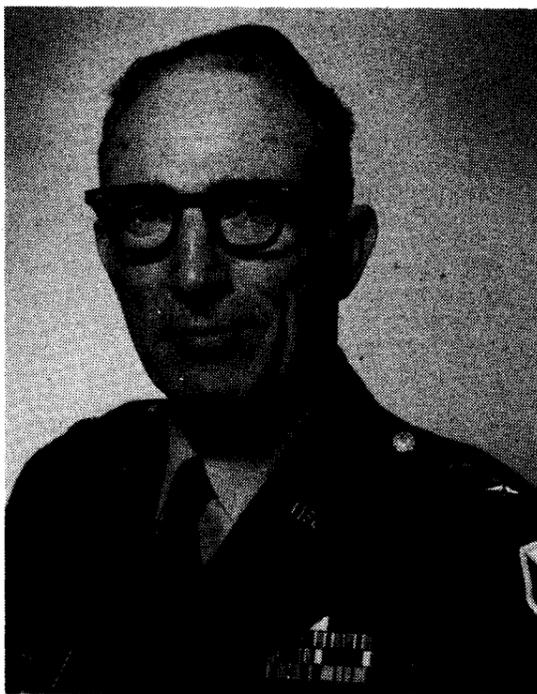
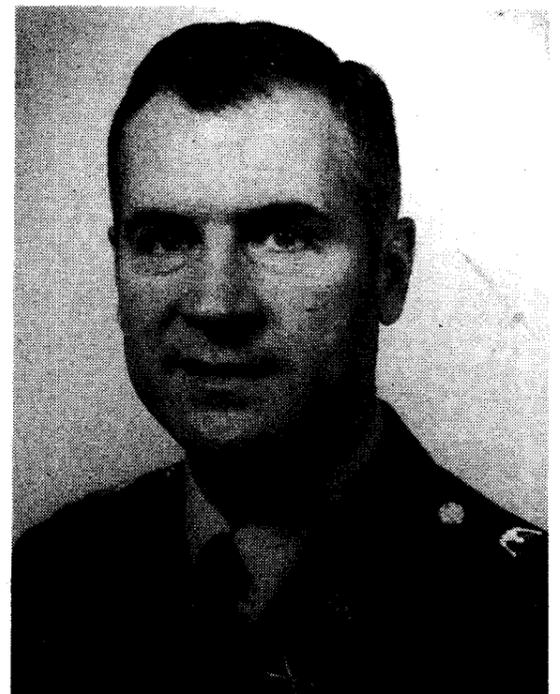




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Tate Gets No. 2 Post

Turnmeyer Named MICOM Commander

The Department of Army has announced new assignments for three of the Missile Command's general officers.

Major General Vincent H. Ellis, present Commander, has been named to command the Defense Property Disposal Service in Battle Creek, Michigan;

Major General George E. Turnmeyer, Deputy Commander, will succeed General Ellis; and

Brigadier General Grayson D. Tate, Jr., Lance Project Manager here will succeed General Turnmeyer.

Turnmeyer and Tate will assume their new duties on October 1 while Ellis takes over his new post October 20. A successor to Tate in the Lance Project Office has not yet been named.

Ellis, who has directed the Army's missile and rocket programs here since 1973, is taking charge of a major element of the Defense Supply Agency. His new command administers the reuse or sale of about \$6 billion annually in Defense Department surplus materiel throughout the world. The organization has 6,000 employees operating 300 activities in 20 nations. It was established three years ago to centralize activities formerly carried out separately by all the armed forces.

Turnmeyer, who now becomes the Army's top missileman, will have responsibility for research, development, procurement and support of Army missiles and rockets world wide. That involves managing a two billion dollar a year program which includes some 20 missile and rocket systems, more than 40 prime contractors, 300 first-tier subcontractors and 5,400 subcontractors in almost every state in the union.

Ellis is an experienced logistician with 33 years of active military service. Before coming to Redstone, he was Deputy Commanding General for Logistics Support for the Army Materiel Command, and prior to that had commanded the Munitions Command. He also has served as Deputy Commanding General of the Army Tank Automotive Command and commanded Harry Diamond Laboratories.

Turnmeyer, an experienced logistician with 31 years of active duty, came here

in April 1973 as Lance Project Manager and was promoted to Brigadier General during that assignment. Prior to that, he commanded the Army Materiel Command in Europe. Among other assignments, he served for three years on the Army General Staff and three years on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. He has been MICOM Deputy Commander for the past year.

Tate, with 25 years of service, has had

a diverse career with Field Artillery missile systems and with research and development. Among missile assignments, he was a battery commander in the Army's first missile battalion (Corporal) in the early 50s; commanded a Sergeant missile Battalion at Ft. Sill; and commanded the 4th U.S. Army Missile Command in Korea.

He became Lance Project Manager in 1974.

How Safe Is Your Car?

(It's time to make sure . . . See next page)



For Auto, Magic Number Is 23

Safety inspections will be required of all automobiles registered at Redstone Arsenal beginning October 1. Effective then a 23-item safety inspection will be required of all new registrations, while vehicles already registered as of October 1 have exactly one year — until Oct. 1, 1976 — to meet the inspection requirement.

There are approximately 42,000 vehicles registered here, with about 1200 new registrations each month.

The safety inspection may be obtained at a garage or service station at the registrant's expense.

The free UAH Auto Check, for which many late model cars are eligible, satisfies the inspection requirement.

Inspection forms are available at the Registration and Identification Section, Bldg. 3421. Forms are also available at the PX service station where for a fee all new registrants as well as authorized PX patrons may have the inspection performed.

Inspection decals which mount on front and back bumpers next to registration decals will be issued by the Registration and Identification Section upon presentation of a satisfactory inspection form or a UAH Auto Check form.

The inspections are necessary because of an Army Regulation requiring them in the absence of state laws which provide for inspections. Redstone received a waiver to the Regulation when it went into effect 18 months ago based on the belief that a state inspection law was forthcoming. The waiver recently expired.

The inspection program applies to all motor vehicles registered at Redstone Arsenal except those registered at Marshall Center, which is readying its own inspection program.

Individuals wanting more information should call Mrs. Judith M. Smith (formerly Vaccaro), Internal Security, 876-4678.

Better Check State Permits

That good old state drivers license you've been using since you joined the Service might be expired. Maybe you've heard from your friends that it's good for your entire military career. Well, don't bank on it.

Only 19 states have laws that automatically extend drivers licenses to cover your time spent in the service. Twenty-one others have varying laws, usually requiring a special license or setting time limits on the maximum length of extension.

Ten states have no provisions for extensions and licenses must be renewed in person.

Many Servicemembers learn to their surprise that they possess an invalid license. This surprise can become chagrin should they be ticketed in the process.

It's possible to replace your home state license with one issued by the state you're currently stationed in (or assigned to if departing an overseas command). However, should you move or be transferred to another state, the license will become invalid.

The way to avoid such a fate is to check your license. If the date of expiration has passed, read over the license. Many states list requirements for extension or renewal somewhere on the form.



What'll It Be—5.5 Or 8.66?

Sen. Lee Metcalf's resolution to disapprove the 5 percent federal pay raise proposed by President Ford has passed the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and now goes to the full Senate for vote.

If the Senate adopts Sen. Metcalf's resolution, it would have the effect of guaranteeing a 8.66 percent pay raise for federal white collar civilian employees and military personnel, in October.

Congressional sources have indicated that Congress may be reluctant to override the Presi-

dent's proposal for a 5 percent increase, as it would, for the first time, include a raise for members of Congress.

Gas Saving Tip

Pre-plan your trips. Figure out which route will require the least fuel. Allow for the fact that freeway driving is nearly twice as economical as driving in heavy city traffic. Travel during off-peak traffic times whenever possible. Use routes with a minimum number of traffic lights and stop signs.

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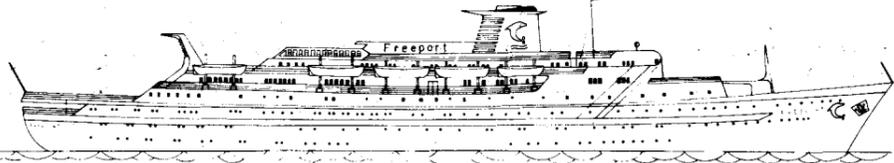
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AUSA To Meet

The United States Army, now in its 200th year of national service, will be the subject of review and celebration at the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) at the Sheraton Park Hotel, October 20, 21 and 22.

The three-day gathering of the Army's professional association, continuing a 22-year tradition, provides a forum in which to focus public attention on the activities, goals and achievements of the Army. The program of professional discussions is balanced with association business activities.

Reports by the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff and other senior Army officials on the status of the Army and a panel discussion on military compensation and benefits are among the featured events of the affair.

The opening day's ceremonies will be highlighted by the keynote address by the recently appointed Secretary of the Army, Martin Hoffmann, and a report on AUSA by the association's President, James Woodruff. Also included in the Monday schedule of events is an address by General William DePuy, Commanding General of the Army's Training and Doctrines Command (TRADOC). A conference of the Army's Sergeants Major, hosted by Sergeant Major of the Army, William Bainbridge, will also be held.

Tuesday activities feature an address by the Army's Chief of Staff, General Fred C. Weyand at the annual luncheon. Other activities include presentations and a

discussion by MG Richard Trefry of the Defense Quadrennial Review Board and General Bruce Palmer (USA-Ret.) of the Defense Manpower Commission. The panel will address military compensation and benefits issues. This morning session will be moderated by AUSA's Director of Public Affairs, Major General Robert F. Cocklin, USAR.

General Bernard Rogers, Commanding General of the Army's Forces Command (FORSCOM), will head a panel of speakers which provide the feature event for Wednesday when he reports on the Army's active and reserve force readiness. An AUSA business meeting is scheduled for the afternoon session for membership approval of the 1975 Resolutions—the Association's objectives for 1976.

The George Catlett Marshall Memorial Dinner, Wednesday, October 22, highlights the social events for the meeting. The Marshall Medal, AUSA's highest award for service to the Nation, will be presented to Ambassador Stanley R. Resor, the dinner's principal speaker. Other social activities during the three-day meeting include a Monday night reception to honor the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff and an Annual Luncheon on Tuesday.

A wide range of military and industrial exhibits, covering some 90,000 square feet of space, supplement the activities of the annual meeting. The exhibits which tell the story of Army units, and weapons and equipment developments, are open to the public daily.

Jones Commands

Brigadier General John G. Jones is the new Commander of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command. He assumed command on Monday.

In ceremonies in front of the BMDSCOM building, General Jones took over his new command from Colonel Joseph T. Gibson, acting commander since the departure of Major General Bates C. Burnell in July.

Prior to his new assignment, General Jones served as Military Assistant in the Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense in Washington.

General Jones' major assignments during 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 for the Army's Main Battle Tank Project.

His decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, 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 at West Point and holds Master's

degrees from the University of Southern California and George Washington University. He has also attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



JONES

As Commander of BMDSCOM General Jones will be responsible for logistical and maintenance support for the operational Safeguard Ballistic Missile Defense System developed and deployed by BMDSCOM.

He will also have the responsibility for conducting a Systems Technology Program to validate ballistic missile defense technological breakthroughs and new system concepts, and for operation of the Kwajalein Missile Range in the Pacific Ocean 2500 miles west of Hawaii.

Gen. Brown To Speak

Members of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) will hear General George S. Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at their monthly meeting on September 25, 1975, according to Bill Turney, Program Chairman for the local chapter.



BROWN

The meeting will be held at the Officers' Open Mess.

General Brown was appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on July 1, 1974. Prior to that he served as Air Force Chief of Staff.

A native of Montclair, New Jersey, General Brown entered the Army in 1937. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1941, entered flying training and received his wings at Kelly Field, Texas in 1942.

During World War II, General Brown was a member of the first B-24 bomber unit assigned to the Eighth Air Force in Europe. He and his crew survived the now famous low-level bombing mission against the oil refineries at Ploesti, Romania in 1943.

When the Korean War broke out in 1950, General Brown became Commander of the 62nd Troop Carrier Group at McChord AFB, Washington, which operated between the West Coast and Japan.

In 1968 he assumed command of the Seventh Air Force and also

became Deputy Commander for Air Operations, U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV).

During the last 38 years General Brown has served in a number of important and key positions culminating with his appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He holds the rating of Command Pilot.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Bill Turney at 895-3410 or Stacy Davenport at 876-7135.

Quality Not Tied To Promotions

WASHINGTON (ANF)—"Many highly qualified officers are not being selected for promotion because of the reduced size of the Army." That's the message Headquarters, DA has sent to all commands emphasizing that even though an officer is passed over for promotion it should not be taken as an indicator of low quality.

The primary reason for promotion passovers is continued low selection rates in FY 74-75 resulting from a numerically smaller Army and officer corps. DA stressed that a good performance record is the primary indicator of quality—not selection for promotion alone.

The commander who rejects an officer for assignment or decides not to assign him to a certain job solely because the officer was not selected for promotion or schooling does that officer and the Army a disservice.

Most officers who have recently been passed over for promotion are experienced officers who can make substantial contributions to the Army.

Efforts have been made in the past two years to insure that quality officers are distributed fairly Army-wide. There has been a marked reduction of by-name requests, and better use of officers on their last tour.

Senior service school graduates as well as marginal performers have been uniformly assigned to preclude their concentration.

Contract Managers Meet Next Week

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association (NCMA) will hold its first dinner meeting of the 1975-76 year on Sept. 24 in the Safeguard Room of the Officers' Open Mess.

Guest speaker will be Douglas Corderman, national president of NCMA. His topic will be "NCMA—The Story".

Non-members are welcome. For reservations, call Betty Robinson, 539-1745 by noon, Sept. 23.



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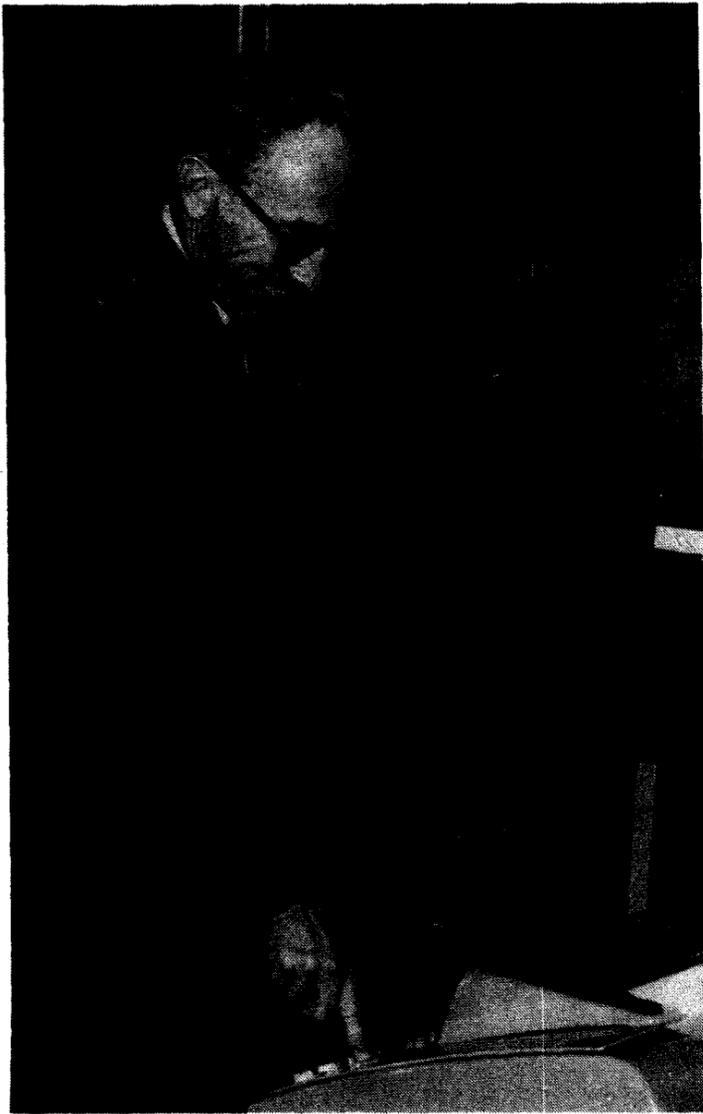
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Redstone Starts Computerized Power



Major General Vincent H. Ellis presses the button making Redstone the first Defense agency to put computerized power management into operation.

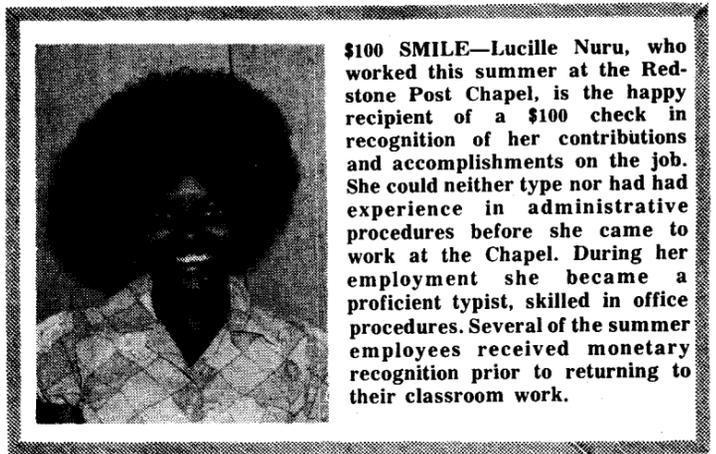
For a big occasion it was a little ceremony. A small group looked on as the Commanding General pressed a button and Redstone became the Defense Department's first agency to put a computerized power management system into operation.

A great number of others shared the occasion however by watching vicariously from military bases all over the country. They watched as they've been watching since word got out a short time ago that Redstone was about to put the system on-line while their systems existed only in feasibility studies and on drawing boards.

With that ceremoniously-pressed button. Redstone won last Wednesday what is becoming in the Defense Department the great race to computerized power management as it promises savings on electric bills in the range of 20 per cent. So decisive was the win that systems for the competition are still a year or two down the road.

"It's another instance of the Missile Command getting there first with the best," Deputy Facilities Engineer Paul Hancock said in remarks at the ceremony.

Among those who had key roles in putting the system into operation were Jim Campbell and Ron Harmon who headed up the project for Facilities Engineer; Tom Moore and Fred Cash of DMIS who did the software work; design engineers Herb Zimmerli and Will Alexander of Facilities Engineer; Facilities Engineer John Cotney and DMIS Director Willie Calcote; and USACC-Redstone which designed and installed the circuitry.



\$100 SMILE—Lucille Nuru, who worked this summer at the Redstone Post Chapel, is the happy recipient of a \$100 check in recognition of her contributions and accomplishments on the job. She could neither type nor had had experience in administrative procedures before she came to work at the Chapel. During her employment she became a proficient typist, skilled in office procedures. Several of the summer employees received monetary recognition prior to returning to their classroom work.

Laser Unit Open

The Missile Command has established a High Energy Laser Directorate to consolidate and streamline laser technology programs conducted within the MICOM research and engineering laboratories.

"We're focusing the people, talent and facilities within the labs to support the High Energy Laser Systems Project Office and the Ballistic Missile Advanced Technology Center," said Dr. John L. McDaniel, Director of the Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

The HELS Project Office of MICOM directs all the Army's high energy laser programs. BMATC directs advanced research efforts in ballistic missile defense.

McDaniel said Dr. Thomas Honeycutt has been named acting director of the new directorate which is staffed initially by about 70 people, equally divided between a Laser Science Division and an Advanced Laser Technology Division. The two divisions are headed by Dr. Thomas Horton and Dr. Joseph Luquire, respectively.

The Laser Science group will conduct basic research and exploratory development, thus providing and maintaining a technology base for Army high energy laser efforts. Advanced Laser Technology will be the applications division, where research becomes reality, and the science and technology evolve into specific applications.

"We currently have about 70 people in the directorate and we'll draw others from the Command's research and development community," Honeycutt said. "But the Army also is talking with laser scientists across the country, some of the most outstanding men in their fields, to provide leadership and fill positions in the new

directorate."

In addition to the talent assembled, MICOM has an advisory staff of consultants headed by Dr. Willis Lamb, Nobel Prize winner now with the University of Arizona and includes Dr. Marlan Scully, University of Arizona; Dr. Earl McDaniel, Georgia Tech; Dr. William B. McKnight, former MICOM scientist now with the University of Alabama—Huntsville; Dr. Larry O'Neill, Riverside Research Laboratory; Dr. Ed Gerry, Advanced Research Projects Agency; and Dr. John P. Minton, Ohio State University.

MICOM plans to host a series of national meetings, the first scheduled this fall, to bring together the top talent in laser technology for discussions on specific laser topics and problems.

Future plans call for a new building to house the directorate, somewhere near old Line 6 on the southeast part of the arsenal. The directorate is housed presently in scattered facilities at Bldgs. 8971, 8972 and 4762.

MICOM began research on laser guidance techniques in the early 1960s and pioneered the technology and experimental hardware used by the Air Force in the development of its laser guided smart bomb and gave birth to current Army programs such as Hellfire and Cannon Launched Guided Projectile.

Red Cross Volunteers

The Red Cross on post needs volunteers to work in the wards and clinics at the Post Hospital, at the bloodmobiles and at the school health clinics.

Free nursery care will be provided while the volunteer is on duty. For information call 876-3381 or 876-4427.

Sweet Things Come In Pairs

They say good neighbors are hard to find these days. But try to make non-believers out of the Teagues and Fukudas, who live at Spartan Plaza on the Arsenal.

Both couples, who have been friends since assigned to Redstone, recently tightened their ties when both wives gave birth on the same day.

The happy coincidence occurred Sept. 9. Sgt. Gust A. Teague and wife, Rosane, of 1406 C. Spartan Plaza, were parents of a 7-pound 7 1/2-ounce 19 1/2-inch-long boy born at 12:05 a.m. They named the child Gust A. Teague II.

SP6 Melvin G. H. Fukuda and wife Lynn, who live downstairs in 1406B, were parents of a girl

—born at 1:55 p.m. The two babies were almost identical in weight and size. Kay E. J. Fukuda weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and was also 19 1/2 inches long.

Teague is a Hawk Continuous Wave Radar Technician, while Fukuda is a Vulcan-Chaparral instructor, both at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Accountants Hear Simpson

The Huntsville Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will kick-off the 75-76 program year on Thursday, September 18, at Michael's Restaurant.

The speaker for the evening will be Fred Simpson, District Attorney for Madison County. He will discuss "Our Local Drug Problems". All persons interested in the subject are welcome.

The season-opening meeting is a guest night. Reservations can be made by contacting Charles Harper, 876-5975.



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A Rich Past

The Hispanic-American's role in our national heritage has for the most part been forgotten, although his culture in this hemisphere dates back as far as 8,000 B.C.

Pioneers of Hispanic origin settled the West and Southwest long before the Declaration of Independence, and created an extensive network of agricultural, educational and religious communities before they gradually became an integral part of the emerging United States.

Spanish-speaking people can be traced to Columbus' discovery of the New World in 1492, and the Indians with whom Spaniards intermingled date back centuries earlier.

But the lives of Hispanic-Americans to the present day were shaped principally by four historical figures—Cortez and Pizarro, Spanish conquerors; and

Bernardo de Galvez, governor of Louisiana in 1777, supported the Americans and helped strengthen their defenses against the British. Corresponding with governors of Virginia, Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, he used Spanish units, along with battalions of mulattoes and blacks, and attacked the British along the Gulf of Mexico.

In 1823, President Monroe signed the Monroe Doctrine, which stated in essence that European influence in America and Latin America would no longer be tolerated.

While America tried to break European ties, there were new developments in American-Latin relations. In 1835, Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna defeated a group of Texans at the Alamo, which set the stage for the Mexican War 10 years later.

Peace finally came in 1848 with

SOLDIERS--



The diversity of the Hispanic Americans' ancestry shows in the faces of these Puerto Rican soldiers. Members of the 65th Regimental Combat Team, 3d Infantry Division, they were en route to Korea in September, 1950.

Montezuma and Manco Capac, Indian chieftains.

Montezuma, ruler of a refined empire of roads, canals, temples and business centers which rivaled European capitals of the time, was overthrown by Cortez in 1519. Cortez, who the Indians believed was a supernatural being, seized Montezuma and plundered the capital ruthlessly, sending the riches back to Spain.

Manco Capac was the Indian ruler of the Incas in Peru. Although he existed peacefully with the Spanish for some time, his rule of the Incas came to an end 1532. The Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro engaged him in a long and fierce battle at the Incan capital of Cuzco. Pizarro was victorious.

Others explorers included Juan Ponce de Leon and Vasco Nunez de Balboa. Ponce de Leon discovered what is now Florida; Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean.

The New World, under the Spaniards and the Indians, developed rapidly. In 1533, the first university on the North American continent was founded in Mexico. The Hispanic people also founded Santa Fe in 1610. As today's capital of New Mexico, Santa Fe is the oldest seat of government among the states.

Hispanic-Americans played a major role along the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River Valley during the American Revolution.

the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. A new era opened after the peace treaty. The modern Mexican-American was born.

Hispanic-American Daniel de Leon—A Columbia University graduate—ran for governor in New York in 1891. As editor of the first Spanish-language newspaper in New York, he was a strong supporter of labor reform in the U.S.

After Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1821, U.S. relations with Spain worsened. In 1898, the battleship Maine was sunk in Havana Harbor and the Spanish-American War began. The United States was victorious and the Spanish empire lost its hold in the New World.

In the early 1900's, Spain continued to concede territories they once held with a powerful hand. Beginning with the overthrow of Porfirio Diaz, president of Mexico, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata fought a succession of dictators from 1910 to the early 20's. Zapata and Villa battled what they saw to be social injustices and often used violence. The U.S. dispatched Gen. John J. Pershing to chase Villa after the Mexican crossed the border into New Mexico.

Today the Hispanic struggle for political independence is a thing of the past. But their rich heritage goes unrecognized. Hispanics, young and old, are striving to change that.

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Despite the contributions they have made and are making to the nation, racial and cultural minorities usually do not fare as well as the American majority. The Hispanic-Americans are a good example. They have too often been forced to change their ways and adapt to Anglo-American life styles.

To increase the average citizen's understanding of the Hispanic-American's dual cultural life, Sept. 14 through Sept. 20 has been declared Hispanic Heritage Week.

Still deprecatingly called spics, wetbacks, greasers and pachucos, only recently have Hispanics gained recognition for their part in U.S. history.

Primarily a mixture of Indian and Spanish, Hispanic-Americans embody the cultural heritage of many civilizations and races. A diverse people—Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Filipinos, South and Central Americans—they are the largest ethnic minority in the United States after the blacks.

Soldiers of Hispanic-American origin make up the second largest ethnic minority in the Army. Although, they face many of the problems black soldiers do, language differences compound the troubles.

SGM Joel Gonzales of the Combat and Training Development Department at the Missile and Munitions Center and School said, however, that the Army is far ahead of other organizations in dealing with Hispanic-Americans' problems. Equal opportunity programs are responsible for Army advances, he said.

The Mexican-American native of Florence, Colo., said he couldn't recall any discriminatory practices against Spanish-speaking people recently. "However, three or four years ago, there seemed to be some resentment from Spanish-speaking people towards the Army's push on discrimination practices against the blacks," he said.

"The Hispanic-Americans felt, as part of a minority group, they

were being left out by the Army," said Gonzales.

Presently, 22 civilians and 18 soldiers at Redstone are Hispanic-American, according to recent EEO figures.

Whites' lack of understanding of Hispanic-Americans often sur-

legislators, scientists, clergymen, communicators, jurists—represent the best of those who with pride and style have brought honor to their heritage and richness to our world.

Among the achievers have been Vikki Carr, who is of Mexican-

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faces when Hispanics gather in groups. Not understanding, many whites feel Hispanics are collaborating to overthrow or take over the Army, or worse. Ridiculous as it may seem, such fears can sometimes lead a person to say something he doesn't mean.

Maj. M. Joseph Garcia of the Procurement Production Directorate at MICOM, and a Spanish-Italian, says that when minority groups gather together, it is more out of common interest than because of racial segregation or polarization.

"For Hispanic-Americans, their common bond is their language," said Garcia.

But often Hispanics are misunderstood, which is one reason why they often call themselves "strangers in our own land." But strangers they aren't. Many Hispanic-Americans—artists, educators, sportsmen, labor leaders, entertainers,

American descent; Roberto Clemente, a Puerto Rican major leaguer who gave his life trying to help Nicaraguan earthquake victims; and Dr. Antonio Gasset, a noted Cuban refugee ophthalmologist.

Others include Jim Plunkett, a Mexican-American winner of the Heisman Trophy and quarterback for the New England Patriots; Congressman Herman Badillo, a native-born Puerto Rican; and Sen. Joseph Montoya from New Mexico, who was a prime mover in establishing National Hispanic Heritage Week.

And there are many more. During Hispanic Heritage Week, Spanish-speaking people ask nothing more than what all people desire: recognition of their identity.

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"Simple Art" Fills House

In a round-about way, Bessie Bradford has the tornado of April 3, 1974, to thank for her impressive dining room suite. Speaking directly, her husband Leon, a sergeant at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, gets all the credit.

The Bradfords lost all their furniture—and the trailer that surrounded it—in the tornado. Not long afterwards, they were pacing showrooms and warehouses in search of replacements. "We went out and priced furniture," said Bradford. "It told me

something: I could build most of what I saw." Putting his background in arts and crafts to work, Bradford began hatching plans. He scoured furniture catalogs for heights, widths and depths. Visiting more stores, he took careful note of fabrics, colors and styles.

Ideas were set on paper. Time was spent at the Arsenal crafts shop watching others work with power saws, lathes, sanders—tools Bradford had not used in his art courses at Alcorn A & M University where he earned a degree in music education in 1971.

He saw that woodworking wasn't difficult, that it actually could be pleasurable. Following the plans he had drawn with the advice of his wife, Bradford started shaping, sanding, staining, nailing.

"Woodwork is a simple art," Bradford said. "If you can design, you can do woodwork."

An experienced musician—he teaches trumpet and played it in his college band, an oil painter and a dabbler in ceramics, Bradford would appear to possess that capacity for "design" which he says is a short hop from carpentry. From the look of his products, capacity has indeed been translated into deep, warm colors and firm surfaces.

Bradford built a frame to contain a giant waterbed. Then, last February, he embarked upon a construction project of greater magnitude: a table, six chairs and a hutch.

Mrs. Bradford now is showing off her recently-completed Jacobean dining room suite to admiring friends. Leon Bradford's been answering a lot of questions.

"The first thing they ask is how long it took," he said. They also wonder what kind of wood has drunk in all that rich greenish-brown stain. Just pine, he says.

"I used the cheapest wood I could find," said Bradford. "A lot of people think the wood makes the furniture, but I don't think so. The finish determines the outcome. I started with basic pine wood and spent most of money on stains and hinges and other parts."

Bradford has only a short time to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He departs for Officer Candidate at Ft. Benning next month. The course lasts 90 days.

Bradford reported for Army basic training at Ft. Polk, La., the day after he graduated from college. Learning he was to be drafted four months prior to that, he thought it best to enlist and delay his entry exactly 120 days in order to finish work on his degree.

"My idea was to come into the Army and pick up an extra skill," Bradford recalled. "But I found out I liked the job I got, so I stayed."

Bradford currently teaches portions of the Chaparral missile system to MMCS student-soldiers.

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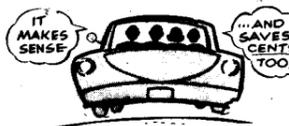
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Industry Reviews Missile Plans

Army future missile systems requirements is the theme with approximately 850 military and industrial officials gathered for classified talks here this week.

First session of the two-day program, called an Advanced Planning Briefing for Industry, opened yesterday at Rocket Auditorium and will be repeated on September 18-19. Attendance is by invitation only.

The program, hosted by the Missile Command and assisted by the American Defense Preparedness Association, is intended to inform industry about the Army's future missile plans and requirements. Briefings include long range development objectives, presentations on current research and development programs, and funding plans for R & D procurement and support of systems in the field.

Major General Vincent H. Ellis welcomed attendees and delivered

the keynote address launching activities yesterday.

Briefings are planned to be of primary interest to industrial executives advanced system planners, directors of research, development, engineering and production; and to those concerned with corporate long-range objectives.

MICOM has representatives available to explain where industry can obtain R & D information and to counsel small business.

Rental Boosts Awards

Huntsville firms received more than \$1.3 million in awards from the Missile Command last month boosted in part by annual renewal of rental for business machines.

Awards to companies in nearby cities totaled approximately \$190,000.

Individual awards ran from a few dollars to several thousands, and covered a wide variety of the goods and services needed to support the missile programs at Redstone. Not included are contracts for missile systems and related hardware.

These contracts, mainly to major industries, ran to \$13,044,532.

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

Took Six Years— But Worth It

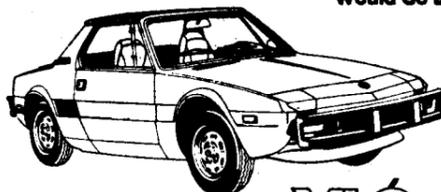
Charlie L. Chaplin, an electronics mechanic leader in the Army Communications Command Agency, Redstone, has received a degree under the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) degree program at the University of Oklahoma. He began his studies in January 1969 and graduated in July.

According to a Newsletter published by the University's College of Liberal Studies, Chaplin was the 501st person to graduate under the BLS program. He was among a group of 28 from all over the U.S. who received degrees at the July ceremonies.

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Wagon Box Fight Was Made For Hollywood

If ever a moment in the hard reality of the Army's long campaigns against the plains Indians matched the ideal of Hollywood wide screen spectaculars, it came just after 7 a.m. on August 2, 1867.

Picture it: A burning blue sky, a lush mountain meadow ringed by the deeper greens of trees in summer foliage; the rolling thunder of hundreds of racing ponies, each bearing a Sioux warrior in full regalia; a handful of soldiers prone behind sacks, hay bales and wagon boxes grimly look down the barrels of rifles into the onrushing tidal wave of painted horsemen. The soldiers' resolute commander takes careful aim beside his men, and shouts words of defiance and inspiration.

It happened that way, but fate cast Captain James W. Powell, not John Wayne, as the resolute commander, and what Powell said then was:

"Men, here they come. Take your places and shoot to kill."

A soldier's life on the plains was a combination of mind-bending monotony in garrison in sod and log hut outposts, interspersed with long marches on short rations through a pitiless land. Summer meant parched throats and endless dusty miles. Winter brought scurvy and frozen feet. There was danger and moments of real terror in nameless, swirling small fights against a foe acknowledged by the soldiers to be the finest light cavalry the world has ever seen.

With luck, a good man could make corporal in eight or 10 years in that Army. The graves of the unlucky dot the thousands of square miles from Texas north to the Canadian border, and west from Ft. Leavenworth to the crest of the Rockies.

As it turned out, there was almost enough luck to go around for the 32 men caught outside Ft. Phil Kearny that morning in what has been known ever after as the Wagon Box Fight.

Prudent soldiers who left the shelter of the three rude forts along the Bozeman Trail expected attack. There had been constant skirmishes for more than a year between the soldiers and Sioux determined to drive the white men away from their hunting grounds. The Indians had concentrated on Ft. Kearny with more than



modest success. The constantly growing ranks of grave markers in the post cemetery attested to it.

Powell and his men had camped about six miles from the fort while cutting wood. They had laid out an oval enclosure removing the boxes from their wagons to form the sides of a corral where they penned their stock at night. The wheels and beds of the wagons were used to haul logs into the fort. Sacks of rations and fodder had been piled in the spaces between the 14 wagon boxes.

Logging had begun and a loaded wagon train had already left for the fort that morning when more than 1,000 mounted warriors suddenly appeared.

Soldiers dropped axes and saws, snatched up their rifles and ran for the wagon box corral. Several had close calls, but all made it safely. Powell had just enough time to post his men around the perimeter, then the first attack—Powell later estimated 500 mounted horsemen—came roaring down upon them.

It was spectacular. The Sioux, leaning far over on the off side of their animals, circled the barricade, pressing closer. The

roar of the soldiers' rifles mixed with the sound of hoofbeats, shrill war whoops, an occasional scream from a wounded horse. Here and there, indistinct in the clouds of dust, a horse and rider went down.

The Sioux kept it up. Previous experience with the soldiers had taught them there would soon be a pause in the firing. It took time, even for an experienced man, to ram home and prime a new charge in a muzzle loader. That would be the instant for the final rush.

The fatal pause never came. Shooting with precision and a rapidity that the attackers had never before experienced, the soldiers kept up a steady fire. A few weeks before, Ft. Kearny had received a new shipment of rifles, modified Springfields loaded from the breech. A well drilled soldier could shoot, reload and fire again almost at once.

The men behind the wagon boxes were well drilled and the Sioux paid a heavy price for their new knowledge. Finally they drew off and held a council of war.

About 100 yards from one side of the wagon box enclosure, the level ground of the meadow ended in a sharp slope that

dropped down to a nearby creek. The Indians took shelter there and sent a plunging shower of arrows into the enclosure. Some were fire arrows and the grass around the wagon boxes and inside the enclosure caught fire. There were some firearms among the attackers too, rifles taken in previous fights with soldiers and immigrant wagon trains. There were good marksmen among the Sioux. They killed three soldiers, each shot in the head.

ONE MORE TRY

After a long delay the Indians tried again. This time several hundred Sioux on foot tried to rush one side of the enclosure. They almost made it. The bodies of some of the attackers lay within five feet of the wagon boxes before they were driven off.

That was about the end of it. The Indians sniped at the men in the enclosure for a while, then a relief force came out from the fort, and the Sioux rode off.

Red Cloud, the great Ogalala Sioux chief, said long afterward that he lost his best young men in the fight. Powell estimated perhaps 60 Indians killed and a 100 or more badly wounded. As always, it was difficult to be accurate. The Sioux ran great risks to carry off their dead and wounded.

The soldiers stuck it out through another miserable winter in the forts along the Bozeman Trail, but plainly the cost in two years of war with the Sioux had been too high.

In August 1868, the forts were abandoned. The Sioux burned each as soon as the soldiers marched away. That November, Red Cloud came in to Ft. Laramie and touched the pen to a treaty guaranteeing that the land he had fought to hold would be forbidden to whites.

The treaty, of course, was soon broken by the white men.

Red Cloud gave his word not to make war again and he kept it. If there was any comfort to it. He was the first and only Indian leader in the West to win a war with the United States.

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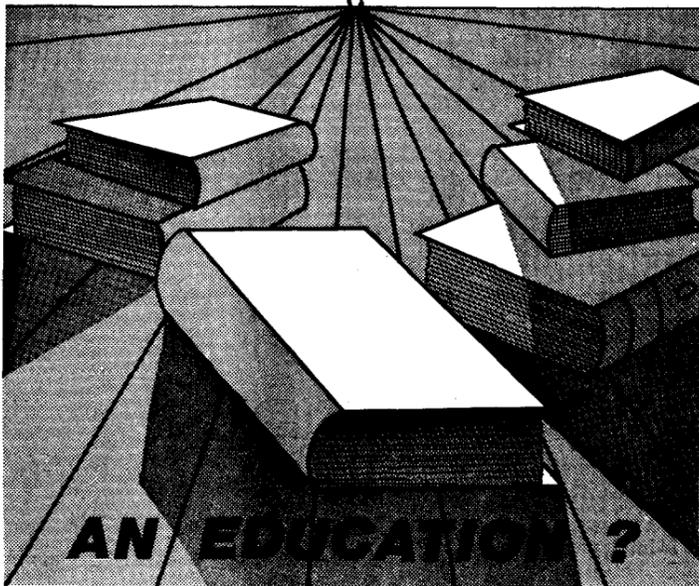
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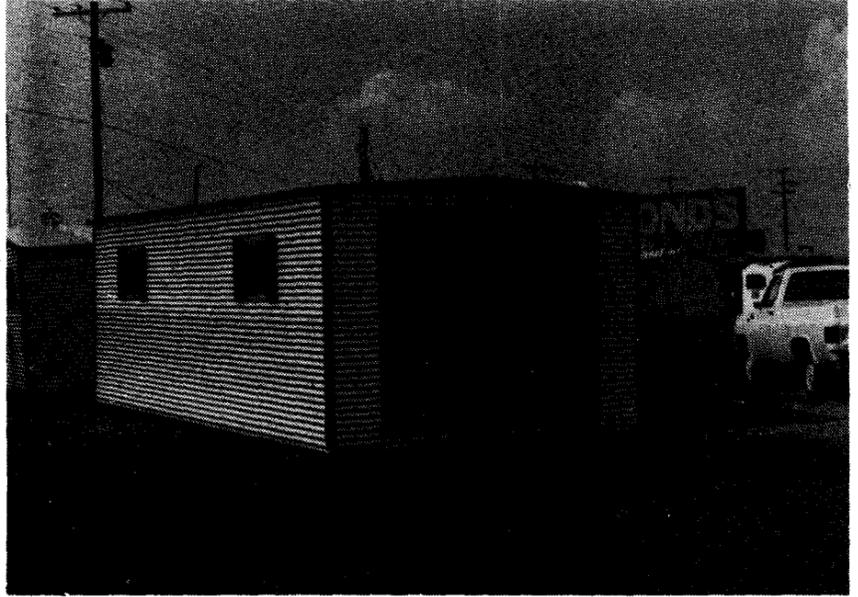
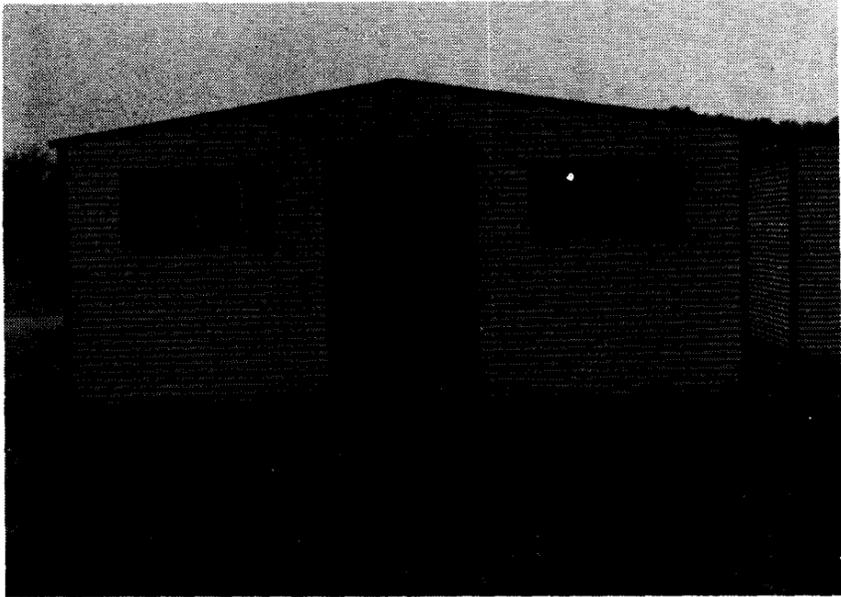
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Colonel Robert Hutzinger, TOW project Manager, attended the ceremony, reviewed the history of the TOW program and extended the Army's appreciation to assembled Hughes employees for a job well done.

Developed for the Army in the 1960s, TOW was committed to combat in Vietnam in 1972 to become the first Army guided missile to be fired in combat by American soldiers. Operational with U.S. Forces since 1970, TOW also has been ordered by 19 foreign nations for their defense forces.

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One Hughes engineer said the 100,000 missiles represented enough wire to go around the world 15 times or go to the moon and halfway back.

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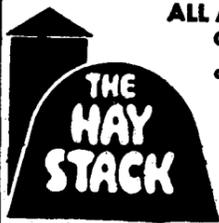
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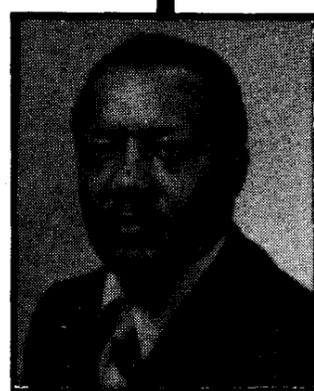
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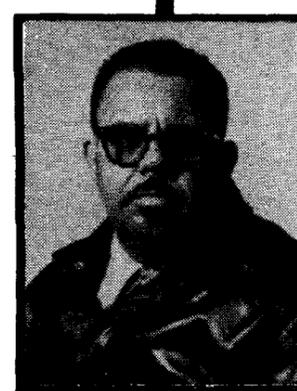
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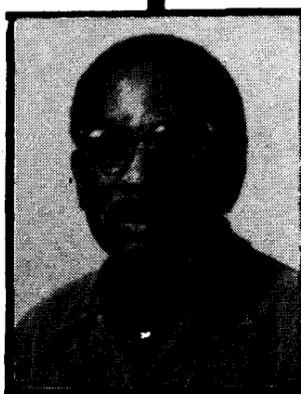
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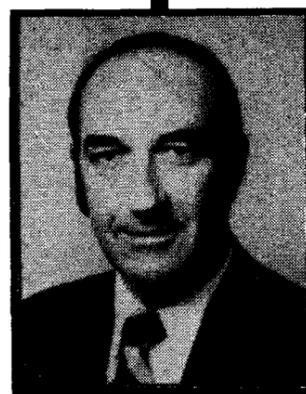
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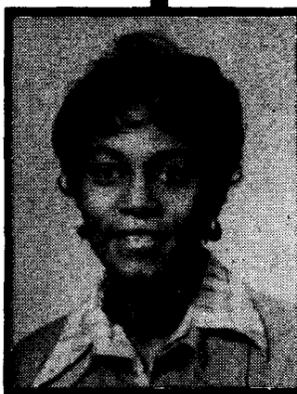
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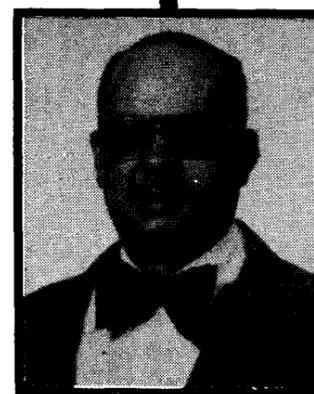
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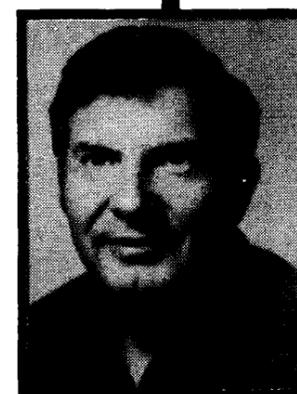
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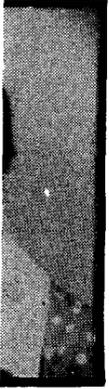
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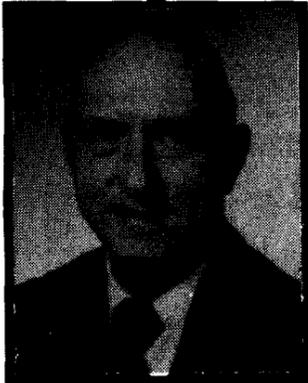


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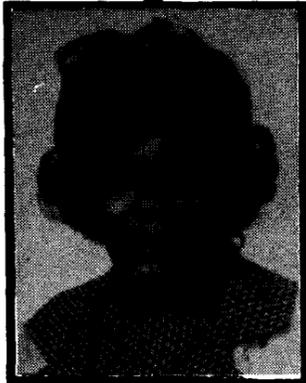
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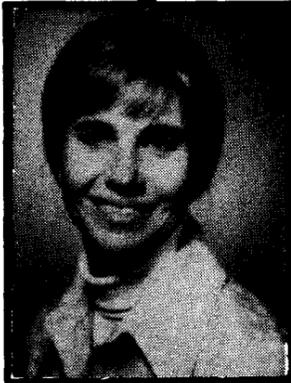
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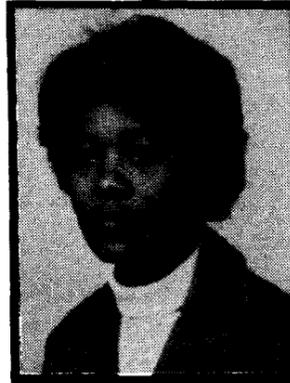
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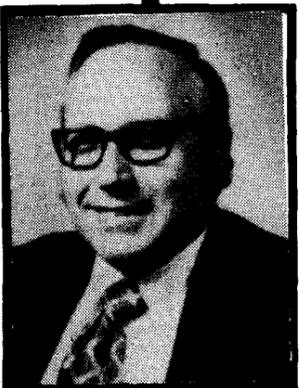
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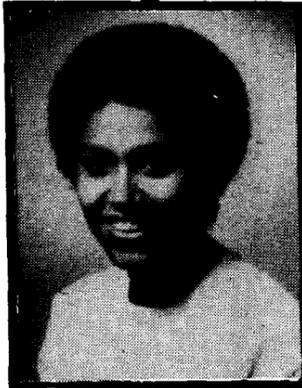
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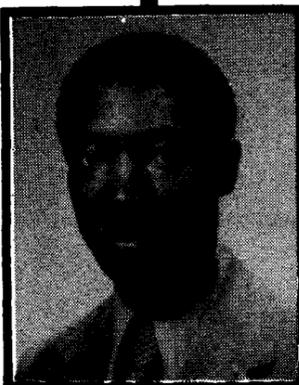
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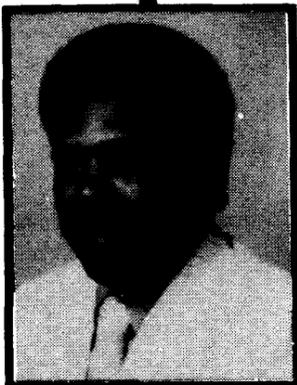
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"My Career Just Sort Of Grewed": Parks

By Bill Hayes

As John J. Parks was growing up in rural Jackson County, Ala., in the 1920's, his first impressions of federal service were drawn from his observations of the mailman.

"To me, that man had reached the apex of good living," Parks recalls easily. He chuckles a moment and continues.

"I thought his only job was to deliver the mail, something he could finish in just a few hours. And he earned what seemed then an enormous salary," Parks said.

But as time progressed, John Parks found he had sort of "backed into" four decades of federal service.

"Like Topsy, my career just sort of grewed," he said.

He had entered college in the late 1920's, and graduated from

"After three years in the academic world . . . I concluded that the atmosphere was artificial."

Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) with honors in 1931. His degree was in agricultural education. He had edited the Alabama Farmer, agricultural publication of the school, for a while as an undergrad.

His high standing in his graduating class opened the way to a fellowship to study biochemistry at the University of Maryland. He completed his academic requirements for a PhD, but said he found academic life lacked something.

"I had dreams of becoming a professor of biochemistry, but after three years in the academic world of the postgraduate student, I concluded that the atmosphere was artificial," he said.

As he spins the yarns that comprise his life's tapestry, John Parks loads his anecdotes with veiled meanings.

He told how he decided to return to the "real world" beyond the green college campus.

Through personal contacts in Washington, he received an appointment as a regional director for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA). The awarding of such patronage jobs in 1934 was then perfectly legal and proper. Civil service acts establishing competitive placement procedures would come later.

Parks' first job with the AAA came with the early stages of the New Deal. AAA was one of the recovery programs aimed at agricultural interests outside the midwestern dust bowl.

Under one AAA program, cotton distributors would get tax breaks on "new" cotton, but not on the old crop already ginned and stored in warehouses. Parks had three months to tag the old cotton—four million bales of it—in the Carolinas and Virginia.

"We got the job done," he says simply.

But the AAA was eliminated the same year as a result of a Supreme Court decision.

Out of a job again, Parks returned to North Carolina to teach vocational agriculture in a high school in the western part of the state.

"I was earning the grand sum of 60 dollars a month then," Parks said. He recalls hard times and good times casually as he begins eating his sack lunch. It's a daily

ritual he's kept through much of his long career.

In June of 1934, Parks applied for a more lucrative job as assistant county agent for soil conservation with the Tennessee State Agricultural Extension Service. After three years he became the county agent.

"I was still pretty young at the time," Parks says, "compared to other county agents."

Not long after his promotion to Campbell County agent, Parks was walking along a sidewalk in LaFollette.

"You the new county agent?" asked a stranger passing by.

Parks admitted he was, then introduced himself.

The stranger lifted the agent's hat, then told Parks he had too much hair left to be a real county agent.

"I think a lot of people don't have confidence in young civil servants even today," Parks says. "And I feel that attitude's not justified."

"You can go through life looking for jobs and hearing, 'you're too young.' Overnight, it seems, you may become 'too old.'"

Young people can be more adaptable to changes than older ones with more experience," he says.

It wasn't long before John Parks, former county agent, was adapting to life in the Army. But in six months, V-J Day brought an end to World War II and Parks' military career. Soldiers were quickly released from active duty as the need for replacements disappeared practically overnight. John Parks had earned the rank of corporal.

He returned to the Tennessee extension service for another year. But many other soldiers didn't have jobs to go back to. In 1946, Parks hired on with the Veterans' Administration, designing agricultural training programs for

"I was earning the grand sum of \$60 a month."

vets who would buy farms and run them with the help of VA.

"We set up a regional office over here in Decatur," Parks says. A lot of farms in the North Alabama region are still worked by men who learned farming and got property through the VA program of which Parks was a part.

As unemployment dropped and the program terminated, Parks' job changed a bit and began to involve more and more travel around the northern half of the state.

About the same time, an act of Congress gave Parks retroactive credit for 11 years of service as a county agent. As a county agent, Parks had technically been on the faculty of the University of Tennessee.

"Suddenly, I was so deep into federal service, it no longer made sense to get out," Parks admits.

But his job with the VA still involved a little too much travel to suit him.

Then he found out about jobs opening at the Arsenal—at a place called the Provisional Ordnance Guided Missile School, now the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

He went to work as an instructor in August of 1953, shortly after the facility became a permanent Army service school. He worked in the Missile and Explosives branch.

"It seemed we taught everything—firefighting, teardown and reassembly of the Nike Ajax—we did everything in the world to them. At the time, we had one of

the best-equipped chemical labs in the state to teach students about propellants and explosives," he

"We got the job done."

said. Security around the nucleus of Army missile training was tight. "We had so many guards around the place, it seemed you couldn't get in," Parks recalled.

The classroom building Parks taught in was in a little cove near Weeden and Madkin mountains.

"We taught in there through the winter without classroom heat. Nevertheless, we found snakes in the building some mornings." They had crawled in to the relative warmth of the classrooms, he said.

Now Parks works in more comfortable surroundings. His office is in a prefabricated metal building not far behind Toftoy Hall on the MMCS campus.

As head of the Staff and Faculty Development branch, John Parks and his subordinates perform a variety of training missions. Parks says he likes the work.

"This is the best job I've had in my life," he says without hesitation.

"I like to think the people here work with me, not for me, and I like to work it that way. The atmosphere here is congenial, and I give the people here credit for that."

He says the staff of the branch are dedicated professionals. Rather than peering over subordinates' shoulders as they work, Parks says he prefers to give them the job and let them go to it.

"It works, if you have good people," he says.

Parks acknowledged that the prestige of civil servants has been tarnished in recent years by scandals.

People are talking about our system disintegrating. That's hogwash. We have the best system of government in the world, and the American people know it—they're not stupid."

"We had so many guards around the place, it seemed you couldn't get in."

Parks says he still believes government service offers a good career. "I think you still get some real fine people, too. Most are earnest, sincere people trying to do the best job they can. It don't believe I can be proved wrong," he said.

"But if there ever was a time we needed good people to come into the service, I think it's now. Any loss of credibility in government can't be traced to a single source. All of us have to take a part of the responsibility."

Parks says he expects a

restoration of confidence; he anticipates it fervently.

"Jobs anywhere now are not as secure as they have been in the past. A lot of folks think you can't fire a civil servant. That's gross ignorance—people get fired every day," he adds.

But civil service, John Parks says, is still a good opportunity—"one of the better ones."

John Parks admits he's given some thought to retirement.

"Some of these younger fellows need a chance to move up. Besides, I've been on the merry-go-round for 40 years, and I need some time to sleep a little later in the morning, take a few trips, and so on," he muses.

But, holding up a finger, he said he wasn't ready to set a date—not just yet, anyhow.

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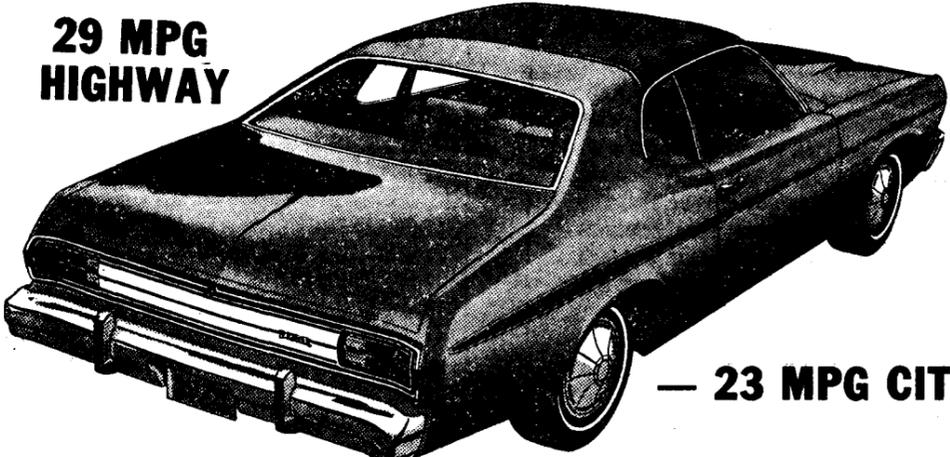
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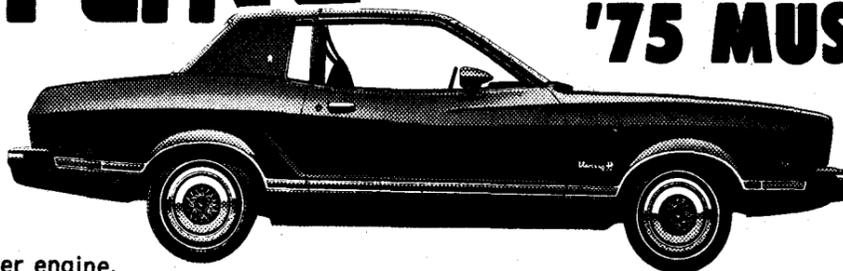
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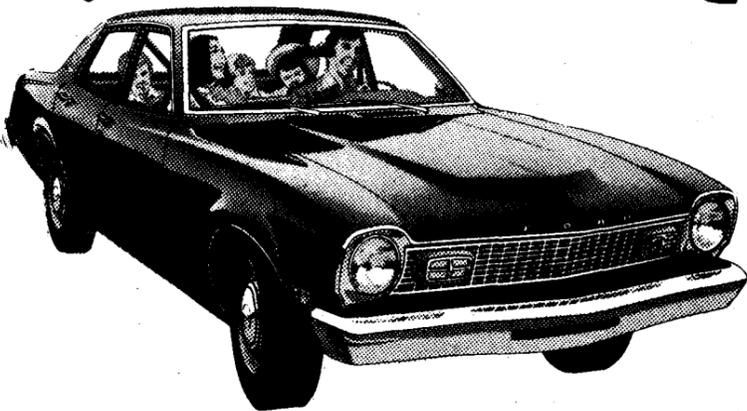
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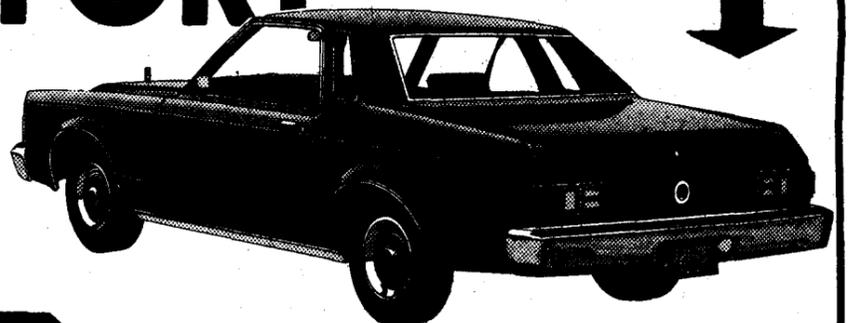
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The "Old Life" Not Good Enough

by Dave Cowan

In the past, inconsistent federal policies have often left Indians little choice but to retreat stoically into themselves, to seek solace in "the old people's way," or evangelism, or liquor, or dreams.

Private First Class Cecil J. Begay, a Navaho stationed at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, knows the dark past of his people. He's experienced its after-effects.

He is too young to remember when land tracts were given to his people and then taken away by government "Indian givers." However, Begay does recall the effect past swindles had on him and his parents. Memories of how he was shuffled from one boarding school to another from the age of four are still vivid.

Begay has attempted to leave that life behind. Now he's a supply clerk for First Battalion.

A native of Flagstaff, Ariz., he lived his entire life on the Navaho Reservation until he entered the Army in 1974. The reservation, largest of all Indian communities in the U.S., blankets some 24,000 square miles in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah—an area about the size of West Virginia.

When he was young, Begay said, "My sister and I were separated from our parents. At the time, I was four. We were sent to a boarding school for two years in New Mexico."

Begay's voice quivered when he talked of his parents, who he said were alcoholics.

"I never thought I had a real mother," he said.

"After two years at the boarding school, we wrote our father to have him pick us up and return us to the reservation," he said. They were left with their blind grandmother, with whom they lived until she sent them back to the boarding school.

VERY STRICT

"We stayed five more years at the school," said Begay. "They had very strict rules and no one could visit us."

His sister still lives on the

reservation, is married now, and works at the Indian hospital.

Until 1846, when the United States took possession of the southwest, the Navaho were characterized by constant warfare. Some time before that, Spanish colonists used Navahos as slaves.

"Our people were driven from the reservation by Kit Carson a long time ago," said Begay. The event took place in 1862. The government let Colonel Carson round up the Navaho however he pleased. He accomplished the job by starving out the people through systematic destruction of their crops and livestock.

The Navaho were then marched 300 miles to Fort Sumner, near Santa Fe. More than 8,500 men, women and children lived miserably for four years before the government released them and allowed them to return to their land. They were given 3.5 million acres, a fraction of their former area, and 35,000 sheep and goats.

"After they were released from Sumner," said Begay, "the tribesmen made their way back to the Navaho reservation. Some made it, but many were killed by white men."

The Navaho still have problems today, some of them inter-tribal.

Along with their Pueblo neighbors, the Hopi tribe are perhaps in closest contact with the Navaho today. Their villages actually form an enclave within the Navaho reservation. Begay said there is little mixing between the two peoples. Differences usually arise out of land disputes, some of which have been taken as far as the U.S. Supreme Court.

OLD TRADITIONS

In the face of past and present woes, the Navaho retain some of their traditions.

"We supplement our economy by hunting, weaving, fishing, gathering edible plants and raising sheep and horses. We still bake bread underground," he said.

"We still have a medicine man. We have ceremonial dances for sickness, rain, and for a young

member of the tribe who joins the military."

The 20-year-old soldier was recipient of such an honor when he enlisted. A tribal ceremony which brought together friends and family and lasted almost a week was the Navaho way of saying good-by and good luck to him.

Before entering the Army, Begay was a carpenter on the reservation, where he learned the trade through the Navaho Vocational Training Program. His father, a leather worker and silversmith, was a former rodeo performer.

The soldier took up the rodeo circuit at 18 after watching his father perform for years.

"I've been riding horses since I was 10. My father was a hired hand for a rancher just off the reservation. He ropes cattle and would break wild horses," Begay said.

He belongs to the RCA Rodeo Club in Colorado. He roped bulls and also did some bare-backed riding. Cowboys on the circuit used to call him "J.B."

WINNER TOO

Towns like Window Rock, Page, Tuba City, White River and Cowspring cross his mind as he remembers the color, exertion and dust of his rodeo days. He competed in each of them, and tasted victory.

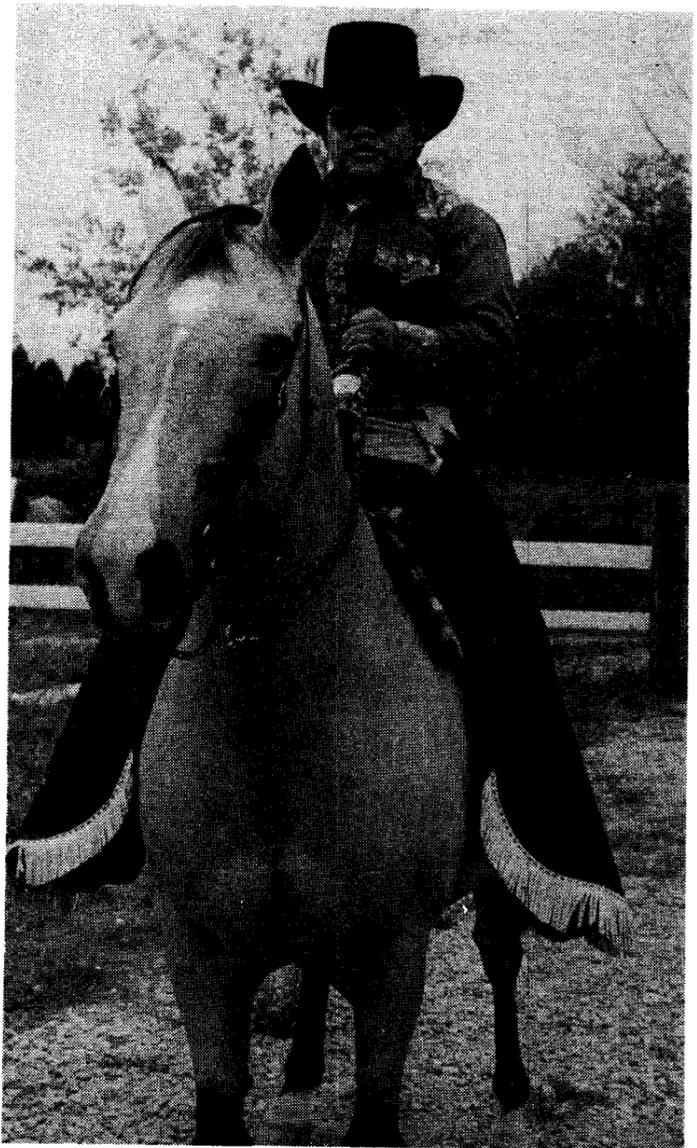
"My highest standing in any event was second place once in bull-riding," said Begay.

Begay wasn't satisfied with what he had accomplished.

"I wanted to get away from the reservation," he said, "and get out on my own and visit places I've never been before."

As he reflects on his past, somehow one feels he still misses the reservation and the four sacred mountains that surround it. But his aim, he says, is to learn more about the white man's ways. Perhaps he is spurred by the past. His father couldn't speak or write English. Begay thinks there is a better life.

"I'm glad I joined the Army. I make more money, got a job I like."



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Yes, the service has changed by challenging than my former job life," he said. "I like meeting new and the recurring, familiar faces on people and my Army work is more the reservation."

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by Dave Cowan

It was no surprise to many. People who didn't know soon got the word when Gordon R. Moon, chief of the Missile and Munitions Center and School's Management Division, arrived for work.

A staunch fan of Alabama's Crimson Tide, Moon showed-up at the office to find his desk draped with black crepe paper accompanied by a descriptive tombstone and several letters of condolence.

The sad occasion? Alabama's shellacking at the hands of Missouri, 20-7, the previous Monday night.

The Crimson Tide has been beaten more soundly before. Tennessee defeated them 24-0 five years ago. Why the fuss?

Moon, a native of Guntersville and a city councilman there, is a 1950 graduate of the University of Alabama who retains the football spirit of the rowdiest freshman. Need any more clues?

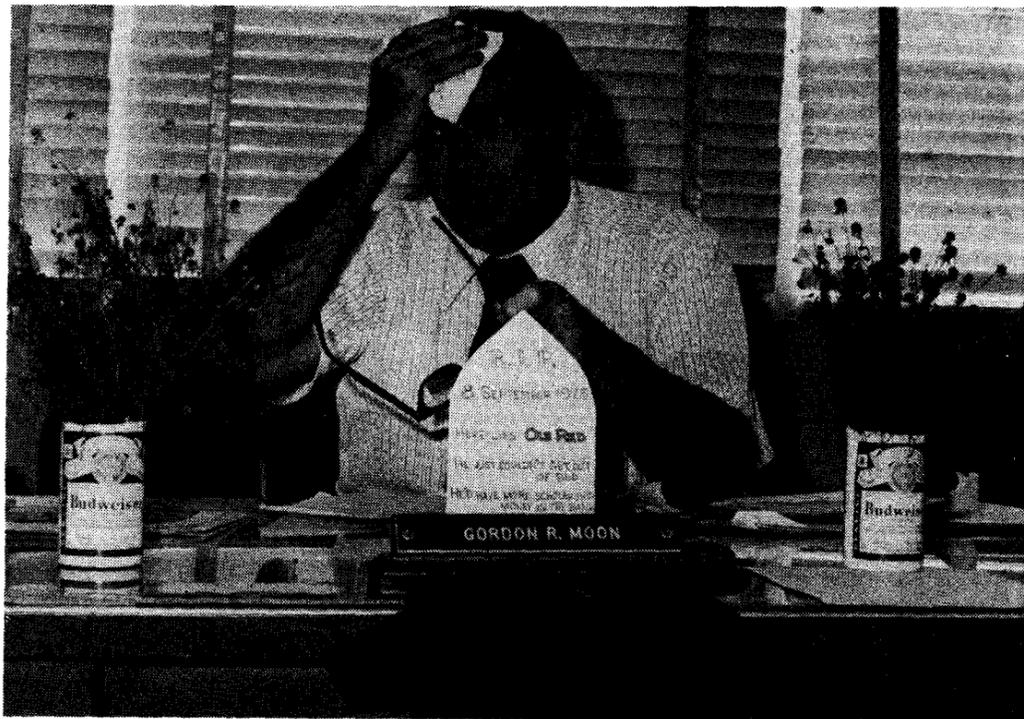
A condol-o-gram sent to Moon from his sympathizers reads as follows:

"Don't weep over the deep bruises and livid abrasions inflicted by the swift hoofs of the branded legged mulish Tigers. Never fear, Onofrio will not be welcome to Legion Field for many years. Take heart in the Season schedule. Clemson has no Morrissey and the big Orange has no Galbreath, and the "Bear?" has ordered a lead remover and ten cases of Gatorade. So lift up your spirit. Have faith. Repeat over and over in meditation: I believe, I believe!"

"May your sorrows melt away as swiftly as the big Red Machine's line of defense. So lift up thy spirit and go down to the river with unwavering confidence in the big Bear."

Moon, still steaming from Monday night's televised game, hasn't changed his feelings about Alabama. "Once a Tide fan, always I will be," he vowed.

However, one would have to question his loyalties. His daughter is enrolled at Samford University.



WHO'DA THOUGHT . . . MOON

Rod-Gun Club Observes Hunting And Fishing Day

The Redstone Rod and Gun Club will honor national Hunting and Fishing Day by holding an open house September 27.

Any interested person is invited to attend the activities which begin at noon. Youth and adults will be able to participate in casting, archery, shell loading, and firing at skeet or trap.

There will be displays of equipment by Bassmasters, Four

Wheel Club, and Bow Hunters. Also, such items as stuffed birds, paintings and lures, will be exhibited backed by the procedure for accomplishing the item.

The Open House activities will occur at the club area at the junction of Martin and Patton roads. Skeet and Trap shooting and archery will be at the same location.

Colonel Fred E. Roseman, resident, said that the club has as a

main objective conservation of game and resources.

"We assist in the indoctrination courses held for hunters planning to use Arsenal land. The sessions are held at the club."

He added that the Club members, working with other area sports and conservation organizations hope to emphasize the need for intelligent treatment of our nation's fish and game.



"YOU WERE GREAT"
Sonja Skemp Marian Deppensmith

Deppensmith Nabs Club Title

Marian Deppensmith put together rounds of 70, 68 and 72 for a 210 in capturing the 1975 ladies club championship of the RSA golf club.

It was a clean sweep win for the champion whose net total for the 54 holes was three less than Nancy McDonald. In medal play Deppensmith shot a 246 for a two stroke advantage over Sonja Skemp.

McDonald turned in a 258 scratch total for the three rounds, and Erlene Dials was awarded the low

putts award with 92.

Mary Sutherland captured the first flight trophy with a 217 net on rounds of 72, 72 and 73. Her gross total of 268 was also best in the flight.

Edna Hodges was runner up with 220 (73, 73, 74) and Goldie Holt was third at 222 (79, 74, 69).

The second flight winner was Marie Melochick with 218 net and 284 gross totals. Mary Parker was next in line with 226 and 295 and Liz Fragge took third honors with 224 and 317.

McLaney Sets Ten Pin Pace

Reggie McLaney and Jesse Partridge came in for equal shares of the spotlight when the civilian bowling leagues went through their paces at opposite ends of the Parkway Lanes last Wednesday.

The former opened with a 211 and then hung tough all evening to shoot a 585 total that outdistanced all of his AMC League rivals.

McLaney's efforts sparked the Alley Cats to a team high 2940 total and a win over the Fat Cats despite Dave Cowan's 557 and Arlie Hovatter's 538.

Dick Gore directed the Bombers into first place with a 552 total and Tom Patterson splintered 542 maples for the Spares.

Clean sweep victories were scored by the King Pins at the expense of the T-Birds and the Sprinters over Hughes TOW.

Partridge cooled off after a rousing 248 game but still hit for 575, the best of the evening in the S&M loop. Gil Vitale was next in line at 570 and included a 223 single in his run.

Hugh Mauney downed 232 sticks over one ten frame stretch and ended with 569, Gus Schrocke totaled 563 with a 224, and Ray Crawford turned in a 552 count.

Judo Tourney Set Saturday

A defensive art that dates back to ancient China makes its appearance at Redstone again this weekend when the installation hosts its second Judo Tournament of the year.

The event will be conducted Saturday at the old post gym, Bldg. S-5663, just off Mills Road.

Judo, an art of physical culture and moral training, was once used by Llama monks to protect themselves from robbers as they traveled desolate roads.

Nearly 22 invitations have been sent to clubs in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Florida.

Advanced registration is \$3 for juniors, \$4 for seniors. Any entries after today will require an additional \$2.

"The event is open to anyone and clubs should provide a list of their competitors with name, age, rank and approximate weight prior to the start of the tourney. Also, clubs must indicate juniors who will also

compete in senior divisions," said tourney director Mike Brown.

International Judo Federation rules will govern the affair. To be eligible, persons must show a 1975 Amateur Athletic Union card.

Huntsville's Leo Wilson, a fourth-degree black belt holder and the highest ranking judo participant in the Huntsville-Decatur area, will be chief referee.

Weigh-in is scheduled Sept. 20 from 8 to 9:30 for juniors with competition starting at 10. Seniors will tip the scales from 11 to 1 and begin their bouts at 2.

Seven divisions are offered for juniors ages 7 through 16, four categories for adults, with three minute time limit for junior and senior women and five minutes for male adults.

Awards will be given in each division. There is no admission charge for spectators. Additional information can be acquired from Brown at (205) 837-0553 or 876-2871.

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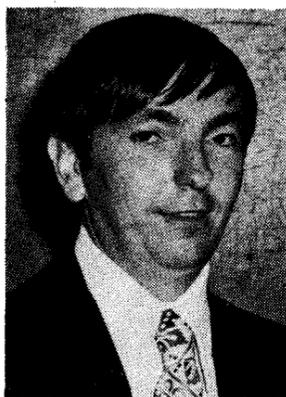
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Distinguished Graduate

Larry Crandall of the P&P Directorate was the distinguished graduate from a four-week Defense Procurement Management course offered to 30 employees last month at Redstone. He attained 248 out of a possible 250 academic points on completion of the training.

Military Briefs New Arrivals

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SSG Johnnie L. Smith

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SP5 Peter Laracuente
SP5 Mark W. Hamner
SP5 Chris R. Frost

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SP5 Ramiro Canchola
SP5 Michael Shadbolt
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PFC John S. Fricano
SP4 Gary J. Christie

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PFC John T. Fleming
PV2 Mark T. Saba

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PV2 Glen Hill

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SP5 Michael Tellekamp
SP5 William Johnson
SP4 William Porter
PFC John Cherry
PFC Norma Rivera
PV2 Deborah Matthews
PV2 Donald Hyde

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Donald R. Beck, 291st

To E-6:
Clyde W. Murphy, MICOM
David Cowan, MMCS
Earnest W. Farmer, MEDDAC

To E-5:
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Thomas R. Couch, 95th
Donald R. Stone, USACC

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Jerome Smith, RASA
David A. Poerio, MEDDAC
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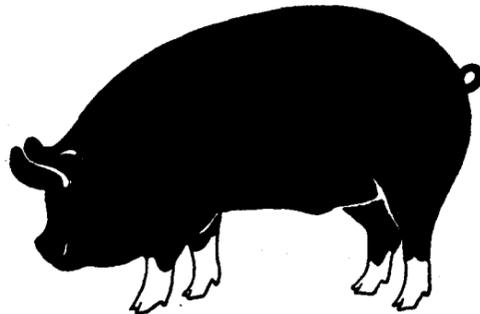
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Davis Has High Hopes

Mel Davis is the big Redstone hope for an individual title at the western division TRADOC golf tournament being played this week at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Davis, leader of the eight-member Arsenal contingent at the Indiana installation, holds high hopes of improving on his second place finish in the meet a year ago.

Joining him in open division play is Frank Miller, Tom Perry and Stephen Smith. Wiley Sharer and Henry Lowder are entered in the senior division with Nancy

Rice and Diane Roberson competing in the womens division.

Davis went into the meet supremely confident that he will be bringing the championship back to Redstone. He indicated, prior to leaving that he had been pointing for this meet all summer and that he is ready for an outstanding meet.

A lot of his confidence came from a tune up round that he played over the Arsenal greens last Thursday with Sharer. The assistant club pro shot a course record 66 that included an eagle and five birdies.

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Lucky Strikes	6
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School Brigade	6
Pickups	6
Halo's	6
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ExASPRators	4
Swingers	2
Redrock Injuneers	2
Black Jacks	2
Metacals	2
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 Lucky Strikes 6 — Kuwait 2
 76'ers 6 — Redrock 2
 Pickups 6 — P&P 2
 Strikeouts 4 — ExASPRators 4

Ind. Honors
 High Series: Bryan, 575; Hopper, 562 (234); Smith, 545; Young, 544; Pilanczer, 531 (222); Townley, 524.

Soccer Tryouts Set Wednesdays

Tryouts will be conducted for the post soccer team at the soccer field adjacent Linton Field on Patton Road at six every Wednesday during the season.

This year's squad will play area colleges and semi-pro teams. On Nov. 22, Redstone will host its third annual soccer tournament. Teams participating will be University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, UAH, Georgia Tech, Forts Campbell and Benning and the Birmingham Express.

In the past, the Arsenal soccer team has been made up of Americans, Danes, Germans and Italians — most of them students from the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Campbell First Cage Opponent

The Redstone Rocket basketball team tips off the 1975-76 season on November 7 with the Ft. Campbell Screaming Eagles providing the opposition.

Persons interested in playing on the team should sign up now at the Recreation Facilities

workout shop, Bldg 3471. Team practices begin September 29.

Last year, the Rockets competed against numerous colleges and universities in northern Alabama and Tennessee in preparation for the TRADOC basketball event in March.

Youth Band In NCO Club Concert

The Huntsville Youth Band will present a concert at the NCO Open Mess tonight. The hour-long show will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is free to Club members and their families and guests.

The Youth Band is under direction of Daniel Della Calce. It is sponsored by the city's police department, and it appears in numerous civic functions.

Local Group At Rec Center

"Bitter Creek", a local group will take over the bandstand at the Recreation Center, building 3711, Sunday evening for an eight o'clock performance.

The Creek presents dance music and a floor show. Military personnel and their guests are welcome.



GOOD WORK. Lena Lightfoot was one of several summer aides receiving monetary awards recently for the outstanding manner in which they performed their assigned duties. Lena was the recipient of a \$50 award in recognition of her work with the Plans and Analysis Directorate.

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These words adorn one wall of a tiny classroom at the Redstone Pre-School. Sherri Naff, director, says they pretty well sum up the school's philosophy.

"The children learn by doing, we're not a babysitting service," she added.

Classes opened last week in a new location, the west end of building 7110. The school, which has operated as a self-supporting organization on Redstone for the past 18 years, was previously located on the north end of the arsenal in a building provided by the Army.

After that building was included in a plan for destruction and removal, the school had to seek new surroundings. The uncertainty climaxed on Friday, Sept. 5, when the word came through; the school could open in 7110.

"At first it seemed impossible. The building was just one huge open area with no inside dividing walls at all, and the place required extensive remodeling," Mrs. Naff recalled.

With the determination of a group of hardworking parents and teachers, the place began to look a little like a school. Groups worked 12 hour shifts that weekend building walls, cleaning, painting and moving in tables, chairs and other materials.

Local paint stores donated buckets of paint that had been mixed but didn't produce the desired shade.

Monday morning the school opened. Dressed in bright colors, with pictures on the walls and carpet squares on the floors, it was ready for the children.

"The group effort was really something to see," said Mrs. Naff. "We worked because the goal was important, something good for our children."

With 150 children, the school is

open to both military dependents and the children of federally employed civilians.

Older children are there because of special situations. A couple are gifted children; one is hyperactive and requires particular attention. Some of the children failed to meet the cut-off date for first grade enrollment in Alabama. Rather than wait another year, they came to the Pre-School.

"We stress quality oriented, intellectual development," Mrs. Naff said. "Even the youngest children are involved in an educational program, including pre-reading."

Materials used at the school are modern, up-to-date and appealing to the children. Financing comes from the monthly tuition paid for each child.

"We're concerned with providing quality education and day care service at a price most people can afford. This is a child-centered school," added the director.

Her office is evidence, fully equipped with a tiny table and chairs for her little visitors. A caterpillar made from an egg-carton sits listening for laughter from down the hallway.

The day care hours, including educational programs, are from 7 to 5 with regular school hours from 8:30 until 11:30. Day care is available on a yearly basis, while the school instruction follows the nine month schedule of the public schools.

An open house is planned for the near future and visitors are welcome at any time during the school day.

"Right now, we're concerned with working out financial arrangements for the school," Mrs. Naff added. "But whatever the outcome, the children and their education will come first."



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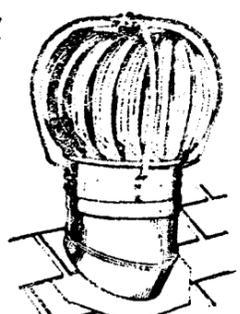
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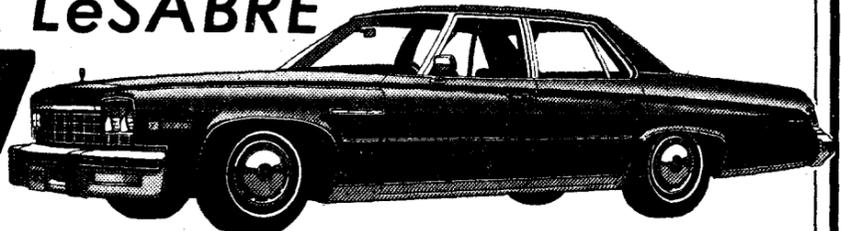


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