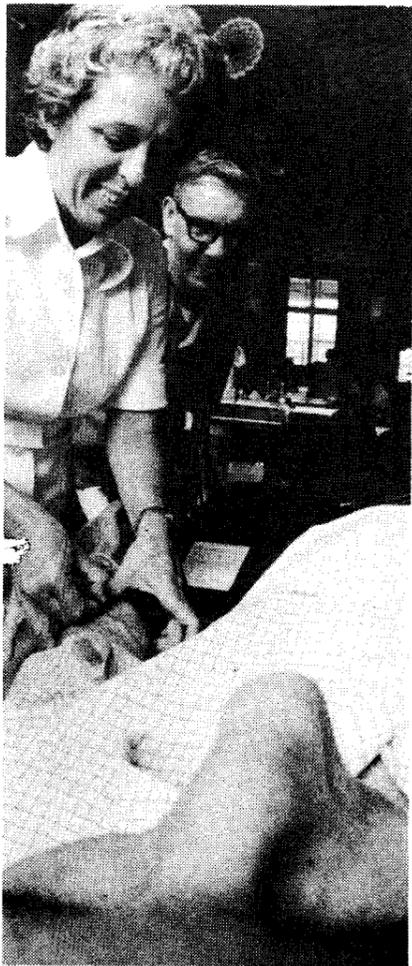
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"Of course, totals vary from month to month, but we appreciate all of the participation and hope that everyone who can donate will do so," she said.

Each donor receives a card which entitles him or any member of his family to blood needs without charge for one year.

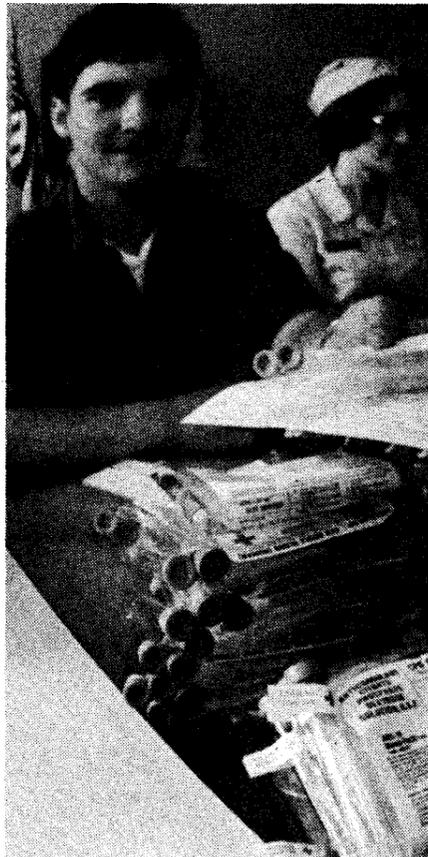
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But how many have heard of a softball feud?

Oddly enough, one has existed for the past several years at Redstone between television personalities—both civilian and military—of the Instructional Technology Division at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The sporting controversy—one which tends to be verbal and usually tails off inconclusively into comparisons of the eras

each have dominated—was almost settled in a recent softball contest.

However, for most fans the Great Debate: "Who's the greatest—civilians or military," will probably never be resolved to everybody's satisfaction.

After six grueling innings—occasionally halted by injuries and refreshments—both teams called it quits with the ITD civilians leading their Army opponents 9-8.

In fact, the annual affair ended abruptly when Ness "Buggie" Gurley was injured by a towering fly ball off the bat of Jim "The Hacker" Bentley.

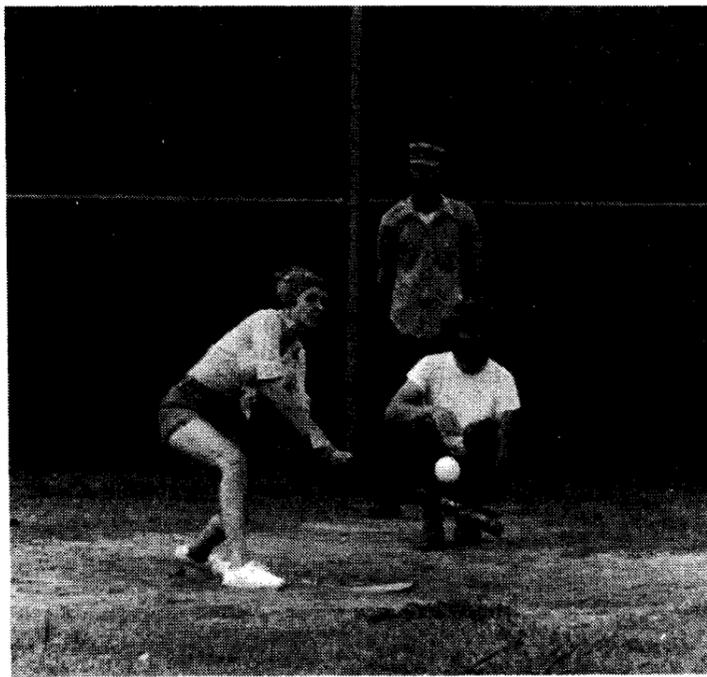
Gurley suffered a broken nose and several cuts in the nose area.

Immediately signs went up in the ITD division declaring the

civilians winners. The military thought they should get the win because of the "blood bath" inflicted upon the white collar workers.

However, it was learned that the contest would be continued next month after everyone has a chance to soak aching and aging bones, heal wounds, return from leaves and research the dictionary for more tormenting insults.

The Army, led by pitcher Fred "Flintstone" Helmer, jumped out to a 5-3 lead in the first inning. The civilian militia came back with six runs over the next three



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innings to take a 9-5 advantage on hits by "Falcon" Cornelius, "Tobacco Kid" Sumrall, "Drop Out" Arnold, "Toothpick" Evans and "Super Skirt" Lundy.

During the civilians' six-run barrage, Helmer protested several pitches by militia ace Guy "Nuttie" McAllister.

"Come on Fred. You're always pulling the AR's out on close calls," said McAllister.

"That's from working with civilians," countered Helmer.

When the military team took the field again, Helmer started firing fastballs and immediately an Article 15 warning was issued against him.

After the bickering ceased, Helmer retired the side in order. In the fifth, the military came up with three runs to narrow the margin to 9-8.

In dire need of power hitting, Helmer went to the spectators for a substitute leadoff hitter. He got Dave "The Rapper" Cowan, who laced a single to right, followed by Randy "The Scrounger" Townsend's double, and John Stubbs single. Hefty Helmer stepped to the plate with two runs already in and immediately McAllister called time out.

"I don't know how to pitch to a banana," McAllister admitted.

Finally, McAllister delivered the ball and the ump called a strike, which ruffled Helmer's feathers.

"The umpire has been calling weird ones all night," said teammate Peggy "Mama" Smith.

But on the next pitch, Fred cracked a single for the third run.

The military had two men on in the sixth inning when Bentley's fly ball broke through the hole via Gurley's nose. The game ended at that point.

A comedy of errors, it could have been an entry for Ripley's "Believe It or Not."

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# Rains Only Heat Up Action

By Dave Cowan

It was another scorcher—both temperature and temper-wise—in the RSA Intramural Slo-pitch Softball League last week. The humid weather with temperatures soaring to near 90 produced late-afternoon showers almost every day, but 12 games were played and only last Thursday night's action was rained out.

As if to add heat, the 8th SC beat the Marines, 15-7, in the opening game Monday night, but later in the week had the game reversed by Recreational Services, giving the Leathernecks the win.

The ironic situation developed when the Marines protested the contest, claiming the students had an ineligible man on their squad. After an investigation by the Sports and Athletic Office, the Marines were given the win under Rule 11, Section 7c of the RSA Softball SOP. The rule states that new players must be added to respective team rosters prior to game time.

In other developments, Company C split in their two games last week, but continued to lead the Eastern division, while MICOM led in the Western division—winning their seventh consecutive contest.

### Monday

Ralph Thompson nailed down a win for the 6th SC as the students edged Company B, 10-9. Ray Weinberg's home run in the sixth was the decisive run off losing pitcher Larry Robbins in relief of Glen Fisher.

For the B's, Mark Wallgren

cracked a homer in the second inning, while Leon Jones belted a solo in the seventh.

In another squeaker, the 95th Calibration — piloted by Jerry Phillips — eked out a 12-11 win over Meddac. Leonard Eisenfeld suffered the loss as B's Lance Kennamer and Dave Mednick belted two home runs and three doubles respectively. Roger Crossen led the medics with two doubles.

Standings Eastern		W	L
Company C		4	2
8th SC		4	3
4th SC		4	3
Company A		3	3
6th SC		2	6
Meddac		2	6
Western		W	L
MICOM		7	0
291st MPs		4	3
7th SC		4	3
Marines		3	4
Company B		3	5
95th Cal.		3	5

### Tuesday

In Tuesday's action, the 4th SC came up with four runs in the final inning to hand Company A a 13-10 loss. Bob Davis went four for four, including two doubles, to preserve the win for student pitcher Woskouich. Al Standiford had a triple and Ed Brice connected for two doubles for the A's.

Lance Kennamer cracked his third home run in two games, but it wasn't enough as the 291st MP's whitewashed the 95th, 14-5. Frank Chrisman chalked up the win for the MP's, behind a two-run homer by Charlie Dickerson and a double and triple by Bob Whritenour.

In a change of pace, Company B came up with four runs on three doubles by Tom Riggins,

Leon Jones and Mike Fields to edge the Marines 12-11 in Tuesday's finale. Glen Fisher got the win in relief of Larry Robbins, while Marine Austell took the loss. John Federico put the B's onto the scoreboard in the fourth with a two-run homer, while Mark Wallgren added another in the sixth with a solo blast to left field.

Howard Scott and Richard Perez had a double each for the Leathernecks.

### Wednesday

The missilemen continued their winning streak with a 18-10 victory over the 8th. Walt Fuller pitched his seventh game of the season and picked up the win, while Dave Lewis got the loss for the 8th.

Mike Spry and Ray Smith ripped home runs and Andy Areliano hit three doubles for MICOM. Dick Mingle had a triple, while Bill Bennett socked two doubles for the students.

The medics outslugged Company C and the permanent-party players matched Meddac's total output with errors as the pill-pushers romped to a 23-8 win over the C's. Richardson, Lane and Cobb belted two doubles each as Makin chalked up the win for Meddac over C's losing pitcher Schlernitzaurer. For the permanent party, Steve Spittler and Roger Wright had a home-run each.

The 7th SC maintained a foothold of second place in the Western division of the league with a 14-5 victory over the 6th. Jim Johnson, Jim Dixon and Nicholas Thimis cracked home runs to give pitcher Ronny Farris his fourth win for the 7th SC. Farrell had two doubles and Richie Miller had one two-bagger for the 6th.

Company C versus MICOM, 8th SC versus 7th SC, and Company B versus Company A were rained out Thursday night.

### Friday

Steve Spittler went three for three, including a triple, as once again the C's found their winning ways with a 12-7 win over a stubborn 4th SC.

Jim Douglas chalked up the win for the permanent party over Jim Whitfield of the 4th. Bobby Combs belted a triple and Carl Pickens and Walt Luck had a double each for the C's. For the students, Otis May, Ken Thomas

and Jim Whitfield had the only extra-base hits off Douglas—all doubles.

Al Standiford smashed a three-run homer in the seventh inning to give the A's a come-from-behind 5-4 win over the 6th SC. Leading 2-0 after five innings, A's Gary Schanz lost his bid for a shutout as the students came up with four runs in the sixth—four singles and a double by Greg Keith—to take a 4-2 advantage. Company A came back in the final inning with three runs on two base hits by Ken Bell and Joe Wikoff and then Standiford's homer for the win.

Richard Mingle socked three doubles as the 8th SC needed the medics with a 16-12 loss. Dave Lewis chalked up the win, while Ed Lamson took the loss for Meddac. Bob Burroughs had an outstanding night for the medics in a losing cause. The second baseman slammed two home runs and a double, while Roger Crossen added a solo.

## TRADOC Qualifier This Weekend

The 1975 RSA Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the post golf course. Winners will represent the Arsenal in the Western division of the annual TRADOC Golf Tournament Sept. 15 through 19, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

The tournament will be comprised of three divisions: open, senior and women. To compete in

the senior division, persons must have reached the age of 41 before Sept. 1.

Persons may register for the event at Recreational Services, 876p4050, or by calling Redstone's assistant golf pro Mel Davis, 876-4054, at the golf course.

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"I thought it was great that John reenlisted. I'm happy with the Army, and so is he. He's a Bandsman. In the Army, he can continue his musical education while he's doing something he loves. In fact, we're so happy with the Army I've thought about enlisting myself."

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# Heated Words Mark RSA Win

By Dave Cowan

The Redstone Rockets didn't need a name on a mailbox to tell them where home was in a semi-pro baseball game last Friday night at Linton Field.

However, several RSA players and fans felt the home-plate umpire needed one as the Arsenal ball club had to come-from-behind in extra innings on a disputed call at home plate to tag the Cotato Independents with a 5-4 loss.

Heated words came in the eighth inning with both clubs deadlocked at 3-3. Cotaco's Bob Douthat led off with a double to right field and then raced to third on Gene Helms long fly to center.

With one out, Ricky Garner bunted. Redstone pitcher Randy Townsend scooped up the ball and fired to Jeff Dixon at home, attempting to get Douthat coming in from third. Dixon appeared to make the tag, but the home-plate ump, claiming that Douthat caught the corner of the bag, called him safe.

Dixon voiced strong opposition against the call, arguing that the runner missed the plate by two feet. The umpire, however, won the battle and Cotaco took a 4-3 lead.

In the bottom of the eighth, the argument continued, but this time it was Cotaco on the defensive end.

Trailing by one run, the Rockets started a rally as lead-off hitter Tyrone Holt drew a walk and then went to second on Tom Pnewski's grounder.

Third baseman Mike Spry stepped to the plate and went down swinging on a third strike call. Instead of heading for the dugout, Spry started for first. Not knowing what was coming off, the Cotaco catcher threw to first, but this peg sailed high over the first baseman's head—allowing Holt to score, while Spry took second.

In a rare show of agreement, both umpires ruled that Bob Douthat trapped the ball on the third-strike call and Spry had the right to run to first. Immediately, the Independent's coach rushed to home plate, pleading to the ump that his catcher caught the ball cleanly.

Again, the umpire won. The Rockets knotted the game and then went on to win it when Ron Easley singled, driving Spry in from second.

Steve Douthat suffered the loss in relief of Harry Bowling, who went the first four innings for Cotaco, allowing only two hits. Townsend chalked up his

third win in relief of Roger Henley as the Rockets raised their record to 8-5. The loss gave the Cotaco team a 3-3 mark.

Before the game started, Cotaco player Harold Fowler stated he expected a tough game against the Rockets.

"We haven't played as many games as the Rockets and our oldest player on the team is only 21-years-old," said Fowler. "We knew we would have our backs to the wall playing a more experienced team."

However, Cotaco underestimated their ability. The Independents jumped off to a 1-0 advantage in the first inning when Perry Sharp tripled to left-center and then scored on Dixon's throwing error.

They continued to apply pressure against Redstone in the third, picking up another run off starting hurler Mike Arndt on a walk, error by Arndt and a single by Grant Humphries.

Cotaco took a 3-0 lead in the top of the fifth when Steve Douthat slammed a home run.

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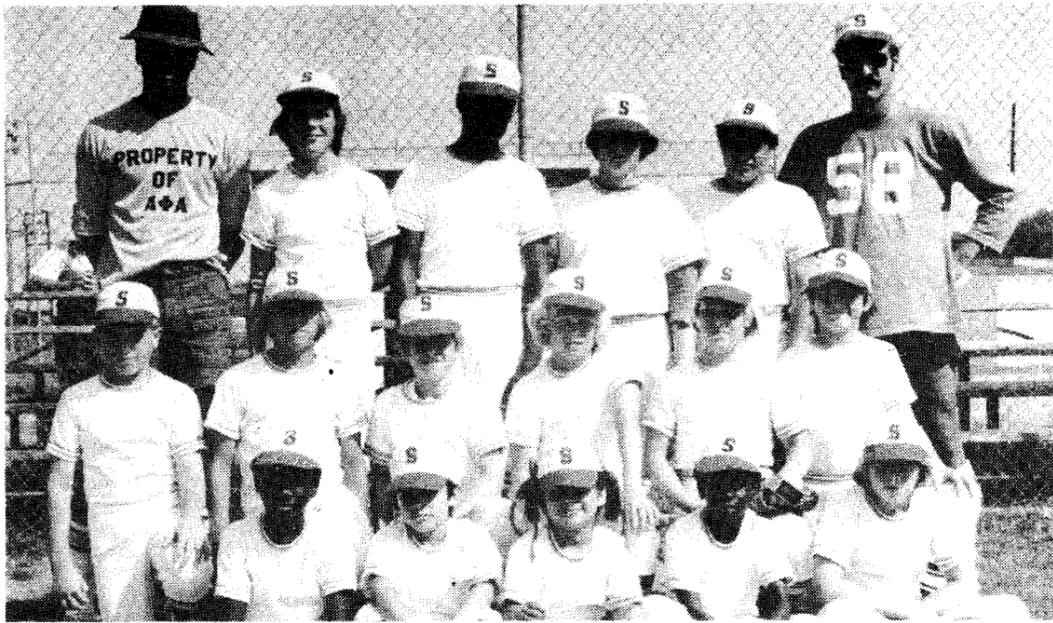
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## Sprints Rule Little League

The Sprints swept past three rival teams to capture the Redstone Little League championship, winning 16 of their 18 season games.

Tom Cabble was the top long ball threat for the winners, slamming eight homeruns. David Ragano had five and John Hearst hit one. The Sprints eased into the victory circle under the guidance of coaches Buck Buchanan and Bob Gofus.

Sergeant First Class Larry Hodge, director of the Little

League program, praised all of the coaches for their time and effort and said the quality of play seems to be improving each year.

"The boys hit more homeruns this season than in the past three years," he said. "I think that's a good indication of how hard they work at the game."

Top hitters for the other league teams are Rick Harding, who stroked five homeruns for the Ajax; Curtis Hollis and Tim Mapjajic, each slamming a homer

for the Hercs; and Kelly Wasmund, author of the lone Hawk four-baser.

Duley, team coaches include Tom Duley, Harold Boatright, Mike Andrews, Jimmy Turner, Rusty Teague and Harry Rosario. Minor league coaches are John Frederico, Sam Goins, Rodney Biddix and Andy Anderson.

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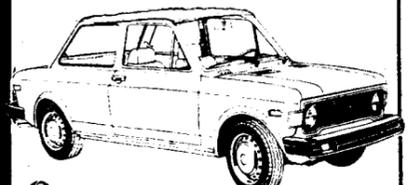
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FY 76 ends June 30, 1976 but FY 77 won't begin until Oct. 1, 1976. This leaves a three-month transition period. Army personnel officials explain that leave balancing will be required June 30, 1976 and again on Sept. 30, 1977 but not at the end of the three-month

transition period—Sept. 30, 1976. However, soldiers retiring or being discharged during that three-month period will not be paid for any unused leave in excess of 60 days.

### Travelers Warning

(ANF)—Military Airlift Command officials are warning travelers that space available seating on MAC flights may be scarce this year. This means longer waits in MAC terminals or switching to commercial flights.



**LONG-DISTANCE SCHOLAR.** Paul E. Larose, a MICOM missile maintenance technician stationed in Germany, was recently awarded a Certificate in Maintenance Management by the Army Logistics Management Center at Fort Lee. The certificate culminated many hours of study in management and logistics. Paul has already signed up for more courses from the center.

### UAH Basketball Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for the University of Alabama in Huntsville 1975-76 basketball games are being offered at reduced rates for military people here.

Military rates are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, according to Athletic Director Ralph Santaliz. Passes for the games may be purchased at the Sports and Athletic Office at Recreational Services.

Santaliz also said civilians may acquire tickets at \$20 and \$10 for children and may be picked up at the same location.

Highlight of the UAH schedule this season will be two games against the Redstone Rockets at the Von Braun Civic Center.

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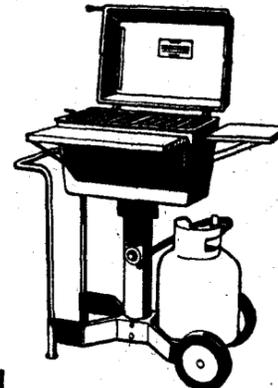
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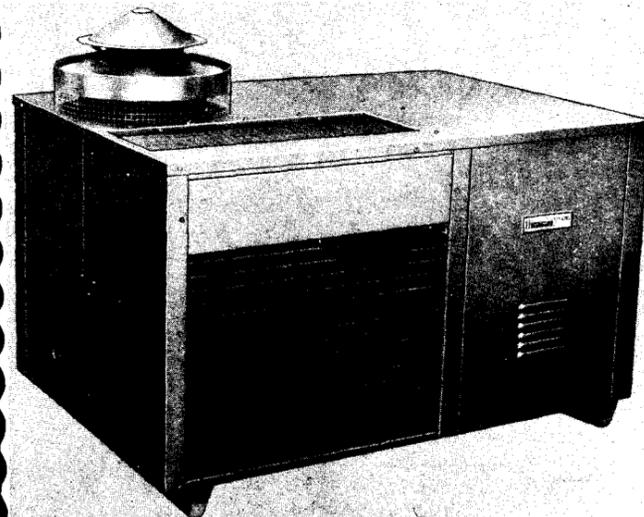
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# TRADOC Is Three

Following is the text of a message to installations and commands of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command from General William E. DePuy, TRADOC commander.

"On 1 July, 1975, TRADOC (started) its third year. The first two years have been a break-in period involved in tooling up, learning how to work together, learning where the problems are and formulating concepts for their solution.



Gen. DePuy

"During the first two years, much of our energy has been directed inward as sorted out our thinking and prepared ourselves for the increased productivity

which is just now beginning. "BCT (basic combat training) has been streamlined, rationalized and improved. We are on the threshold of moving rapidly into self-paced instruction, in AIT (advanced individual training) and the schools. NCOES (non-commissioned officer education system) is nearly through its growing pains. EPMS and OPMS (enlisted and officer personnel management systems) are in the final stages of preparation. Officer courses are being shortened, sharpened and focuses on the tactics, techniques and skills required to lead the Army successfully on the first battlefield of the next war.

"We have agreed on the fundamental concept and doctrine for combat operations and we are now on the threshold of a rather large promulgation of that doctrine and those techniques and circulars, manuals, skill qualification tests, ARTEPS (Army training and evaluation programs) and a whole variety of advanced training developments. The combat development process has related doctrine to weapons and equipment systems and requirements.

"In short, we are loaded up, fully fueled and have taxied to the end of the runway. In Fiscal Year 76, the third year of TRADOC, we will all see the take-off and rapid climb for which we have worked so hard. This has not happened without incredibly hard work; no doubt some confusion, a few false starts and from time to time, a heavy hand from TRADOC.

"Nonetheless, I want to express my gratitude to you for the volume and the excellence of your work and for the volume and the excellence of your work and for your good nature and tolerance during the past two years. I wish you all good luck and greater satisfaction during the exciting period which lies just ahead of us."

# Gourd Hotel Purple Martin Majesty

The lithe, iridescent purple bird glides effortlessly inward, dips, flutters and alights at the rim of a hole in a white gourd. There are two rows of four gourds hung by wire on a 20-foot staff resembling a telephone pole.

It is dusk. The sun has tinted the sky pink. From the distant woods a clamor rises as thousands of insects sing. More sleek purple birds soar toward the gourds.

In a paddock below, dressed in blue coveralls, is Arthur Decker, keeper of the gourd hotel. His tenants are purple martins, impish members of the swallow family that have caught the fancy of naturalists nationwide.

Decker, deputy chief of the Missile and Munitions Center and School's Administrative Division, has 35 martin guests at his gourds at the RSA Saddle Club stables. He runs a popular hotel—it's been open just two months.

Decker joined the ranks of martin enthusiasts four years ago, when a friend showed him a membership card of the Griggsville Wild Bird Society. The society dispenses literature from "Purple Martin Junction" in Illinois.

"I began looking around for gourds," Decker said. "The birds will live in gourds if they are properly placed and prepared." he said.

Finally, Decker encountered a man with a station wagon full of gourds at a local farmer's market. These gourds, Decker realized, were just what he'd been searching for. These gourds would attract purple martins.

With the help of his 8-year-old grandson Dale, Decker cut doorways in the gourds and spray painted them white. Then, following "religiously" the directions in the Griggsville

literature, he mounted them on a pole.

On April 12, two "scouts" were spotted. From then on, one or two martins flew in each week. Now, Decker says all but two gourds are supporting adult and baby martins.

Decker and his wife check on the hotel daily, usually at dusk, when the tenants are feeding. "They dart at food in the air," he said. "They swoop high and low for bugs. To live at a place, they need flying insects."

Martins spend most of their lives in the air, landing on the ground only long enough to gather mud and straw to shape nests in the gourds. "They drink water by diving and skimming," said Decker.

Recently, some swimmers in a big pool reported seeing two martins swoop low over the water, snatch a drink on the wing and soar off. Decker laughs as he tells it.

"I find them amusing; I like their antics. They can sail like a kite," he said. "They like people. If they have a coice of building a home in the wilderness or near activity, they'll take the activity." Decker's attention may be captured by martins at present, but he has paid attention to nature for a long while. He keeps several backyard bird feeders stocked with suet year-round and says 17 species of birds have dined with him.

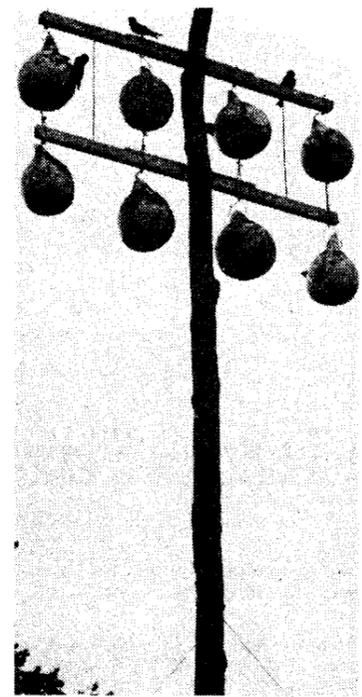
"My favorites are the chickadee and the titmouse," he said. "The chickadees crack sunflower shells and catch the seed."

A Carolina wren built a nest of moss—a "work of art"—in his garage. Decker and his wife kept tabs on the border by climbing a ladder.

Grandson Dale keeps a turtle and tadpoles at Decker's house. At the Redstone stables, Decker houses several horses.

The other night, Decker nailed a

new perch to the top of his martin pole. A storm of protest arose from the tenants. Wings flapped and soon the gourds were silent.



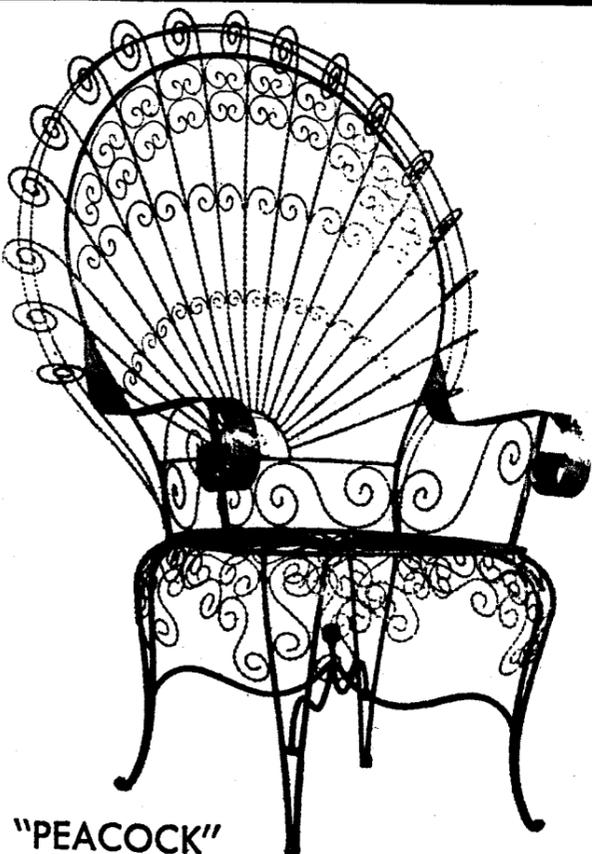
"We thought we'd lost them," said Decker. He and his helpers at the paddock kept vigil. Then, as darkness gathered, some scouts returned.

"Today, they're all back," Decker reported the next morning. He beamed proudly.

Evidently the martins haven't forgiven him, though. The birds still occasionally form a circle in flight and screech what Decker says is a "war cry."

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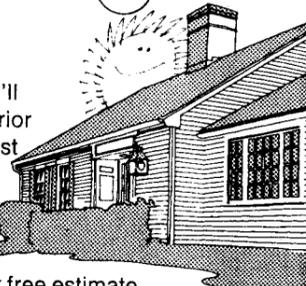
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