

Fuel Supply

Not Much Change
Is Outlook On
Natural Gas Front

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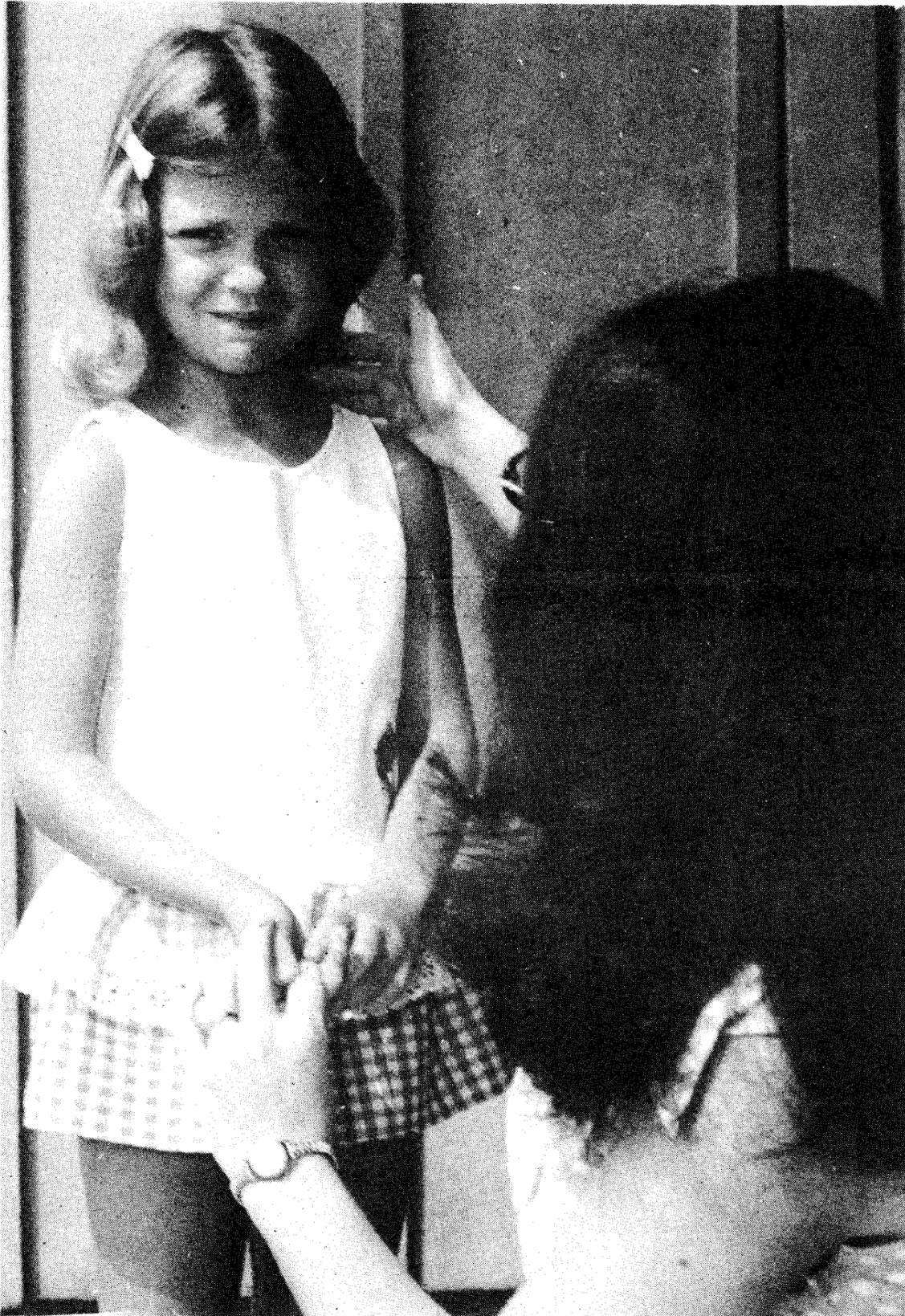
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Use Starts
In October

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With a mother's touch, Dee Jackson saw daughter Michelle, 6, off on her first day of school yesterday. They are the wife and daughter of Staff Sergeant Roland C. Jackson, 1371-B Lacrosse on post.

School Days

"Turn around and she's two

Turn around and she's four

Turn around and she's a young girl

Going out of the door."

by SHEILA HAMRICK

The day that seemed so far away is here. That little person you've watched over, cared for and loved is taking another big step. With face scrubbed pink, eyes bright and hair brushed to a gleam, she's off on her own—the first day of school.

So many times you've thought about this day, knowing that naturally she'd be the brightest and the best. Now, you watch her spill a new box of crayons across the kitchen floor.

Excitement began weeks ago. She dragged you through every department store in town. A Big Chief tablet, red socks and a lunch box with Snoopy on the side. All treasures she's guarded every day.

One night you saw her hug her fuzzy dog and whisper that he'd have to be very good while she was away. She would miss him.

The thoughts of a parent feeling happy, proud and a little apprehensive. Trying to count the cuts you've bandaged, the tears you've wiped away. Wondering what that first day will hold in store.

Knowing all the while that there is no going backward. Not to the first tooth, first step or first word spoken. You've watched her grow, but right now she seems so small.

Suddenly you realize the adjustment for yourself. The house now quiet seems bigger, no longer filled with question after question that you could always answer.

You stop a moment at the thought of someone else giving the answers to your child. Another adult with different values, different thoughts from your own.

Awakened from daydreams by a tug on your sleeve, you look down into a face filled with wonder and excitement. And then, you know that she's going to be all right.

After all, she's your child, isn't she?

Fuel Outlook For Winter About The Same

This winter is expected to be a replay of last in that there will be no natural gas to fire Redstone's heating plants.

A replay of problems associated with last year's gas curtailment is not expected however, because of early notification this time around.

Last year post officials were stunned on being notified in mid-November of a four-month gas curtailment beginning December 1. Thus two weeks away from the shutoff date they had to find not only a supplier for millions of gallons of fuel oil to heat the installation through March, but also a million additional dollars to pay for that oil.

That shouldn't happen this winter. This early warning from DA a month ago: "Information from the Federal Energy Administration and other sources indicates a severe natural gas shortage this winter."

A natural gas shortage is forecast for much of the eastern U.S. this winter. A 30 to 40 per cent shortfall in some areas is being predicted.

A Facilities Engineer spokesman who recently discussed the natural gas outlook with Huntsville Utilities said, "They don't anticipate having any to give us, and we're not anticipating getting any from them."

Heating oil is presently being stockpiled, and sufficient oil to see the installation through the cold months has been contracted for.

Numbers 2 and 5 fuel oil which the heating plants are designed to burn as a back up fuel, probably will have to be burned exclusively here this winter, according to post energy officials.

The one-remaining coal-fired steam plant



here, the dormant "Old Smoky" in Bldg 5659, has a supply of fuel and will be on standby for emergencies.

Gas to heat the more than 1100 sets of military quarters here is expected to be available, the Facilities Engineer spokesman said.

One problem faced here during the natural gas shortage last year has been headed off by getting the Federal Power Commission to put Redstone residences in the same gas priority as other residences, priority 1, which is not subject to interruption or demand penalty charges, as are the remaining 9 priorities. Gas service is provided according to 10 priority classifications set by FPC.

To get cheaper rates the residences had

been placed in a lower priority years ago when gas was plentiful.

Gas service to Redstone other than military housing is in priority 8, the lowest classification in which Huntsville Utilities has customers.

The lower priorities are known as "off-peak" customers and, in exchange for low prices, agree to have a backup fuel system and accept interruptions in service. Until last year these interruptions came only during peak demand periods.

Now the low priority customers are taking the full brunt of the shortages. This is because curtailments are designed to cut back on delivered gas in a distribution system by a fixed percentage and this percentage is reached not by shaving the loads of all customers but by cutting gas completely off to interruptible customers, starting at the lowest priority and working upward until the desired percentage curtailment is reached.

Meanwhile, DA energy managers are warning installations to get completely away from dependence on natural gas if possible. "It is important that the long range implications of the decreasing natural gas reserves be recognized and that planning be directed away from this fuel", they warned recently.

They also cautioned installations to brace for curtailments this winter, even those on firm gas contracts, and said that installations that find themselves in a bind over curtailments are not likely to get relief from FPC because of the low priority assigned users of large quantities of natural gas for achieving comfortable working conditions.

Cutback Goal Down A Quarter

A new energy conservation goal of 25 per cent off the adjusted FY73 consumption base has been established for this fiscal year by AMC.

Detailed energy reduction targets and guidance on carrying out the reduction are expected soon.

The new goal calls for a much bigger percentage reduction than

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was required last year, but the 25 per cent is against FY73 while the 10 per cent last year was against FY74. FY74 was a year of energy austerity while FY73 was not, comparatively speaking.

Individual commands are required to adjust their FY73 consumption base to take into account the addition or loss of missions.

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Usage Down—Cost Up

Last month Redstone got the most compelling reason yet to save electricity.

It came in the July electric bill, a bewildering \$427,500 and a record. The electricity it bought ironically is the least used here in a July for years, 26,250,000 kilowatt hours.

The same month a year ago 27 million units were used at a cost of \$265,000.

Thirty-three million units used in July 1973 cost \$259,000.

Utilities officials here said the August bill could run to a half-

million dollars, depending how heavy charges for demand and fuel adjustment are this month, although it likely won't go that high if weather continues cool as it has.

One-fourth to one-third of the record bill was the cost of electricity for air conditioning.

Officials said the bill would have been far higher were it not for conservation measures now in force, which include cooling limits on air conditioning, and lighting reduced to about 50 per cent of normal in most buildings here.

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FAREWELL—Colonel John D. White, retiring Commander of RASA and deputy post commander, receives a parting memento during ceremonies last week when he was also presented the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit. With the colonel are Maj. Gen. Vincent H. Ellis, MICOM Commander, and Mrs. White. Col. White retired at the end of August.

BG Jones Takes Command This Month



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The Army has named Brigadier General John G. Jones to become the new commander of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command.

General Jones will assume command of BMDSCOM on September 15 from Colonel Joseph T. Gibson, who has been serving as acting commander since the departure of Major General Bates C. Burnell in late July.

General Jones is currently serving as Military Assistant in the Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

As commander of BMDSCOM, he will be responsible for logistical and maintenance support for the operational Safeguard Ballistic Missile Defense System developed and deployed by BMDSCOM. He will also be responsible for conducting a Systems Technology Program to validate ballistic missile defense technological breakthroughs and new system concepts, and for the operation of Kwajalein Missile Range in the Pacific Ocean 2500 miles west of

Hawaii.

General Jones' major assignments over the last ten years have included service as the Assistant for Combat Materiel in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development, overseas service in Vietnam and Europe, and service as the Chief of Programs, Plans and Operations of the Army's Main Battle Tank Project.

His awards and decorations include four awards of the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

The 47-year old native of Louisiana, is a graduate of the United States Military Academy and holds a Master's degrees from the University of Southern California and George Washington University. He has also attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

New Dragon Contract Ups Raytheon Hiring

The Missile Command of the Dragon system and is a Thursday awarded approximately \$151.4 million for the 1977 production of Dragon anti-tank missile equipment, the second major buy of Dragon by the Army in less than a month.

Colonel Arthur L. Goodall, Dragon Project Manager said the buy will further meet requirements of the Army and Marine Corps for missiles and launchers (rounds), electro-optical trackers, and quantities of initial repair parts.

McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, Dragon prime contractor at Titusville, Fla., got \$72.4 million for Dragon rounds and \$17 million for trackers; Raytheon Company at Bristol, Tenn., got \$50.4 million for rounds and Kollsman Instrument Co. at Syosset, N.Y., got \$11.6 million for trackers.

Just last month MICOM awarded a total of \$91.7 million to the same companies for Dragon equipment.

The 31-pound Dragon, which can be slung over the shoulder like a rifle, was issued earlier this year to the First Battalion (Airborne), 590th Infantry Combat Team, first overseas unit to get the MICOM-developed weapon.

The latest award brings to approximately \$83.2 million the amount given Raytheon, one of the largest awards ever to a Huntsville based company. Although Raytheon manufactures Dragon components at Bristol, final assembly of rounds, including warhead and packaging for delivery to the Army, is performed in government owned facilities at Redstone.

Vincent J. Murray, Bristol plant manager, said the awards "... could just about triple our facilities at Redstone and mean we will hire about 250 people, starting in about a year." Murray said the Redstone facility presently has about 50 employees but could build up to approximately 300, with most of the hiring to be done in Huntsville. Testing of both McDonnell Douglas and Raytheon production rounds is conducted at Redstone Arsenal.

McDonnell Douglas is developer



\$2200 WORTH—Electronic engineers Stephen Golden (left) and Joseph McGinty from the Missile Research, Engineering and Development Laboratory each recently received checks for \$1100 as Special Acts of Service awards. They were recognized for their design and implementation of an automatic gain control for the Stinger missile system.

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Ready For An Audit?

Your Turn May Be Next

MICOM civilian positions that have not been desk audited recently, will be, due to current Civil Service Commission requirements for desk audits of positions at this Command. Desk audits will be conducted at other times as circumstances demand.

Civilian Personnel officials point out that a desk audit of your job may result in upgrading, no change in grade, or downgrading depending on a factual representation of your major duties and responsibilities officially assigned and performed. The classification, that is, job title, series and grade of a job may also change because of application of new or revised standards or correction of classification error.

These officials also point out that duties and responsibilities assigned to your job must be consistent with officially approved organization structure, missions and functions.

Here are some suggestions on what you can do to get ready for a desk audit:

—Carefully review you job description.

—Make a list of all the tasks you perform, and keep the paper handy for reference when the audit occurs.

—Explain your work in a straightforward manner to the position classification specialist who comes to audit your job. The specialist is looking for facts. The clearer and better your description of the work you perform, the easier it will be for the specialist to understand.

—Describe all aspects of your job no matter how major or minor you consider any parts of it to be. Cover everything. You know exactly what you do.

—Be prepared to answer questions on how you perform your work, the methods and processes involved, and the tools and equipment used, as appropriate.

—Be prepared to say why the work is done - the purpose of it.

—Be ready to describe what controls your work - direction, instruction, and guidance customarily received from a supervisor or others.

—Be able to say what reviews, checks and inspection your work is subject to during preparation and when completed.

—Know the regulations, policies and procedures that apply to your work, and how they apply.

—Be prepared to tell the classification specialist what percentage of your time you spend on your various duties.

—Be prepared to show examples of your work and be ready to answer questions on how and why it was done.

—Be aware that the person auditing your jobs uses the job description as one tool during the desk audit, but not as a task list. It is up to you to detail all your duties and responsibilities.

—You should read the Civil Service Commission position classification standards for your job. Contact your administrative office or your supervisor about the availability of the standards in your organization.

Sets of the standards are maintained in the Reference Library of the Secretary of the General Staff, Rm. C-147, Bldg. 5250; in the Administrative Division of the Legal Office, Rm. A-147, Bldg. 5250; and in the Position and Pay Management Branch of the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division, Bldg. T-3159. Copies of the standards cannot be loaned to individuals, but must be reviewed within the organizations maintaining the material.

In satisfying yourself about the classification of your job you should contact your supervisor. He or she is expected to be fully informed on the basis for the classification of your job and should be able to explain this to you.

Remember that your supervisor must certify to the need for your position and attest to the accuracy of your job description. Employees believing that changes should be made in their job description should discuss these with their supervisors.

DRIVE SAFELY



NEW LOOK—Scoutmaster Jim Offutt, left, and son Jimmy look over the hardworking members of Troop 176 who are building sidewalks around the Game Warden's Office. The project was headed by Jimmy to complete Eagle Scout requirements.

Misassignments Get Top Billing

WASHINGTON (ANF)—If DA were to compile a list of the "ten most unwanted problems" in civilian personnel management, misassignment would probably rank near the top.

Misassignments occur when employees are unofficially assigned for more than 30 days to duties other than those covered by their official position description or by a record of temporary detail assignment.

The responsibility for proper assignments rests with the supervisor. The supervisor's failure to report temporary details or changes in duties that exceed 30 days usually violates Civil Service regulations and management

principles.

Misassignment can also cause significant morale and personnel problems. An employee may not be able to receive credit for experience gained during the misassignment and may miss out on chances to be considered for promotion.

If the employee is promoted because of duty changes, other employees may view this as deliberate favoritism which denied them the chance to gain the qualifying experience that led to promotion. In other words, misassignments violate the principles of the competitive merit system.

Misassigned employees should

ask their supervisor to correct the situation. If the changes in duties are temporary, supervisors should insert a record of the assigned detail in the employee's official personnel folder. If changes in duties are permanent, employees may request changes in their job descriptions.

If supervisors neglect to respond to requests for records of details or changes in job description, employees should seek recourse further up the chain of command.

If all else fails, employees should contact a management-employee relations specialist at a civilian personnel office to prepare a grievance.

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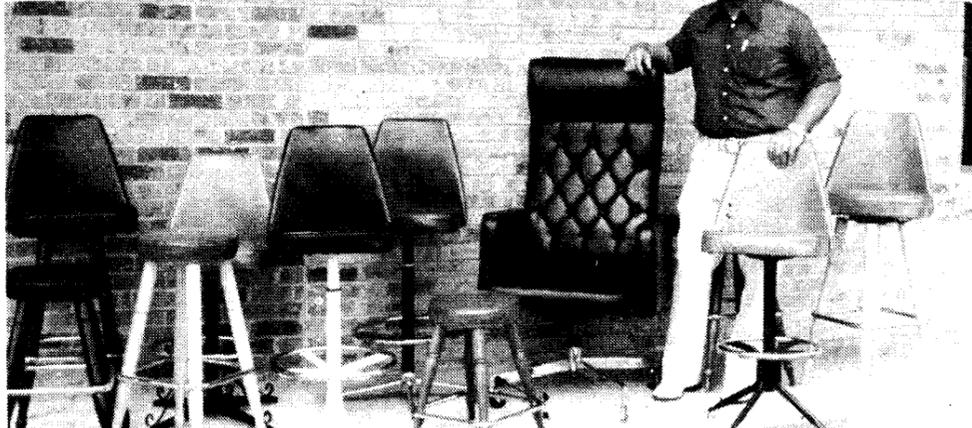
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Work, Then Study

"I have to explain 3,000 times a day why I'm in a field like this," says Jacqueline Green, young, pretty and an instructors' assistant in the Missile and Munitions Center and School's Missile and Electronics Department.

She is the school's first Cooperative Education Training Program trainee. Co-op Training, as it's called for short, is an arrangement between colleges and various employers, public and private, that allows students to work part-time at jobs they may someday wish to fill.

Miss Green, a sophomore computer science major at Alabama A & M University, may not be intent on teaching primary circuits the rest of her days, but she sees her position as a step in the right direction. "I've got to get the basic terminology down," she says.

The students who fill the classrooms in which she assists with demonstrations of Ohm's Law and multimeters are young male soldiers. She attracts a good deal of attention.

"They're always asking why a woman is in a field like this," she said. "I guess it's somewhat ego-shattering for them. They say to

themselves, 'You mean to tell me a woman is going to tell me how to do this?'"

That's exactly what she tells them, and usually they understand. "Overall, I'm accepted here," says Miss Green.

She applied for Co-op Training during her second semester at A & M, it being a prerequisite that a trainee complete a year of college before entering the program. After

interviews by six administrators, she joined MMCS for the summer.

Miss Green plans to return to school in the fall. When she has another semester behind her, she wants to come back to MMCS for a 20-week stay while taking courses at night.

Eventually she would like to work at MMCS full-time. Under the Co-op program, a trainee may be hired by the Civil Service on a non-competitive basis if his performance has been satisfactory and a vacancy exists.

Trainees aren't obligated to apply for work at the place they've undergone training. In Miss Green's case, obligations aren't necessary.

"This department is kind of like home now," she says.

Elks Rustle Up Colonial Goodies

The Elks in Huntsville are inviting the public to sample colonial American goodies at a Tasting

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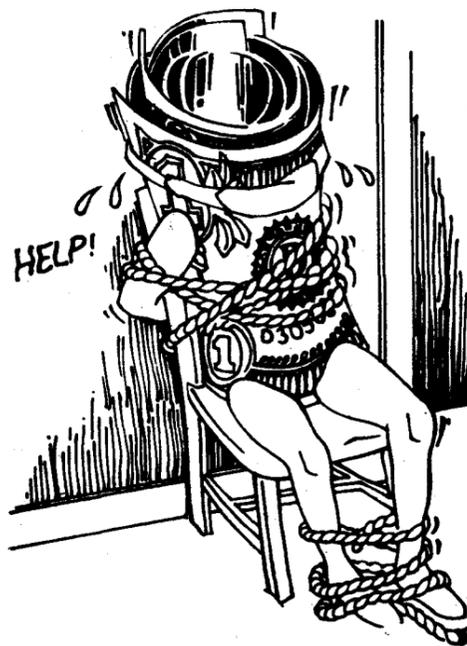
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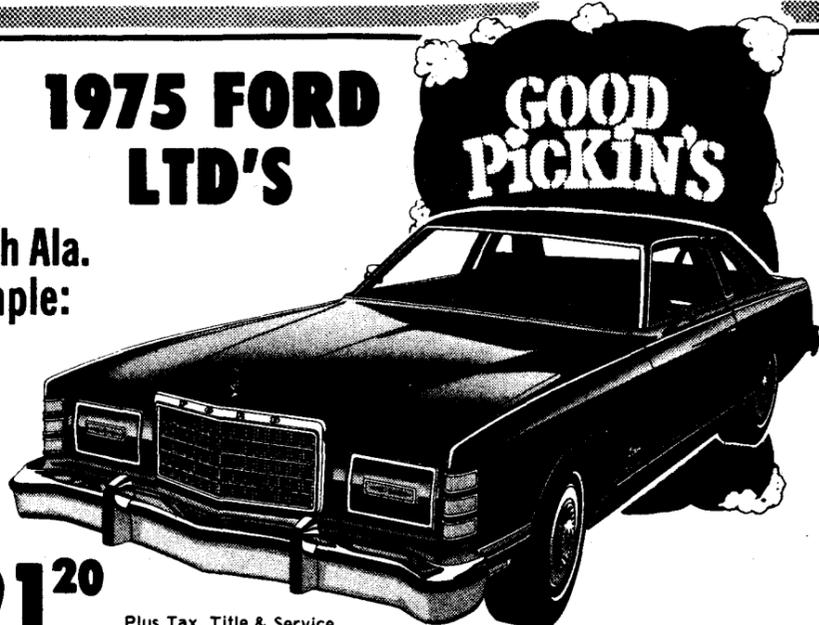
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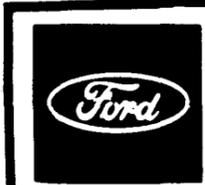


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Testing is to be done October

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The Post Exchange is giving away a 10-speed bike to the sharp-eyed person who comes closest to guessing the number of marbles in a jar at the Toyland PX branch.

The contest, open to all authorized customers, will be open from Sept. 17 through Oct. 18 at Bldg. 3657. Runners-up will receive gift certificates for \$10, \$20, and \$30.

The various size marbles were counted, placed in the jar and sealed by post Command Sergeant Major Leroy A. Arceneaux.

through December of this year, with test analysis beginning in early 1976. It is expected that the form will be ready for use later in 1976 or in early 1977.

The testing is necessary, DA said, because of new features in the OER (DA Form 76) which may require refinement based on test results. New features include rated officer input, separation of information provided by rater and endorser, expanded role of the reviewer, and descriptive instead of numerical ratings.

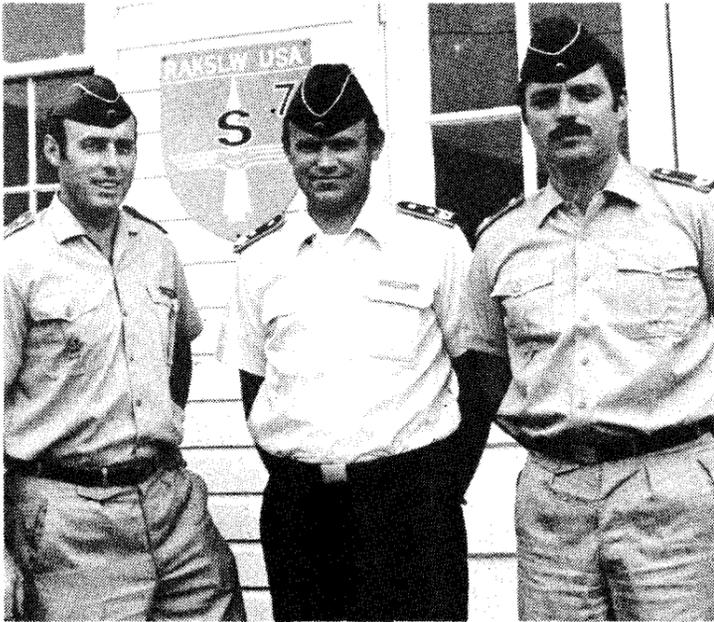
As explained by a DA spokesman, "Testing will be done in selected sample rating chains from a cross section of command and staffs worldwide. The actual test will consist of completing the test form and a questionnaire, and

interviews. Officers from the field will take part in administering the test so that field commands are included in all phases of the test."

Rating situations will include officers of all grades. About 2,000 officers will be surveyed to get more information about officer attitudes toward the evaluation techniques being proposed, DA said.

Test results will be analyzed by DA headquarters and reconciled with recommendations from the major commands before the final form is readied for field use.

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SAM-D PARTICIPANTS—LTC Georg Schreiber, left, German Air Force Liaison Officer at MMCS, greets two recently-arrived participants in the joint SAM-D study. Heading the German team will be LTC Leo Mayer, center. At right is team member MAJ Hanspeter Diehl.

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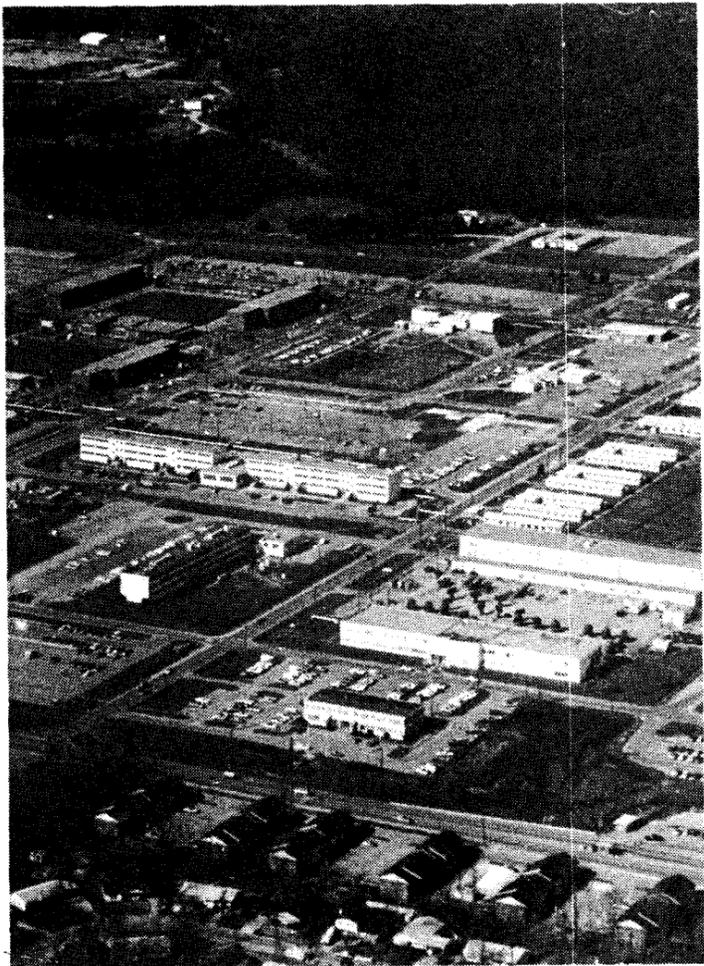
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To insure that the United States armed forces continue to have skilled technicians capable of analyzing, handling and neutralizing chemical agents, the Army has completed construction of a new chemical agent training facility at Redstone.

Training at the new facility, which will begin some time in October, was previously conducted by the Army Chemical Center at Ft. McClellan.

This new Redstone activity, located in a fenced and secure area of the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, has an extensive safety and security system to preclude any danger to personnel. At the school, students will learn to identify specific chemical agents and be trained in appropriate decontamination methods.

Their training will include work with very small amounts of active toxic chemical munitions and other non-toxics such as incendiary smoke and riot control agent munitions.

Since June of 1973, when the chemical training mission was moved from Ft. McClellan, facility limitations at Redstone have required that students train only with simulated agents. With completion of the new facility, training with active agents will resume under close supervision of highly qualified instructors.

Only very small amounts of active chemical agents will be used in this training and there will be no adverse impact on the environment.

BUFFER ZONE—At upper left is the large, white main building of the new chemical training facility at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Aerial view shows the buffer zone formed by the missile school campus separating the training site and the city of Huntsville. The nearest boundary of the facility is over a mile from the city line.

Built-In Safety

The contract for the (MMCS) chemical training facility was awarded to the Robert Carpenter Construction Company of Dallas, Tex., on June 19, 1974. The contract price was \$482,000 and the construction time was set at 270 days.

The facility encloses an area of approximately 97 acres. Inside, there are nine practical exercise areas. These areas are to be used to present various situations to students.

The main building itself encompasses 6,400 square feet and will be used for briefing, dressing, supply and decontamination of clothing used by students and instructors.

For security, the entire area is surrounded by a five foot high barbed wire fence. The storage building for the chemical agents is enclosed by a seven foot high chain link fence.

In addition, the area around the storage building is lit by flood lights and the storage building

itself is equipped with an anti-intrusion device.

The anti-intrusion device is an electronic monitoring apparatus that is connected to security headquarters. If anybody attempts to break into the building, an alarm will ring at security headquarters.

Before anyone can enter the building, he must call the Security Division and recite a proper code. Only then is the alarm turned off.

When he leaves the building, he is required to call security again and have the alarm turned on. The status of alarms at MMCS buildings is monitored constantly by highly-trained security personnel. Security guards will patrol the area at frequent intervals.

Within the training area, no man is permitted to move about unless he is accompanied by another man. This two-man rule is an effect at the storage facility as well, so that security procedures are checked by two parties each time the facility is entered or exited.



TRAINING AREA—Aerial shot of MMCS's new chemical training facility shows reaction areas, right, and main building, left. The entire facility is surrounded by fencing and the building containing toxic chemicals, GB, VX and HD is equipped with special security devices, including spotlights, field safes, locks and an alarm system.

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Mission: Wreck The Economy

History books seldom mention it, but soldiers sometimes have fun during a war. The 60,000 tough veterans in the Federal Army of the Tennessee had a great deal of fun on their epic march to the sea.

A week after the nation backed war to the bitter end by re-electing Abraham Lincoln on November 8, 1864, these soldiers left Atlanta and started walking eastward toward salt water. As they did, the curtain began to fall on the Confederate States of America.

The Civil War could not be settled, had to be won, and it would be won now because the Union had the power to send an army boldly slashing through the very vitals of the Confederacy.

Dangerous as a wounded tiger, the fabled Army of Northern Virginia had been pinned in entrenched lines near Petersburg, Virginia. The only other Rebel army worth considering had tried in vain to keep this Federal army out of Atlanta. It had been whipped and driven off into Alabama and before much longer it would be destroyed in a hopeless attack on a larger Federal army at Nashville.

Jefferson Davis came to Georgia and spoke brave, defiant words trying to raise the spirits of the people even as Union soldiers walked the streets of Atlanta. His words were fine but they were not nearly enough. The hour was getting very late.

SIXTY MILE FRONT

After Richmond, Atlanta was the most important industrial center in the South. Before leaving it, the Union army drove out its residents and put the town to the torch. Whether they meant to burn all or just a part doesn't matter very much now. They left it in ruins.

The Federal Army moved east into the rich Georgia farm land Davis had called "the granary of the Confederacy," soldiers marching in four columns spread over a front of 60 miles like lava flowing from the erupting volcano of Atlanta.

Diaries and unit histories record that these soldiers enjoyed this campaign. The march was a month long picnic, a time of licensed hell raising, their mission not to fight but wreck an economy.

The war had not touched this part of Georgia but it came walking down the road now with rowdy soldiers in rumpled blue uniforms, young men with old eyes, hard, unshaven faces and muddy boots.

War at last in North Georgia was weeping women and wailing children, burning barns and looted houses, livestock dead or driven off and the plantation slaves going down the road after the Yankee army.

From the beginning of the war the privates in this Union army of men from western frontier states had regarded secession as treason, something to be put down and punished.

HUNG BY THUMBS

At first most federal commanders at least tried to stop their men from plundering what the soldiers insisted was an

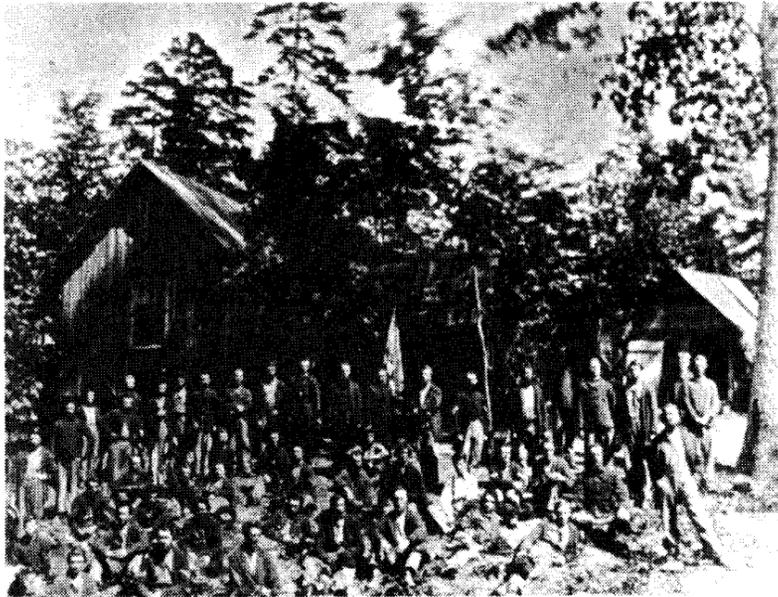
enemy country. Soldiers who took chickens from a plantation near Memphis in 1862, for example, had been hung up by their thumbs overnight by order of their commander, William Tecumseh Sherman.

That same Sherman commanded the Army of the Tennessee now. He had come to share his soldiers' fellings about

their provender with them."

NARY A COW

Thirty-two days after Sherman's soldiers cut their communications and disappeared into Georgia, they came down to the sea at Savannah. Behind them stretched a scar 300 miles long and 60 wide studded with blackened chimneys, shat-



A company of Michigan volunteers, part of Sherman's Army of the Tennessee.

rebellion and people who supported it.

He did not turn his troops completely loose, but it can be said that he rode across Georgia with a loose rein while his army trampled not so much the grapes of wrath as any idea at all that the Confederacy could endure as an independent nation.

Whether it was necessary to ravage Georgia as thoroughly as this army did has been debated for more than 100 years. The South's railroad system had collapsed by then. There probably was no way to get the food, horses and materiel of the region up to Virginia to sustain the Confederate army there, but Sherman and his men made sure the attempt need not be made.

If in the process they also made their names anathema to generations of Southerners, it did not concern them overly much then or later.

War was indeed hell as Sherman said. He made it hell in Georgia while another Union Army made it as bad or worse in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. All through the fall of 1864 smoke darkened the sun in the Valley as Federal troops burned farms, crops and drove away stock in response to U. S. Grant's brutally explicit instructions to pick the Valley clean "so that crows flying over it for the balance of the season will have to carry

tered trestles, burned bridges, every rail twisted, every tie burned. They left not a chicken, or a pig, not a horse, cow or mule, not a ham, side of bacon or ear of corn.

A month later they marched North and it was as though what happened in Georgia had been practice for what they inflicted on South Carolina.

The soldiers of one corps were heard to tell one another as they entered the state: "Here is where treason began and, By God, here is where it shall end."

And one regimental historian wrote that the men moved into the state where secession had begun "with the settled determination of each individual to let the people know there was war in the land."

The Army went slicing North spreading fire in its wake. In Columbia, the state capital, they went on a two day binge and left the town a mound of cold ashes. They might have burned the whole state, but there were heavy rains and much of the land in the Army's path lay submerged in flood.

A small Confederate army hung on their flank, irritating Sherman's soldiers but not overly bothering them. The Rebel commander felt even this army that moved with the relentless force of a Biblical plague would have to pause now. Hardly

believing his eyes, he watched Sherman's soldiers corduroy miles of roads and wade, sometimes neck deep through swamps, keeping the same pace through the flood as they had on the dry roads of Georgia.

"I made up my mind," he wrote later, "that there had been no such army since the days of Julius Caesar."

Sherman and his soldiers were crunching their way North through North Carolina in early April when the Union Army of the Potomac outflanked Lee's line at Petersburg, broke through in a massive assault and sent the Army of Northern Virginia stumbling westward in doomed retreat. The end came a few days later with Union infantry planted squarely across the only road in the world that mattered to Robert E. Lee and his splendid soldiers.

LOSSES STAGGERING

So four years of war ended and the Union counted 138,154 soldiers killed incident to the battle, 221,374 dead from other causes and 280,000 wounded. There was a final casualty, a last bit of insanity. The commander-in-chief lay dead too from an assassin's bullet.

The old rivalries between the spit and polish easterners of the Army of the Potomac and the unkempt, undisciplined westerners of the Army of the Tennessee held to the end.

Both armies marched into Washington to be mustered out of service. There were fights in every saloon and on every street corner until Grant, in desperation, ordered the two armies into camps on opposite sides of the Potomac River.

There was one grand review for the Army of the Potomac in late May and the next day it was the Army of the Tennessee's turn to hear the thanks of a grateful nation.

Sherman apologized in advance. His troops had never been much for parades and he expected a poor showing. Sherman led them through roaring crowds toward the reviewing stand where President Andrew Johnson waited, found he could endure the suspense no longer, looked back and got the thrill of his life.

Just this once the Army of the Tennessee had spruced itself up, buttoned its coat and in perfectly aligned ranks came swinging along behind him with faultless precision, marching as though the whole war had been practice for this one moment.

They went down the avenue, through the cheers and into the history books, the incredible volunteer soldiers who saved the Union, striding out of a troubled yesterday, into a new and uncertain tomorrow.

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Sims: 'I Was Overpaid'

Very few baseball fans ever get to kiss the umpire. Reuben Sims includes that among the pleasures of his 28 year association with the game. His wife, Inez, umpired in several of last season's games in their hometown of Hartselle.

A love for the game and the youngsters that play it has only grown since Reuben first began the American Legion baseball program in Hartselle. That was back in 1947, and he was fresh out of military service with the Third Army in Europe.

"There wasn't much for the kids to do, no community center or organized recreation, and baseball was my game," he recalls. He was once offered a contract to play with the Cincinnati Reds.

That first year of play, Reuben managed the Redlegs. Later, he was instrumental in organizing the Hartselle Senior Babe Ruth League.

Since then he's held every position from manager and coach, to being secretary and president of the leagues.

His efforts for this year were aimed at getting the South Section Senior Babe Ruth League Baseball Tournament played in Hartselle, and he did. The community hosted the tournament and took the opportunity to show Reuben how they felt about him.

The Babe Ruth field in John Sparkman Park was officially

named "Reuben Sims Field."

"It was an emotional moment for me," he said. "I had no idea about anything like that."

When asked about the hours of time and effort he's devoted to the youngsters of Hartselle, Reuben only answered, "When they named that field for me, I was overpaid."

He is employed as a logistics management specialist in the International Logistics Division of Materiel Management.

Marian Czachowski, his supervisor, commented on the recent recognition:

"I think that so often people like Reuben are never openly thanked for the contributions they make. It was richly deserved. Reuben uses at least 10 to 12 days of his leave each year for baseball activities."

In 1966, he was appointed to a year's term as assistant state commissioner for the Babe Ruth program in Alabama. Each year since then, he's been reappointed to the position.

The first week in August, he represented Alabama at the Tournament of Champions in Seattle, an event of the senior division Babe Ruth Leagues.

Four years ago, he was also appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board in Hartselle.

When Reuben first began working with the boys in his hometown, he was a bachelor. Now, 28 years later, he and Inez

have raised two sons and a daughter. They also have four grandchildren.

"Both of my sons played baseball and I coached them," Reuben said, "We try to teach more than just the game. Things like good sportsmanship and to be good citizens. I think it's paid off."

Reuben looks especially happy when talking about the boys he once coached who still keep in touch with him. "I hear from them all the time. Several of the boys received baseball scholarships. The game has meant a lot to them."

Since coming to work at Redstone in 1951, he has had several supervisors, and commented that without exception they were all understanding, permitting him to take leave when he needed to. "It makes a big difference when you're involved in community activities."

Looking over the growth of the Babe Ruth program, Reuben says the community has really supported the teams with enthusiasm. "Four thousand fans came out the night the field was dedicated."

"We've come a long way with the recreation program in Hartselle and on Sept. 9th, bids will open for a new community center that will have an olympic size swimming pool adjacent to the ball field," Reuben added. "It will be a good investment."



Reuben Sims . . . 28 years of caring.

49-Day Duck Season

Bag Limit Changes Listed

A 49-day season and significant changes in the bag limit highlight the 1975-76 Alabama duck season regulations announced this week.

For the second year, the season opens at noon on a Wednesday, December 3, and continues through January 20. On all days other than the first day, legal shooting hours will be from one half hour before sunrise until sunset.

The point system will be used again this year to determine a legal bag limit. The limit is based

on 100 points daily and a hunter must stop shooting when his bag exceeds 100 points.

This year many ducks formerly counted as 15 point birds have been listed as 10 point ducks. They include all species of teal, gadwall, shoveler, scaup and pintail. Baldpates, counted as 15 point ducks last season, have been raised to 35.

Other species and points assessed include:

- 100: canvasback and red head.
- 90: hen mallard, hooded

merganser, wood ducks and blacks.

10: blue, green and cinnamon teal, gadwall, shoveler, scaup, pintail.

35: drake mallard plus all other species not listed.

Waterfowl hunters must have the federal stamp as well as the current state license in possession while hunting.

A special season for teal only will be held September 20 through 28. The limit is four each day and legal shooting hours run from sunrise to sunset.

The goose season opens November 12 and runs through January 20 except for those areas of Wheeler Lake west of the Highway 31 bridge at Decatur and Pickwick and Wilson lakes where the goose season is the same as the state duck season. The limit is five a day but not more than one canada or one white front can be taken each day.

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Rockets Bow At Sill

The Redstone Rockets, said by many to be one of the better teams assembled defensively and offensively in recent years at the Arsenal, lost their bid for the championship in the semi-final round in the western division Training and Doctrine Command slo-pitch softball tournament at Ft. Sill, Okla.

One of 10 teams entered in the double-elimination event, the Arsenal ball club ended up in fourth place with a 3-2 record after drawing a bye in the first round. The home team, Sill, captured the 1975 softball crown, Rucker took second, while Knox clinched

third. For Sill, it was the second Training and Doctrine Command sports title in a month. The Oklahomans snatched first place in tennis at Ft. McClellan in July.

Redstone opened with a 9-5 loss to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and then rolled off three consecutive wins

before dropping another to Ft. Knox, 9-2. Their wins came against Ft. Leavenworth, 8-0; Ft. Benjamin Harrison, 5-3; and Ft. McClellan, 8-0.

Other teams competing in the tournament were Forts Rucker, and Bliss and White Sands Proving Ground.

Last Meeting

Team captains in the Wednesday Night Officers' Bowling League are scheduled to meet at 5 this afternoon in the Pershing Room of the

Officers' Open Mess. This will be the final meeting before competition gets underway. Captains are asked to bring team rosters.

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ENLISTMENT TOKEN—Sometimes small gifts give rise to great things. That's the philosophy at the Missile and Munitions Center and School as School Brigade's First Battalion commander Mag. Wilbur J. Davis presents Staff Sgt. Gordon C. Loggins of Company A with extra bonuses during an enlistment ceremony. Recently, the office substituted marble desk pen sets and a copy of the enlistment oath for the usual kind words for individuals enlisting for another term in the Army. "It's not much and it's not an advertising gimmick," said career counselor SSG George D. Murch. "It's our way of showing genuine interest and appreciation for a soldier selecting the Army for a possible career." MMCS is probably the only Army activity dispensing the enlistment oath certificates, stated counselor MSG R.T. Blackstock. The enlistment oath will be placed in an attractive binder with the soldier's honorable discharge certificate.

The Spectrum

The fabulous Spectrum is the Sunday evening fare for your dancing and listening pleasure at the Recreation Center this week. The soul-rock group from Nashville is a favorite for college and high school functions throughout Alabama and Tennessee and has made a number of appearances in Atlanta. The admission is free - the entertainment tops, so bring a friend and come dance.

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Pediatric Clinic Revises Schedule For Efficiency

A new schedule of operation became effective yesterday for the Pediatric Clinic at the post hospital. Parents are asked to comply with the appointment times for more efficient service. For children with acute illness (fever, earache, pain, etc.) call 876-3247 at 8 a.m., Mon.-Fri., and ask for a morning pediatric clinic appointment. The child will be given an appointment between 9-11 a.m. that same day. A parent desiring to speak to the pediatric nurse clinician about their child's illness, but not desiring an appointment should call 876-5873 between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. only. This special service will be limited to the one hour time period. Infants six weeks (or younger), three months, six months and one year of age will be examined at the well baby clinic by appointment only, between the hours of 1 and 2 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Appointments

should be made after 9 a.m., by calling 876-3247. Immunizations will no longer be given in the mornings. Patients under 16 years of age will receive any required immunizations in the pediatric clinic from 1-3:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. No appointment is necessary. Parents should bring the yellow immunization record and the child's health record when requesting immunization. Afternoon appointments with the pediatric physician or nurse clinician are made by referral only. If a child was referred to the pediatric service at Redstone by another military or civilian medical facility, the parent should call 876-5873 between 8 and 9 a.m. only, so that the pediatric nurse clinician may schedule an afternoon appointment.

Early Deadline

(Washington, D.C.)—The Turkish Government has told American officials that APOs in Turkey will not be allowed to send or receive packages after September 15. Letter mail is allowed to continue. DA said in an announcement last week that packages destined for Army and Air Force post offices in Turkey should be mailed by September 1 to reach there by the September 15 deadline.

Strumming Bus Driver

by IRMA McKNIGHT

Julie's love for automation doesn't end at the motor pool. She is also an avid racing fan. She is chief scorekeeper at Cullman Speedway and Gadsden Raceway on Friday and Saturday nights, respectively. On Thursday nights she works with Sheila Dunnivant's pit crew at the Huntsville International Speedway. She is also a reporter for the Southern Auto Racing News. She spends most of her free time repairing cars and working at the raceways. She would rather drive a truck than a car because she likes the feeling of being above everyone else, but, she added, "A truck driver is always taken advantage of by someone in a car." The Anaka, Minnesota, native says she does not believe in women's lib because a woman cannot do some of the things a man can because she wasn't made to. Julie says that she has proven this to herself a countless number of times while repairing cars. Her hands can barely stand up to the harsh treatment that goes in mechanics. She would like to go into the automotive field after her enlistment is up, but is uncertain.

Posters Promote Suggestion Month

If you have some good ideas for posters to advertise the Suggestion Program, now is your chance to submit them, and get a cash award of \$25 if the poster is adopted for use in the MICOM Incentive Awards program. MICOM Civilian Personnel officials have announced that October will be Suggestion Poster month, to promote renewed interest in submitting quality suggestions.

They said poster subjects may emphasize specific results such as ideas on reducing costs, management improvement, saving materials, energy conservation, or other appropriate subjects. Instructions for submitting poster ideas say that the sketches must be attached to a completed DA Form 1045 and submitted in time to reach the Incentive Awards Office not later than Oct. 31. Mary Grimes, executive secretary for the Incentive Awards Committee, said that every effort will be made to evaluate the sketches and pay the cash award for those adopted prior to Dec. 15.



AWARDED—Colonel Leonard M. Winter was awarded the Legion of Merit with First Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding performance of duty while serving as Director of the Procurement and Production. He retired from military service last week.

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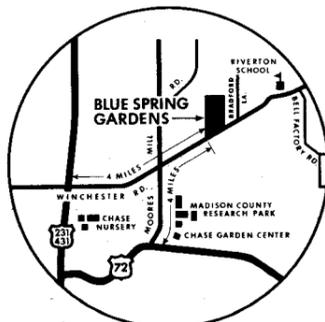
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Hudgins' Electronics Career Began In Scouts

by BILL HAYES

He was a Boy Scout shortly after the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and a Huntsville radio pioneer not twenty years after Marconi sent a wireless

Reserves Slate NSM Refresher

The Huntsville U.S. Army Reserve School (3392) will conduct a college-level group study course in National Security Management during the last week in September.

Final plans for the time and location of the class will be decided upon the response of individuals interested in participating.

Offered free of charge, the course is designed for active duty and reserve officers in the grade of major or lieutenant commander, state or local government employees in grades GS-13 or above, key civilian executives engaged in the defense sector of the economy and qualified personnel of allied countries.

The course is not aimed at training specialists but rather at providing a general background corresponding to the resident school curriculum of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Graduates who completed the NSM class in 1971, are eligible to repeat the course because of the updated subject matter. Reserve and National Guard officers can earn 24 retirement points each year.

To obtain an application or further information contact Joe Carlton, 453-3954; Bill Schmidt, 876-3181; Walter Kittleson, 876-7682; or Bill Jann, 876-1165.

message from England to Nova Scotia.

James W. Hudgins retired in August after more than 40 years of Federal service. He and his wife live in a comfortable Northeast Huntsville home not far from the Lincoln mills site where he was an electrician in the 1920's.

Hudgins was born in Huntsville in 1908 and graduated from Huntsville High School in 1925. The former electronics instructor for the Missile and Munitions Center and School got his first taste of radio and electronics early in life.

"I wrapped wire around an oatmeal can when I built my first crystal set," recalls Hudgins. He was guided in his project by a Boy

Scout manual.

His early success with that simple receiver demonstrated an affinity for electronics that led to

four decades of national service in that field.

He also lays claim to owning the first loudspeaker radio receiver in Huntsville.

"That was in 1922," says Hudgins, "and I would listen to KDKA in Pittsburgh, the first commercial radio station in the country."

Receiving his first amateur radio license in 1927, Hudgins became the third Huntsvillian so licensed by the government.

His interest in radio and electronics continued as he worked in the Lincoln cotton mills. But he joined the Army in 1930, opening a

30-year career in the Signal Corps. He served for 12 years as an enlisted man, 14 years as an Army Reserve office on active duty, and about four years as a warrant officer.

During World War II, Hudgins

served in campaigns in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany. His work was in communications and cryptography from time to time, but mostly in radio.

Hudgins found himself on the ground in Korea just two weeks after the conflict began there in late June, 1950.

Hudgins retired in May of 1960 as a lieutenant colonel after 30 years of service, and he went back to work a year later as an electronics

speaks of his interactions with people, not the various kinds of equipment he's used over the years.

But Hudgins speaks more of the present and the future than of the past. It seems a reflection of the attitude co-workers say he's carried for a long time.

Hudgins seems to enjoy his retirement. "It's like six Saturdays a week," he says.

But it just didn't happen that

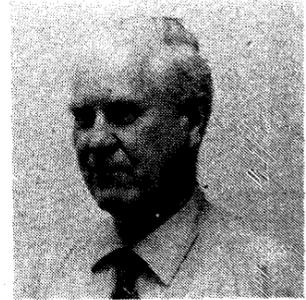
in the "Meals on Wheels" program that provides adequate meals to persons who might otherwise not have a nutritionally sound diet.

He's an active member of the Huntsville and Madison County emergency communications network. He spends a lot of time with his radio rig, too.

Hudgins' amateur extra class license authorizes him to operate a 2,000 watt transmitter on the

"My best rewards are in helping people."

-- Hudgins



instructor at the Army service school on Redstone Arsenal.

During his entire 14-year career at MMCS, Hudgins taught basic electronics to newly-arrived students.

Part of his job was trying to instill in his students the same spark of enthusiasm he found as a Boy Scout more than fifty years ago.

Hudgins believes technicians cannot function in a vacuum.

As Hudgins recalls his experiences in amateur radio, he

way. He's planned for it over a period of years.

"Five years is not too long for preparing for retirement. You've got to consider not only financial aspects, but also what to do with your time," he advises.

Careful planning, he suggest, reaps real rewards.

"My best rewards are in helping people," he adds.

For instance, he's helping two young men from his church study to qualify for amateur radio licenses, and he has become active

amateur frequency bands. He keeps a world globe handy to help him aim his directional antenna.

Under reasonable atmospheric conditions, he can contact any amateur receiving station in the world.

Hudgins says he also plans to write technician articles for amateur radio publications and to work on developments in radio equipment.

Hudgins and his wife will travel too, he says.

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Suggested names should be sent on plain paper or a three by five card with the suggester's name, office symbol and phone number on the back, to Mark Yoakum, AMCPM-RK4, Room B-310, Bldg. 4505.

Parker Cited

W. A. Parker, deputy director of Procurement and Production, has received the Society of Logistics Engineers' field award for procurement management.

The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions made by individuals in application of mechanical and management skills in the area of procurement management.



COMMENDED—MAJ William Harborth was the recipient of the Marine Corps Certificate of Commendation for service as Marine Corps Liaison Officer at MICOM. MG Vincent H. Ellis made the presentation. Harborth retired last week with 22 years of military service. He plans to stay in Huntsville.



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Mrs. Diane Kline, Chairman of the Handicapped for ACS, said, "The success of the program was due to the excellent direction of

Mrs. Winnie Beall, Program Director, and the cheerful cooperation of the teenage volunteers. The campers really enjoyed being together out under the trees while working on their projects." She also expressed her desire for enough support to continue the program.

Mrs. Beall was assisted at the camp by the ACS volunteers. CW04 Henry Beall provided transportation for the children who live off post. Michael Patterson and Larry Dendinger, military police, were on hand to render first aid when needed. Teenage volunteers, Sharon Balderson, Scott Beall, Tim Bisch, Tom Dwyer, Meg Johnson, Gloria Kinch, Kathy Minton, Keith Richard, and Ann Turnmeyer were commended by the ACS staff

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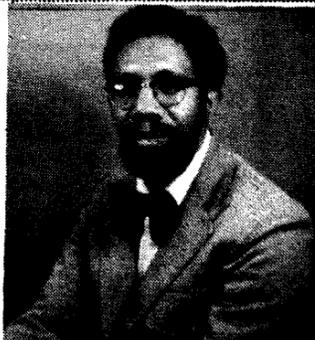
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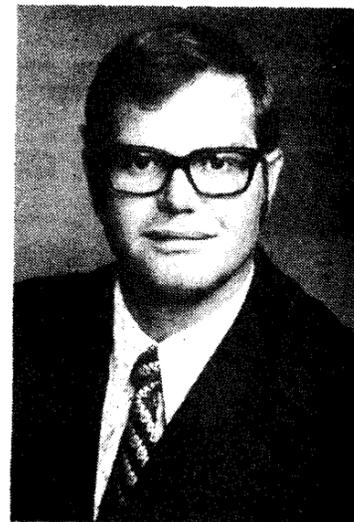
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Termed the toughest target ever attempted by Stinger by Colonel David E. Green, project manager, the jet fighter flown by remote control attempted a last second high acceleration maneuver to thwart the missile.

Although the missile did not carry the high explosive warhead it would use in combat, it hit the fighter's engine. The aircraft caught fire immediately, went out of control and crashed.

The test was the second in which the missile was fired from a gunner's shoulder. Chuck Evans, an engineer employed by General

Dynamics, Stinger prime contractor, fired the shot. In the first shoulder launched firing a month ago, Stinger shot down a pilotless T-33 jet.

Green said the perfect intercept despite the fighter's high speed and evasive maneuver "demonstrates vividly the accuracy and capabilities of the Stinger system."

The test was the fifth straight success in the current Design Flight Program and the 14th consecutive success in the missile firing test program. Most of the development tests to date have been fired from a fixed launcher.

Green said forthcoming tests will include additional shoulder shots, using missiles that have been preconditioned to hot and cold temperature extremes. Some of the firings will include live warheads.



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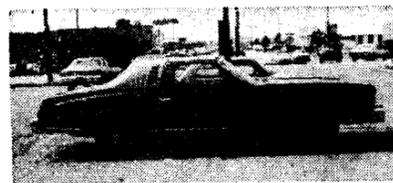
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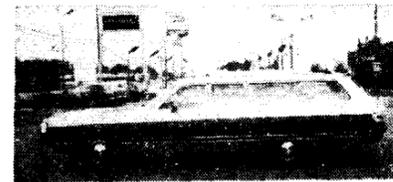
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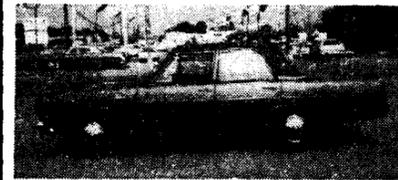
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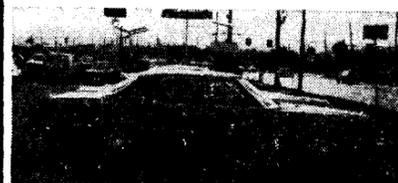
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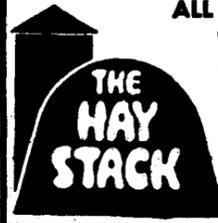
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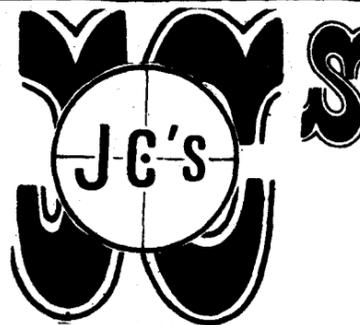
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