

A Talk With The New Commander

One of the first things MG George E. Turnmeyer did upon becoming the sixth commander of the U. S. Army Missile Command was to pass on some thoughts in a personal letter to the men and women of the organization.

Friday, in an interview, he discussed further some of his personal beliefs, his approach to his job and some of the things he hopes to see accomplished:



Q. How does the man at the top of MICOM know what's going on down in the work areas, specifically how will you know what's bothering the work force?

A. I guess I should tell you how I operate. I get out and look around to see what is going on. I have been in the troop areas. On a technical subject I go to the technical side of the house. For example, this week I have been with Colonel Harvey Day and his people in Maintenance and wandered through Maintenance to see what the place looked like. I've been down to talk with Colonel Ivan Prince and his people in Materiel Management, and through the commissary several times. I dropped in at the Apollo Inn and Troop dining facilities. These are examples of what I intend to do for perhaps an hour a day. That allows me to see people at their work stations, how they are living and see if there is anything wrong. There's another advantage. A lot of our people can't get to me quickly and routinely. This allows me to make myself available to them so that I can talk to them.

Q. It has been said that an or-

ganization does well those things the boss checks. Do you generally subscribe to that?

A. The precise quote is an organization does well **only** those things the boss checks. I disagree with that. I think the organization generally does well those things it believes to be important. It does best, which I am qualifying as better than well, those things the boss checks. If they know he is interested, they are interested. That's a projection of human nature for one thing. If my boss is interested in something, I'm going to be interested in it . . . Everything can't be top priority so we have to assume that things the boss does check are top priority in his mind.

Q. Let's talk a little about priorities. Other than those things you spelled out recently in your Commander's Letter, what are the things you have on your mind that you feel are most important right now?

A. Most, as you might expect, concern weapon systems and project oriented matters . . . To be candid, one of my concerns is that

morale in the work force is something less than top flight. It needs some help. We have to come up with that help at a time when we are being pressured by budget cuts and possibly, we can't discount the possibility, some future strength reductions. I know of none impending now . . . I'm going to try to do everything I can to soften the impact of this turbulence that is going on . . . Some of the turbulence is the better of two evils. Last year we were heavily overstrength. The crude way, quick way to solve the problem would have been to lay off people until we got back to our authorized ceiling . . . That's a meat axe approach and it's not the way to treat our people. What we did was basically freeze employment and not allow a replacement on a man for man basis . . . That allowed our strength to come down naturally, with minimum pain, to the level we can support. The RIF we have on now to place people is to set straight the imbalance that resulted from that policy of allowing the manning level to fall through retirements and resignations. You have your choice

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What's Your Question?

(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)
This column will not accept questions from individuals who refuse to give their name and return telephone number.

Q. Under the EEO Program where there are specific numerical set goals for promotion of the (minority) Blacks and women is this not discrimination is reverse? What safeguards are being used to assure that men (white men) are not being discriminated against? Don't tell me the merit promotion program - that will only make me laugh.

A. Affirmative actions, including numerical goals, are necessary to compensate for effects of past discrimination. The same safeguards-provisions of the EEO Program which apply to women and minorities apply to white males.

Because of past inequities, women and minorities are concentrated at the lower grade levels in MICOM. The MICOM EEO Plan of Action outlines affirmative actions (including numerical hiring and promotion goals) to be taken as a positive matter of support on the part of managers and supervisors to correct out of balance situations within their organizations whenever possible within the framework of the merit system. However, non-merit factors may not enter the process and actions must be made without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, color, sex, religion, national origin, politics, martial status, physical handicap, age, or membership or nonmembership in an employee organization.

The following comparisons illustrate the reasons for the MICOM Affirmative Action Program, as well as the fact that white males are not adversely affected by the program. White males comprise approximately 58 percent of the MICOM workforce (all pay plans). During FY 75, 58 percent of all MICOM promotions went to white males. White males received 79 percent of all promotions to grades GS-11 and above. The MICOM average grade (GS) for white males is 12.15, against 6.89 for black males, 6.26 for white females, and 4.92 for black females.

Each employee has a vital, individual responsibility to maintain an attitude of harmony, understanding, and good will toward fellow employees, and to support the overall objectives of the equality and opportunity in employment programs in order that all persons may achieve their highest potential in employment.

Winter Greens Due On Monday

Although recent weather has somewhat dampened the arrival of fall, Redstone soldiers once again are reminded that the date for changeover from summer to winter uniforms is Oct. 20.

Individuals should take proper measures to insure that their winter uniforms are in serviceable condition and meet the criteria for wear as outlined in AR 670-5.

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Letter To The Editor

Editor:

The article in the Rocket October 1, "Car Inspection Required", apparently is an Army policy being implemented without providing sufficient guidelines.

It is not the intent of this employee to criticize the auto inspection program but rather to clarify what is required to complete the Inspection Form AMSMI-K 1827, dated 1 June 1975.

Except for the tire safety check, the items listed for inspection tends to leave the auto owners to the mercy of some unscrupulous shade-tree mechanic.

My question is, What constitutes satisfactory or unsatisfactory? How does one determine what are unauthorized stickers and decals?

Thomas F. Johnson



CONTRACTOR GETS BMD AWARD—Major General Robert C. Marshall, Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager, right, presents a Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service to Dr. Gerald Dinneen, Director of the Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. William A. Davis, left, Director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center, was on hand for the presentation. The Award was given Lincoln Laboratory in recognition of 15 years participation in the BMD program.

Tag-Buying Service Offered

Redstone Arsenal soldiers and civilians can take advantage of a new time-saving feature offered by the Madison County License Department in Huntsville when purchasing their 1975 car tags, according to Mrs. Nelda Walker, secretary of the bureau.

In the past, persons often had to fight long-waiting lines at the Madison County Courthouse when applying for tags to meet the Nov. 15 deadline. Now individuals may purchase their car tags at The Mall or Haysland Square Shopping

Center in lieu of the courthouse, said Mrs. Walker.

This applies to persons who have received their 1976 official tag receipt through the mail and that information recorded on the tag receipt is correct. Individuals requiring additional paperwork such as changes due to the pur-

chase of a new car during the year or persons applying for tags for the first time, must conduct their business at the courthouse.

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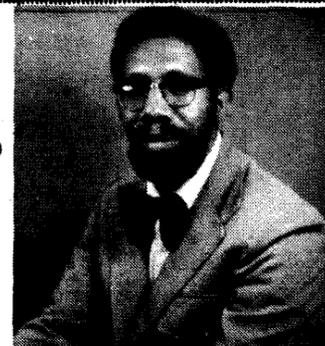
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Department of Army announced last week the achievement of a major milestone in the development of the Cannon Launched Guided Projectile. A projectile hit a stationary target tank eight kilometers away, when targeted by a laser carried in a small remotely piloted vehicle (RPV).

The demonstration was conducted by the Army at the White Sands Missile Range. It was the first attempt to use a remote controlled airborne designator to provide the laser spot on which the guided projectile homes.

The CLGP is an artillery shell which was developed by the Martin-Marietta Corporation. With this innovative round the Army and Martin-Marietta have achieved direct hits on seven out of

the last eight test shots against stationary and moving targets at ranges of four to 16 kilometers.

Earlier successful tests of the laser guided artillery shells have utilized only ground-based laser designators.

The system just tested includes a small airborne RPV, which locates the ground target with a TV camera and focuses a laser beam on the target. A special artillery projectile which contains a laser homing warhead then zeroes-in on the laser spotted target.

The mini RPV in this demonstration has been designated the Praeire IIA. It was designed by the Aeronutronic Ford Division of Philco Ford. It is one of the A series of RPVs being tested by the Army for possible combat use in

surveillance, target acquisition and reconnaissance.

In this demonstration the RPV, flying at 1500 feet, at a speed of 50 knots, located the target, an Army M-48 target tank, with its TV camera. Technicians monitoring the aircraft at a ground station four kilometers away activated the RPV's laser beam, thereby "locking-in" its position and then signaled the artillery to fire.

From a distance of eight kilometers the shell scored a direct hit on the tank turret.

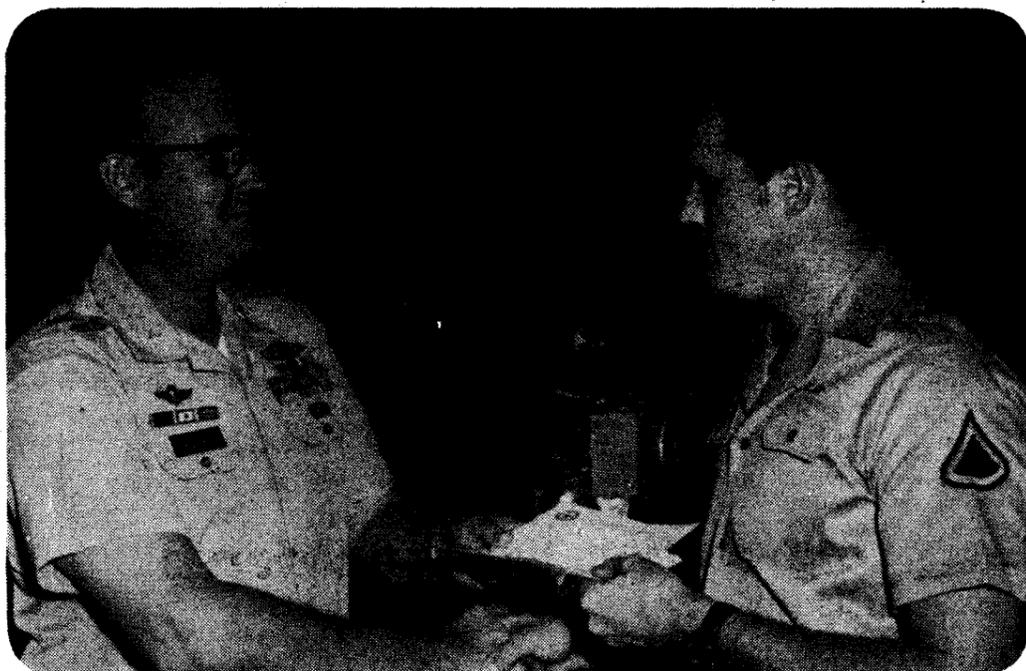
A successful RPV system would increase significantly the effectiveness of the guided artillery round. It would also minimize the risk to a forward observer team by permitting them to designate targets for the CLGP from

positions located behind the forward edge of the battle area.

CLGP is one of a family of projectiles being developed by the Project Manager for Cannon Artillery Weapons Systems (CAWS) located at the U.S. Army Armament Command, Rock Island, Ill.

The CLGP Field Office at Micom is an extension of that office managing the guidance and control technology in supporting both the in-house and contractor efforts on CLGP. The in-house work is primarily located in the MICOM Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory. Lt. Col. Robert A. Nulk heads the CLGP Field Office at MICOM.

Martin Marietta is the prime contractor.



TOP SOLDIER—PFC Dennis Gentry of the 291st MP Co., Special Troops soldier of the month, receives an award from LTC Norman Propes, Micom troop commander.

Local Chapters Set Joint Meet

The local chapters of the Instrument Society of America and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers will get together for a joint luncheon meeting on Friday, October 24, at the Officers Open Mess.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be W. Frank Henley of the Huntsville Electronics Division

of Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Henley will speak on, "Application of Aerospace Technology to the Automotive Industry."

ISA members desiring to make reservations may call Glenda Luft at 837-2000, while Linda Hooper at 895-6317 will accept requests from IEEE members.

TOW Toasts Banner Year

The TOW anti-tank weapon, recognized as one of the most successful weapons ever developed by the Missile Command, is eleven.

And many of the men and women whose careers span TOW development and deployment will join others who had a hand in its creation at a birthday celebration Friday night in the Safeguard room of the Officers Open Mess.

TOW and the people and organizations associated with it," said Colonel Robert Huntzinger, TOW Project Manager for seven of the 11 years. "Interest in TOW and its accomplishments is at an all time high worldwide. And the future looks bright because of numerous uses for the weapon system . . . from the ground, on vehicles, and in the air."

Huntzinger said TOW's success

is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of many people at the Missile Command, in other government agencies, and in industry.

Deployed in Vietnam in 1972, TOW was the first Army guided missile to be fired in combat by American soldiers.

Among men and women who have been with TOW from the beginning are Judy Polly, Evelyn Hunter, John Wlodarski, Ken Champagne, Bud Latimer, Coy Jackson, and Ward Jensen.

First Aid Class

The Red Cross has scheduled another session of the First Aid Course for next week with classes from 8:30 until 11:30 each morning at the Post Chapel.

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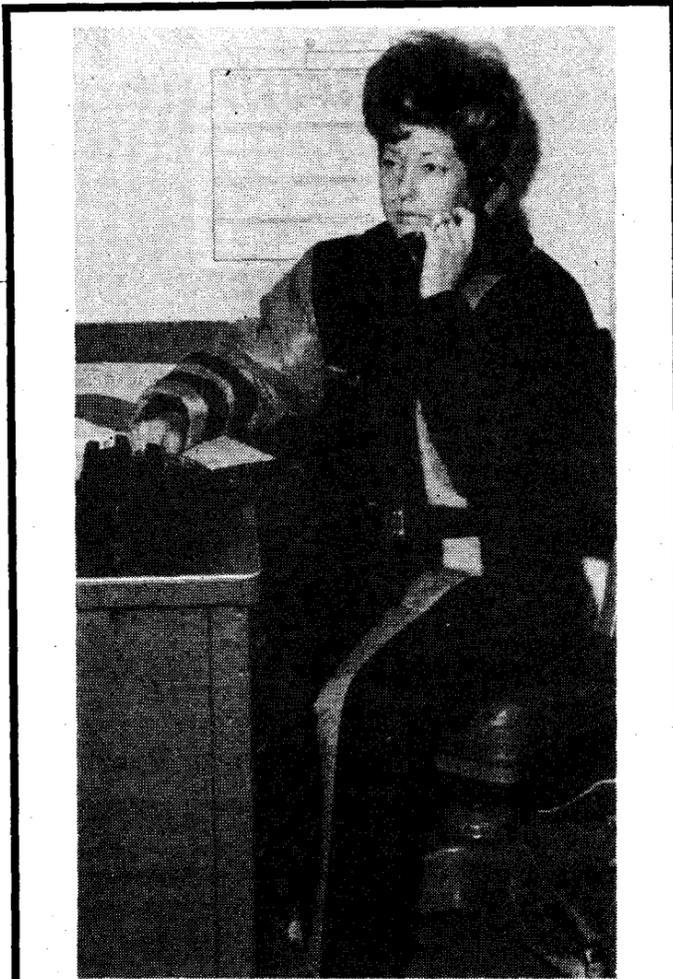


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Self-Defense Seminar

A women's protection seminar, co-sponsored by the local chapters of Federally Employed Women (FEW) and National Organization for Women (NOW) is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 19, with women of all ages welcome.

Nashville police officers, Donna and Ken Pence, will conduct the seminar at the West End Gym, located at 125 Earl St., in Huntsville.

A short business meeting will be conducted by FEW a half hour before the program. Additional information may be obtained by calling Osie Neblett (881-2012) or Dorcas McAllister (876-1705).

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Receiving 30-year pins were Clarence N. Bradford, TOW Project Office; William B. Crysel, Jr., Comptroller; John N. Debs, Inspector General's Office; Theron C. Gay, James H. Luker and Herman C. Waller RASA; Fred D. Hopper, Material Management; Max E. Robinson, Maintenance; and Frank U. Petcher, Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

Sick leave recipients included Paul B. Cole, Francis W. DuVall, James H. Love and Norman M. Shapiro, RD&E Lab; James Kelley, RASA; James S. Phillips, DRAGON Project Office; and John Wlodarski, TOW Project Office.

Photographer Closes Career

"I like photography because I can go out and create something on my own."

Zane Hathcock, a MICOM photographer retiring from Civil Service after 30 years, 15 at Redstone, was reminiscing about his career.

"I like everything about it... planning, setting up, designing, shooting, you name it and I like it. I did a little bit of everything in my job here, everything from taking pictures to printing, making slides and doing animations."

Since coming to Redstone in 1960, Hathcock had devoted much of his time to visual training aids for classrooms at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

He retired from that job last Friday.

During World War II, Hathcock served with the Third Marines through Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima and earned a personal letter of commendation from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal and a Presidential Unit Citation.

Recalled to active duty during the Korean War, with the First

Marines, he was severely wounded by a grenade. He was awarded the Purple Heart and another citation.

Hathcock plans to make his retirement home in Huntsville.

Local Firms Win MICOM Contracts

Huntsville companies received more than \$760,000 in Missile Command Contracts during the past month in orders for goods and services, and another \$625,000 went to firms in nearby cities, exclusive of the cost for electricity.

Contracts for weapons systems and related equipment ran to \$20 million, and were awarded mainly to missile and rocket prime contractors.

Goods and services purchases may run from a few dollars to several thousand, and cover items that support the Army's programs at Redstone - laboratory and office supplies, food and clothing, building and equipment repairs.

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Speaker is Colonel B.F. Register, Jr., Director of Procurement and Production for the Missile Command. His topic will be "In-country Procurement in a Security Assistance Environment".

Reservations call Becky Robinson 539-1745. The deadline is noon, on Wednesday. Non-members are welcome.

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Mrs. Finley, a clerk-steno with the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, likes to sew and crochet. Though she has no daughters, she does handiwork for herself, her friends and relatives.

In her spare time Mrs. Finley makes doll clothes and even crochets little hats and shawls for her young nieces. Through the years she has graduated to an electric sewing machine, but she still remembers the fine stitching and dainty work she turned out on the old treadle machine.

Mrs. Finley is a native of Huntsville and though she has been sewing all these years, she has never sold any of her handiwork.

"Little girls love fancy clothes . . . and big girls too, and I just enjoy making things for people. Most of my work is given as gifts to people I know and sewing is something special to me," she said.



Long Housing Waits About Over

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The days of long waiting lists for on-post housing soon may be a thing of the past. The Army's push to eliminate family housing shortages on U.S. installations is paying dividends; more and more new on-post housing units are becoming available.

About two-thirds of the new housing units planned or under construction is earmarked for soldiers in grades E-4 through E-6. The rest will be split about evenly between senior NCOs and officers.

More than 1,500 new units were completed during FY 75. Almost 6,000 other units are under construction or on the contractor's drawing board. Contracts for more

than 3,700 additional units will be awarded later this year.

Since June 1, 1974, 14,490 new housing units have been completed—are under construction—or scheduled to be built. This includes 3,490 units that will go up at Forts Ord, Polk and Stewart during FY 76 and 77 if congressional approval is given.

This building effort represents an 18 per cent increase over the more than 80,000 units listed as adequate in the U.S. as of Dec. 31, 1974.

Completion of the FY 75 building program should eliminate the remaining large housing shortages at most Army installations.

Rec Center Tours Tullahoma

The Recreation Center has an afternoon of fishing, boating, skiing, swimming, playing volleyball, tennis or just plain relaxing scheduled for Saturday with a tour to Tullahoma, Tennessee.

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Engineers Designated Combat Arm

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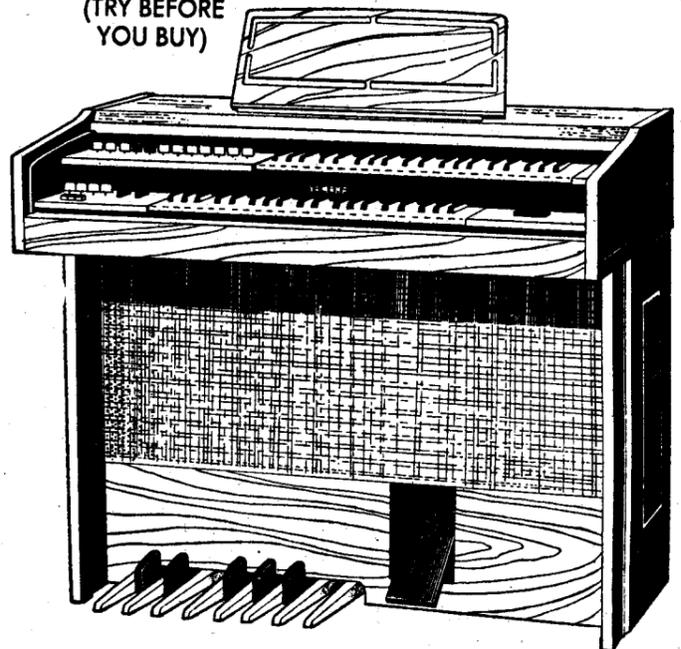
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CSC Announces PACE Schedule

The Civil Service Commission has announced that the Professional and Administrative Career Examination (PACE) required for many Federal jobs will be given in November and in January through May 1976.

It will be administered only once a month at each location. Applicants may not compete in the examination more than once any month, regardless of location.

To take the examination, the application must be in an Area Civil Service Commission Office no later than the 20th of the month preceding the one when the examination will be given. If an application is received later than the cut-off date, the applicant will be scheduled for the following month.

Those wishing to take the examination in Huntsville should send their applications to: Area Office for North Alabama, U. S. Civil Service Commission, Southerland Bldg., 806 Governors Drive, Huntsville, Ala. 35801.

Application forms and further information about the examination may be received by calling this Area Office at 453-5070.

For grade GS-5 positions, requirements are a bachelor's degree, or three years of responsible experience, or an equivalent combination of experience and education. For grade GS-7, requirements are one of these: a bachelor's degree plus one year graduate study, or an LL.B or J. D. degree from a recognized school, or four years of responsible experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Also for a GS-7, a bachelor's degree, an earned rating of 90 or above in the written test, and either a 2.9 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate courses, or rank in the upper third of the class, or membership in a national honorary scholastic society (other than freshman societies) recognized by the Association of College Honor Societies is required.

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from students who expect to complete, within nine months, courses which would permit them to meet the requirements of the examination.

After taking the test, applicants must have a rating of 70 or above in at least one occupational category in order to be on the list of eligible candidates.

Test results will be sent out in about four to six weeks after the written test is given.

Positions to be filled fall in broad general categories, and include: regulation-compliance; administrative-management support; claims and benefits examining; investigative-law enforcement; social services; and others such as writers and editors and economists.

The PACE announcement from the Atlanta Region of the Civil Service Commission says that the best opportunities this year are expected to be in the following fields:

Internal Revenue officer, tax auditor, investigator, economist, budget analyst, contract and procurement specialist, alcohol, tobacco and firearms inspector, contact representative (Veterans Administration), food program specialist, and specialists in public

information, personnel, supply and Service Commission.

Persons wishing to be scheduled to take the examination in Anniston, Birmingham, Florence, Gadsden, Huntsville and Tuscaloosa should send their applications to the Area Office for North Alabama in Huntsville.

There are area offices at other locations in the Southeast. Names of these are included in the Atlanta Region announcement available at the Huntsville Office of the Civil

Service Commission.

Many occupations at the GS-5 and GS-7 levels are not filled through the PACE test. These are the ones for which specific types of education or experience are necessary to qualify. A written test is not usually required. For more information about these positions, contact the nearest Federal Job Information Center which is listed in phone books.

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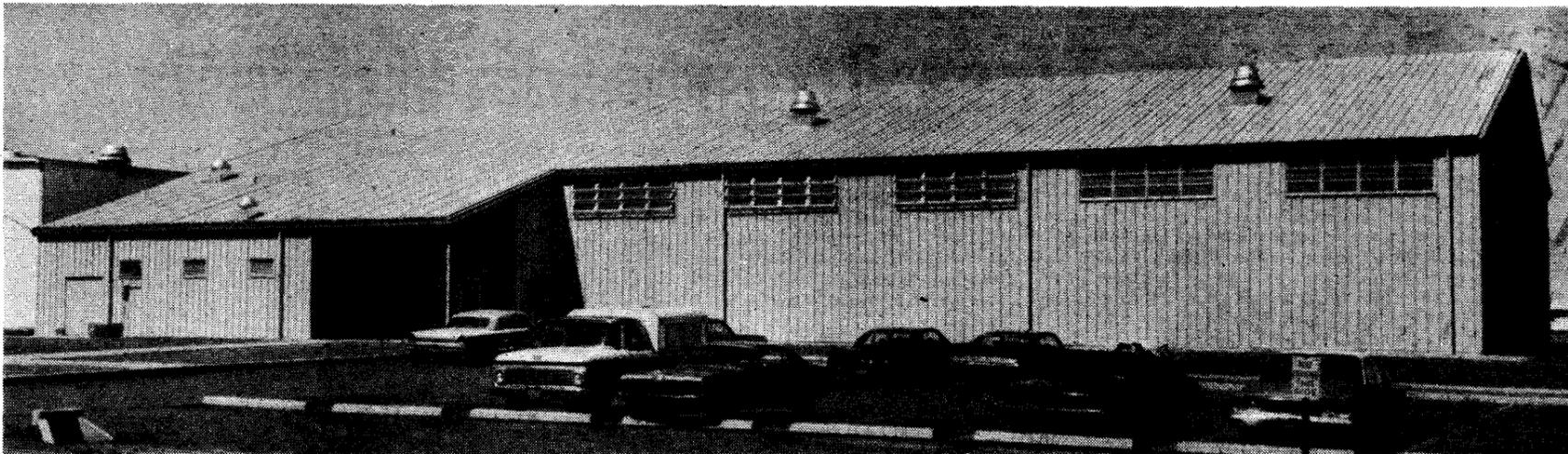
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New Gym Ready In March

A new \$350,000 gymnasium to replace the one destroyed in the April 1974 tornado should be ready in about six months, according to a post engineer spokesman.

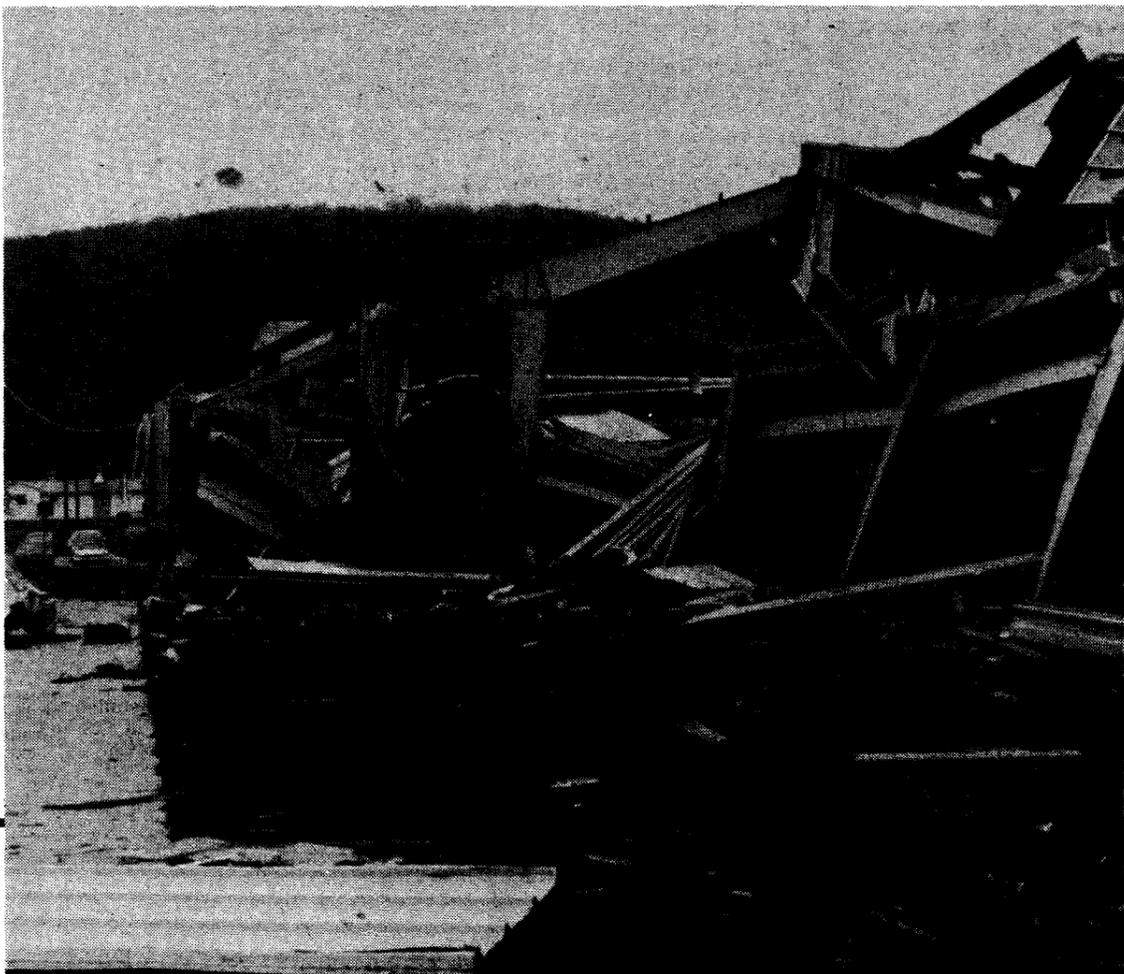
Steel erection for the new structure should begin early next month, the spokesman said, with a completion date set for the first week in March.

The 12,800 square foot metal building will be built on the existing foundation and will be almost identical to the other gymnasium, which was one of 96 buildings destroyed or damaged in the tornado 18 months ago.

With the gymnasium completed nearly all the tornado damage will have been repaired or replaced. In varying stages of completion presently are six training buildings, a troop health clinic, an audio-visual center and an administrative building that were tornado damaged.

A new dental clinic is in the design phase.

The Post Gymnasium before and after the tornado struck in April 1974. It is being rebuilt to the same specifications and is expected to open in about six months.



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Promotions To E-5 Drop In November

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Officer promotions showed a drop in all areas except Warrant Officer grades and O-6. 36 will be promoted to CWO-3 and 11 will advance to CWO-4. 183 officers will move up to O-3, 82 to O-4, 70 to O-5 and 38 to O-6.

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Rock-Hound Likes Arrowheads, Artifacts

Lean, wiry Vernon Benson is an out-of-doors advocate, which belies his 24 years at Redstone in white collar positions, and his enthusiasm for outside activities has led him into several off duty hobbies.

"I enjoy hunting for arrowheads," he said, "but I don't concentrate on only that. There are too many interesting things in the world."

His collection of arrow points and tool artifacts include most of those used by Indians of the area.

"I would like to find a Turkey Tail," he said. "They were a ceremonial point and are rare. Usually they are found in a cache. Their value on the market is about \$50. I'd like to come across a Redstone tip, also."

Benson found a piece of pottery which has on it a loop that appears to form a handle.

"It was some type of pot, or dish," said Benson. "From the arc size of the edge, the pot must have been like a number two wash tub."

Another artifact which Benson found is shaped like a can of potted meat. "I have shown it to many persons interested in archeology, but they say only that it must be some type of game ball. It has obviously been used by people the way it is worn; it's not like other

game balls I have seen."

Benson has all manner of scrapers and tools used for digging.

"Some of the Indians planted and harvested both the plantings and wild produce. I guess they probably got about a third or a half of their food in that manner."

He has a nut stone which looks like a miniature corn grinding stone. The depression is small—about the diameter of an average walnut.

"I have used it for cracking nuts," said Benson. "It holds the nut stable. Just a light tap with another rock will open the nut just right for prying out the meat."

As he rubbed a greyish rock, Benson said, "I have never had this analyzed, but it has enough iron in it to affect a compass needle."

The rock was about the size and shape of a small orange.

"I cut some in half and they all have the same type crystals on the inside of the skin. They are hollow at the center like a geod. I found a small hillside covered with them, I believe they were formed there and not brought in."

Benson's interest in artifacts and their production from stone led him into another hobby—that of lapidary. He put together a bench

for cutting and polishing stones. Recently, he constructed an out-building at his Madison home and he designed a lapidary area into it.

"I particularly like lace agate," he said. "When it is cut right the finished stone appears to be a desert scene—a miniature picture in stone."

"Chrysocolla is another stone I like for jewelry. The stones can be found around copper mines. They are small, but make good tie tacks or ring sets.

"I enjoyed making a tie tack from petrified dinosaur bone. It was a good conversation piece."

Much of the jewelry Benson made was worn by his wife and two daughters.

"My daughters preferred the pendant type necklaces," he said. "They saw them grow from rough stones to finished necklaces."

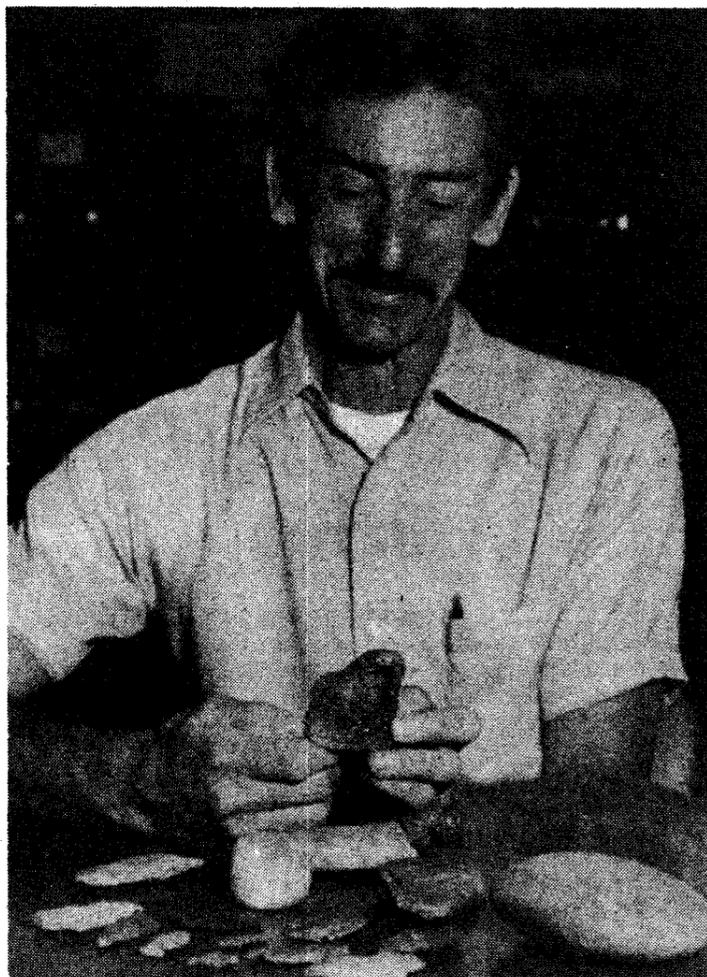
"They used to accompany me on hunts for arrowheads, too. My youngest was especially interested in collecting, but the older preferred to wait under a tree while I did the walking."

"Now I look forward to being with my five-year-old granddaughter. Her interest is water, and I plan to teach her to water ski. She rides in front of my skis. This is the way I helped my friend's son to learn."

Recent week ends have been devoted to developing his lots on Smith Lake where most of the water skiing takes place.

"It has cut into the time I spent on artifacts and lapidary, not to mention the tennis and bowling."

But I have a large garage there, now, so I can house



Vernon Benson

my boat and not pull it both ways. "If I retired now from Maintenance Directorate, I would build a house there. If I still think the same when I reach that point, I'll

go. "Either way I won't worry. I believe that you should enjoy all you can as you go along. And I try to."

Blood Donations Down

The September Bloodmobile visit to the Arsenal slipped somewhat from the 98.8 percent fulfillment recorded in the August blood drive, according to blood program coordinator Marie Sexton.

During the September visit only 518 donors turned out with 428 pints of blood acceptable for a 85.6 percent fulfillment.

The 8th Student Company of the Missile and Munitions Center and School captured the best unit

participation trophy. The company turned out 117 donors for 68 percent participation. The 8th's previous high was 86.6 percent in May when 141 donors out of a possible 161 gave blood.

During the current year, the 8th and the 6th SC have shared the trophy month by month.

Donors may contribute to the Red Cross blood bank today from 8:30 to 3 at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 3711.

DOD Approves Postal Course

A new combined service postal course is now underway at the U.S. Army Institute of Administration at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. All branches of the service, except the Air Force, will participate in the Department of Defense course.

During a recent study, DoD showed that 95 percent of all postal training for other services is the same. This led to their decision to conduct the postal training program at Benjamin Harrison.

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Brigadier General John G. Jones, Commanding General, Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, has announced the appointment of Charles E. Richardson as Deputy Commander.

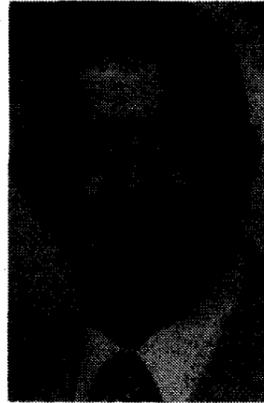
Prior to his new assignment, Richardson served as Chief Engineer for the Command.

Richardson is a veteran of the ballistic missile defense program. He started with Nike Ajax in 1952 as an engineer and in 1956 became Nike Hercules Project Manager

for the Industrial Division, Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency.

In 1958, Richardson was assigned to Nike Zeus in research and development and was assigned to the Nike-X as Chief of Test and Range Operations in 1962.

Richardson moved to the position as Chief Engineer for Nike-X in 1965, and though the name changed to sentinel, safeguard and finally to the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, he continued as Chief Engineer.



RICHARDSON

Nation Rejoices

(From Page 10)

tasted worse. It had never been intended to be eaten straight from the can as it was eaten now. The fetid heat of the transports did nothing to improve its flavor.

Actually a canned boiled beef, the meat had been planned to be cooked with vegetables into a stew. No one prepared it that way on the transports as they sat a week in Tampa Bay or on the seven day voyage to Cuba. The soldiers soon could not abide the sight much less the taste of it.

Yet 17,000 of these unhappy, seasick young men were somehow on their way to Cuba. It had taken the United States and its Army, with all its imperfections, about six weeks to mount this expeditionary force and get it underway after a declaration of war. No one had ever done anything quite that well or that fast before.

American newspapers could carp about inefficiencies and snaffus. European correspondents who knew something about war and armies were amazed at how fast and how well America reacted.

One of them, Henry Norman, wrote in the London Chronicle:

"After admitting every reasonable criticism, it (the U.S. Army) is a triumph of organization. I doubt if so much, from so little has ever been accomplished so expeditiously and so eventfully before. . ."

Sources: "The Wars of America" by Robert Leckie, Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., N.Y.

"History of the United States Army" by Russell F. Weigley, The Macmillan Co., N.Y.

Program Analyst Gets Masters

Virginia Stacey has just completed four years of study and as a result, has received a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma.

"For me, it is the ideal way to earn an advanced degree," she said. "It is much more satisfactory than going to night school several times a week. I did that to get my undergraduate degree from Athens College."

She followed an intensive seminar type of study whereby she worked at home on her courses, then went to the Oklahoma campus four times for classwork. Some



VIRGINIA STACEY

courses were also offered at Redstone conducted by professors

from Oklahoma.

"I wanted to earn a masters because I feel competition for jobs gets keener all the the time, and one needs all the preparation she

can get to be ready for advancement in a career. It takes a lot more effort than it used to on the part of individuals," she said.

Her major was political science and her minor, management, the subjects she feels most closely relate to her job. She is a program analyst in the Directorate for Personnel Training and Force Development, and an EEO counselor.

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Nation Rejoices As War Declared On Spain

Americans have gone to war with varying degrees of enthusiasm but never again with the national joy that greeted the declaration of war on Spain in 1898.

Young men punched one another to gain a place in the lines outside recruiting offices. National Guard regiments pestered to be called up weeks before the war began. So many people tried to enlist in the regular Army that it had the unusual luxury of picking and choosing, eventually turned down three of every four potential recruits for failing to measure up to standards.

Americans, in short, reacted to the war as they might to a great national picnic. Everyone wanted to go.

The nation and its people had been whipped to fever pitch as great newspapers fought for circulation, competing with one another by throwing sensation after sensation at their readers under screaming headlines. A repressive Spanish colonial regime occupying Cuba and Puerto Rico provided a ready source for continued distorted stories.

A drift toward war became a stampede when the warship "Maine" blew up in Havana harbor.

The leadership of the Army saw itself headed into a war able to do little more than think about it. No one can be accused of thinking too hard or too well about it, but the subsequent charge that the Army botched the immense job handed it with the declaration of war is a bum rap.

The administration of President William McKinley tried to avoid war. Doing so, it ordered the Army not to make moves that might be interpreted as preparing to fight. There was little danger of that actually happening. The army had no money to get ready until Congress appropriated it. As it often has, Congress voted for war on April 25, 1898, before it became overly concerned about what it might take to fight one.

The Regular Army then counted some 28,000 soldiers, individually well trained but as a whole unprepared in almost every respect. It lacked a well organized high command, plans for



Hauling Army Supplies

mobilization, or experience and doctrine to operate jointly with the Navy. It had been fighting Indians for the three decades since the end of the Civil War. Now it was tasked to assemble an expeditionary force and fight a Spanish army that, on paper at least, was infinitely superior.

The Spanish soldier, for example, was armed with a magazine rifle firing smokeless powder ammunition. The American Army had adopted the Krag Jorgenson, its first repeating rifle, a few years before the outbreak of war, but only the regulars had the weapon. The volunteer soldiers who responded to the President's call had to be armed with single shot, black powder, Springfield.

Six Men Per Job

In addition to the Regulars, expanding during the war to a total of about 58,000 men, and the enthusiastic volunteers — the first call for 125,000 men produced 750,000 potential enlistees within 10 days — the nation had a National Guard of roughly 100,000 men, few of them had more than a nodding acquaintance with soldiering.

Unlike experience in previous wars, getting men willing to fight proved no problem at all. Clothing, feeding and arming them did. So did moving them from one place to another.

The Quartermaster Department went into the war with three months supply of uniforms and equipment for the regular Army plus 10,000, yet in less

than one month 125,000 volunteers enlisted. Inexperienced purchasing agents went scurrying through the country buying underwear, blankets, socks, shoes, tents, knapsacks, pots, pans, plates, just about everything imaginable.

There was waste and mistakes, but contrary to sensational newspaper stories of the time, no one ever substantiated charges of wholesale profiteering or corruption.

When American industry and the Army depots began to react, and on the whole they reacted quickly, equipment poured into the camps. Unfortunately, it left a lot to be desired. Soldiers reporting for duty in Florida in May and June, getting ready to move further South to tropical Cuba, for example, sweated in the standard Army uniform, wool flannels or heavy canvas duck not much cooler.

The Army anticipated health problems when it got to Cuba where troops would be exposed to Yellow Fever. Apparently no one did much thinking in advance about what might happen to a great many young men suddenly brought together in one place in a tropical summer, clothed in wool uniforms and told to camp out.

What happened almost immediately was that a great many of them got sick. A lot of them died. Harried officers probably read the instructions on camp sanitation and troop hygiene published by the medics,

but not many paid much attention to them until typhoid fever hit the Florida camps. Eventually more American soldiers died of typhoid in the United States than fell victim to enemy bullets and tropical fevers in Cuba.

The men, animals and materiel intended for the force the United States would send to Cuba funneled South into Florida, down the peninsula and in late May, spewed out in the sand and swamps around the small town of Tampa.

Chaos And Madness

Confusion elsewhere became chaos and near madness at Tampa. Two railroads ran that far. Only a single track connected Tampa with neighboring Port Tampa and its single pier. Ships had to enter and leave through a canal.

No one had thought to mark railroad freight cars so their contents might be known without opening them up nor did anyone think to post car numbers on bills of lading. One result was that a car had to be unloaded before anyone knew its contents, another was that every railroad siding between Tampa and Columbia S. C. was jammed with box cars and still another was that badly needed items simply disappeared, often for weeks.

Worse, materiel removed from trains had to be moved by horse and wagon and the U. S. Army happened to be very short of wagons. Three years before, at the end of the Indian Wars, someone had concluded that the

Army had no further use for its wagon trains. The wagons had been dutifully sold.

So had the machinery for making more, as the Army found when it went to the manufacturer hoping to get a rush order filled. The upshot was that it was mid-summer, after most of the fighting in Cuba was over, before the Army could supply each regiment with four wagons.

There were comic opera touches to the proceedings at Tampa. Captain James B. Bellinger worked frantically to devise a schedule to move troops and their equipment down the single railroad to the port and embark the 17,000 man expeditionary force in some semblance or order. The plan was never used, because someone determined it would take too long. Instead, on the night of June 7, an order was published stating the expedition would sail at daybreak with such troops as were aboard transports.

No one in Tampa had come that far to be left behind. Throughout the night, units raced to the pier, cursed, shoved and then fought to get on one of the 38 aged coastal steamers in the port.

It turned out the vessels were inadequate to lift the troops, their equipment and supplies, a problem solved on the spot in the haste to get on board by leaving much of the supplies behind. Come daybreak the troops were on board and the supplies they had managed to take with them had been jammed every which way into the ships.

False Alarm

The expedition did not sail that morning, nor for the six that followed. A false alarm about a Spanish naval squadron in the area, kept the troops and the ships penned up in the harbor, while the temperature and the Army's collective temper soared under the searing Florida sun.

It was in the purgatory of the ships that the 2,500 volunteers in the force discovered what the 14,500 regulars already knew: the ration known as canned fresh beef or canned roast beef they had been issued defied human consumption.

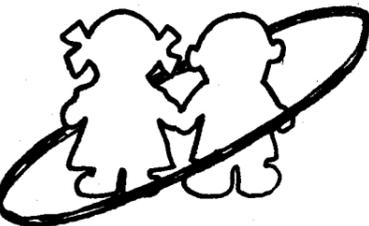
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A Talk With The New Commander

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between the internal turbulence of transfers or the other way of having some people go out the gate. I would rather take the internal turbulence for awhile and count on the work force understanding that is the lesser of two evils and it was done as a conscious decision with the minimum impact on people.

I see a need for improvement in Equal Employment Opportunity performance. I believe EEO is something that applies to everyone, not just people who are minorities and people who are female. I would like to see an increase in the number of blacks and women in the more senior positions. I believe our Executive Development Program should be improved to provide a route through which potential executives can advance. I intend to push these ideas.

Q. Can we discuss the reorganization impending now? I know you can't discuss specifics, but there is a feeling in the work force that this is going to be a traumatic experience. Do you see it that way?

A. Let's take it in pieces. There are three reorganizations we should be aware of . . . one, is the AMARC reorganization itself. That proposal is in the DA staff now. It has not been approved. I would assume that what is in that proposed reorganization stands a good chance of being implemented. (Note: One portion of the AMARC reorganization would divide MICOM into a Missile Development Center and a Missile Logistics Center.)

Basically what would happen here would be to realign lines of authority, chains of command. There may be two separate commanders one for the MDC and one for MLC, but the people working inside those organizations will continue to do the same function they did before . . . without much impact. It's more a change of emphasis . . . The numbers of people who will be working here if the AMARC study is approved are the same numbers we have working here now.

A second reorganization involves the AMC Headquarters. It has no direct impact on us in terms of people—we add none and lose none. For many years we have contended that we are the ones with expertise to solve problems in the missile area. General Deane has essential-

ly applied that philosophy to all the commodity commands, let them operate with a high degree of autonomy. That means that many of the things that once went to AMC for review, now will be done entirely here. Some of the work we have done, always subject to check at AMC Headquarters, will now be almost 100 percent ours without that check. That doesn't disturb me at all. I believe we have good people capable of turning out a good product and the absence of a headquarters review should not hurt the effort. . . .

The last reorganization is in the area of international logistics . . . There is a great deal of pressure on the Army and on AMC to take the International Logistics function and in each commodity command break it into a directorate for IL.

This would concentrate under one organization some of the missions and functions now being done in other directorates. The IL management organization in the Directorate for Materiel Management would become a separate directorate, organized along lines to give geographic emphasis, for example, a portion devoted to managing sales in Europe, another the Pacific and so on . . . The way we're doing it now is by commodity. Rather than look to an area manager, for example, I look to a system project manager who is knowledgeable on all sales for his program . . . We have looked at that type of new organization alignment of IL. I have recommended that we stay as we are . . . The decision has not been made . . . We've had our day in court on that one and are awaiting a decision.

Q. A lot of people in the organization are concerned about job security. Do you see any reason for people to be concerned about whether or not they'll have a job here?

A. As long as they are doing a good job, I don't see any reason for them to be worried about job security. In terms of employment level I would anticipate it will remain roughly the same as we have now. Foreign military sales are still going up. We just added 282 spaces for foreign sales. These have offset some of the spaces we lost last year. There will be that type of movement going on all the time. We are constantly getting small new mis-

sions requiring a few increases. We will be making productivity improvements in some of our older missions which would result in small decreases. On balance, looking at the overall number of people employed, I expect it to stay nearly stable, maybe a few up or a few down as missions change, but in the long haul, I don't see much change.

Q. You mentioned morale earlier. What do you believe affects morale most?

A. The first of course is job security. That's why one of the first things I emphasized to the managers was my intention to have an informed work force. I believe if our people know the kinds of things we are talking about now . . . that the employment level will remain pretty stable . . . that if there's a temporary reduction we will do it with as much human interest as possible rather than with a meat axe . . . I believe that's the first one.

Second, a concern people have now is what are they going to be paid for the job they have, which is directly related to the Civil Service Commission survey and the position and pay management survey we are doing. In those areas where we agree with the commission findings, there is nothing any of us can do. If that's the way the job rates out, that's the law and we have to live with it. On the other hand, if we feel we have a proper reason for asking the commission to reconsider a finding, we will do so and we have asked for reconsideration in some instances.

That doesn't mean I'm insensitive to the fact that people are concerned about what their grade level will be. To a high degree, that grade is beyond our control. The job description is the result of the assignment of duties and responsibilities by the managers. The job surveys are designed to see that those duties assigned are being carried out. Then the evaluation process results in the grading of the job against the Civil Service standard.

Beyond those two key things, morale is also influenced by such factors as facilities. Many people work in marginal facilities. To the extent possible within funds we have, I want to improve them. Improvements can be as simple as a

good house cleaning and good house keeping . . . I don't see any new construction to replace work areas for the next few years until the AMARC reorganization shakes out.

Now let's switch from work force to military personnel and their families. . . .

It's our responsibility to provide them the best living conditions we can afford. One of my goals will be to get rid of Tin City as early as we possibly can.

It seems to me, barely acceptable that we have people living in Quonset huts in 1975. I'd like to replace those with new barracks. Our master plan already asks for that.

We have approval to build a new PX, theater, and shopping center. What's missing in that complex is a commissary built to serve the number of people we have to serve. I'd like to build a new commissary. We are supporting 50,000 people who have the right, which they have earned through service, to be supported by a commissary. Ours is do the best it can with inadequate facilities.

In the area of athletic facilities, we want to get the gym rebuilt as quickly as we can. We shall begin construction very soon.

There is a lot of work that has to be done to the hobby shop, service club and service facilities of that type to make it better for the soldiers stationed here.

We are going to start a bus run on post before the first of November. This will be a route that will take soldiers from their billets area, by the medical and dental facilities, the gym, service club, PX and other facilities. It will be a way to help young men and women, living in the barracks, to get around on post. That's part one.

Part two is that I will work with the civilian community to get a commercial bus route from the post into Huntsville, perhaps from a central point on the post up Jordan Lane, to University . . . on over to the Mall . . . then down the Parkway to Drake and back in to the post. Making that loop on a scheduled basis would be mutually advantageous to our soldiers and the community . . . I hope we can do this for some nominal charge to the soldier.

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Country-Western Style Virginia Singer Makes Comeback

By Dave Cowan

Instead of just sitting back and letting music enter into him, he went forth and entered into the music field. Somewhat like an invalid whose pleasure was to sit at a window watching life go by, and who suddenly finds he can go out and join in the sport.

As long as people can create and are given a chance to be moved by creation, the spirit of free men and that of Jimmy L. Febuary will be kept alive.

Febuary, a student in the 4th Student Company at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, has found out that success is not necessarily ever lasting — especially in the music field.

Born in a small coal-mining town named Sutton among the rolling hills of West Virginia, Febuary has had a glamorous musical life since the age of 10, when he first appeared on the Country Music Hayride television show in Wheeling, W.Va. Since then there has been nothing enchanting about working long and concentratedly to establish a sound musicianship for Febuary.

He has had his ups and downs in the music field, while acknowledging more failures than success. But now, the aspiring singer has thoughts of similar achievements looming on the horizon.

On Oct. 15, two songs Febuary has written and recorded, "Judgement Day" and "Sing a Song For Us Brother," — a mixture of pop and country — will be released on GRT Records out of Nashville.

"It's the chance I've been waiting for," said Febuary, who has written and recorded numerous songs including "Blue Monday," which sold nearly one million copies.

The song was on the top 10 country and western music chart before becoming a tremendous hit under a rock and roll version by Fats Domino in 1967.

Febuary, who is presently an illustrator at the school, got his start in music from his father—a professional musician for years. His dad, James E. Febuary, had his own band and toured the U.S. in the 40's. His group cut numerous singles and several albums, while hosting a program over WWVA radio in Wheeling.

"My dad bought me my first guitar when I was six-years-old. He wanted to break me into the field of entertainment for experience," said the young singer.

However, Febuary needed coaxing from his father.

"I feel an individual is born with talent, and for my particular field, music was in my blood," he said.

His music is sometimes typified by his moods. "If I feel down," said Febuary, "I write a sad song. If it does good on the charts, it picks my spirit back up."

Many of today's singers conduct their musical talents in solitude. For Febuary, peace was on top of Gally Mountain on his father's farm just outside of Sutton.

"When I was young I would grab my guitar and head up into the hills. I could separate my thoughts better listening to the sound of the crickets in the fields, the distant farm tractor and the wind as it rushed through the forest or meadow," said Febuary.

At the age of 14, his family moved from Sutton, 35 miles north of Charleston, to Santa Maria, Calif. "My brother George, who plays piano and drums, and I organized a rock band, Jimmy and the Vanguards, in Santa Maria," said Febuary.

"Mike Love of the Beach Boys—a popular recording group—helped us receive our first contract with Capitol Records in Los Angeles. Our first record was Memphis Tennessee, a Chuck Berry number," said Febuary.

Febuary played music three more years during high school, graduating from Santa Maria High in 1961. Later in the year, he joined the Army and spent nearly six years as a draftsman, while entertaining servicemen in the Army's EM, NCO and officers clubs.

When he ended his Army stint, he went to work as a A&R man for Capitol Records in Nashville. He worked under Bill Graves, who formerly played for Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs bluegrass group.

"Billy got me started with Capitol and my first records were cut by Gale Recording Studio of Columbus, Ohio—an affiliate of Capitol," said Febuary.

Febuary went under the stage name of Jimmy Ellis and recorded one of his top hits, "Blue Monday." Soon after, he started touring with a band as their lead singer for television shows, radio programs, fairs and charity functions.

However, near tragedy struck the upcoming star in May 1969. During a trip from Columbus to Nashville, he fell asleep at the wheel of his car and dropped 40 feet off the road, coming to a crashing halt into the side of a house.

"I received a fractured skull and back injuries," said Febuary. He was hospitalized for 40 days. For six months, he was under psychiatric treatment.

"I kept having mental depressions. I was unable to make any appearances. Finally, I ended up quitting music and went back to Germany," sighed Febuary.

In 1970, he entered the University of Heidelberg and graduated from the school in 1973 with an associate degree in business administration. Febuary started writing music again in 1972, performing solo shows at night clubs. A producer for Boccia Records—one of Germany's largest recording companies—signed Febuary to a contract.

"I cut a single in German and did quite well," said Febuary. "I got several bookings for TV and night club performances," he added.

During a benefit function sponsored by the U.S. Army and the German Army, Febuary met a band called Courage.

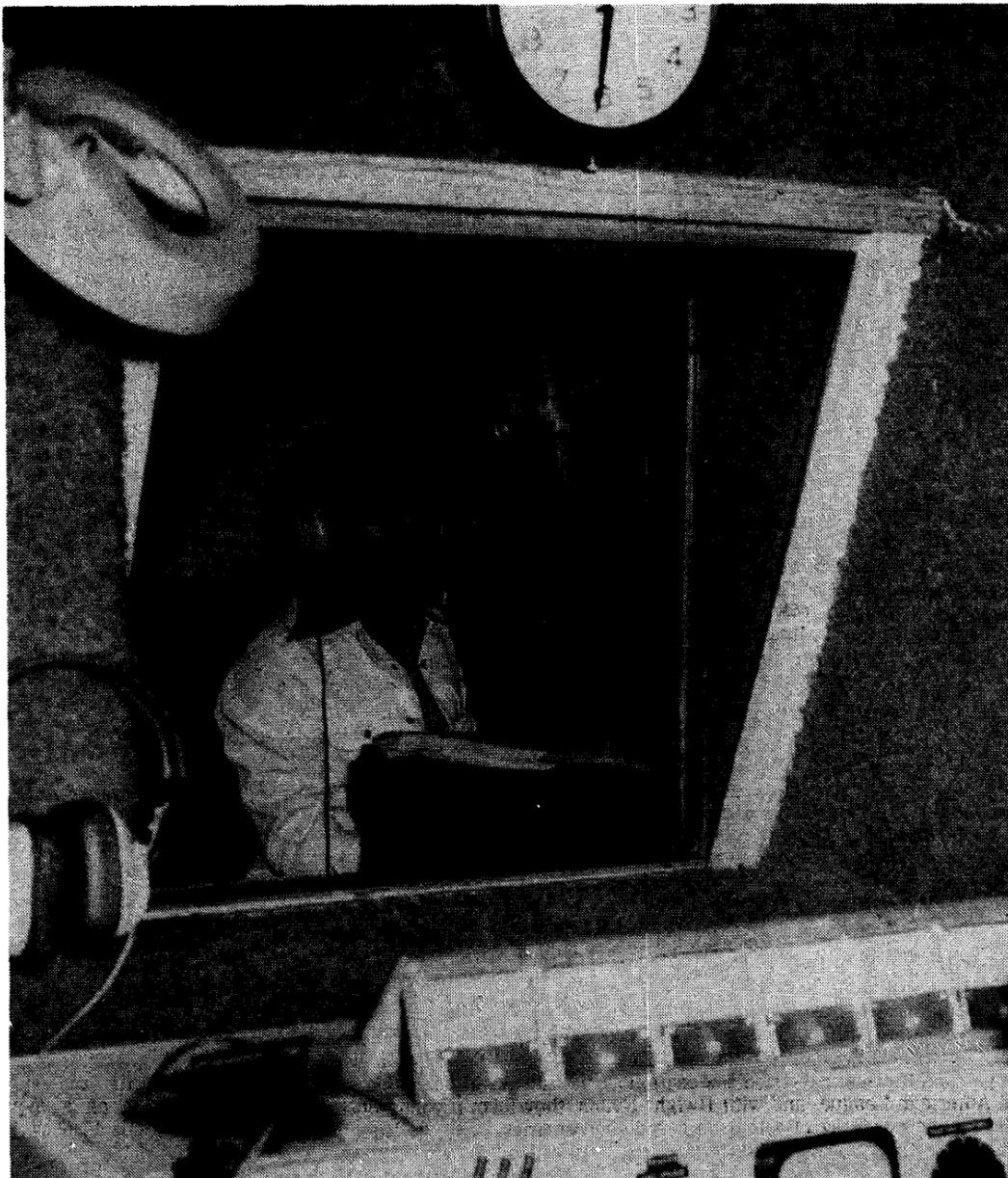
"I took over as lead singer and three weeks later we recorded a single with Boccia," he said. The disk sold 100,000 copies, and according to Febuary, was a great success for the size of Germany.

The success landed Febuary's group a contract with an international booking agency. The agreement allowed them to play front band for musical groups such as the Rolling Stones, Shock and Blue, Golden Ear Rings, Chicken Shack, Grand Funk Railroad, Emerson Lake and Palmer and many others.

However, said Febuary, "Our group broke up in 1975. Our piano player was drafted by the German Army. Due to numerous cancellations of engagements, our contract was terminated."

After several hits, but many flops, Febuary is making a comeback in the musical field. Four songs he has written have been recorded by a nationally-known gospel group, The Hopson Family. And now, he has two more songs recorded by Lynn Cramer in Muscle Shoals, that will be appearing soon out of Nashville.

Febuary, who is a member of



Febuary in recording session

the Broadcast Music, Ind. in New York City, performs periodically at local clubs in Huntsville and just recently appeared on Sonny in the Morning, a local television show.

Although the singer feels he

can make it professionally, his musical chore could be somewhat like a tantalizing sack of gold dangling in mid-air. It may be

completely out of reach, but still it beckons and urges the tyro on like a devil whispering in his ear, "It might happen to you too."

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RSA Intramural Football Tightens

by Dave Cowan

It's going to be a rough year for coaches in the RSA Intramural Football League. The ones who end up on top just might be the teams with the most healthy bodies to draw from.

After three weeks of play, both divisions in the league were nestled closer together with only

one team left undefeated. And, that's the 4th Student Company of the Western section — sporting a 5-0 record.

The students maintained their unblemished slate in knocking off the 6th SC, previously undefeated, while the 8th SC dropped from the unbeaten ranks with a loss to the jubilant Medics.

World of Sports

By Dave Cowan

REDLEGS OR RED SOX?

Trying to size up the stars of another era by the standards we are accustomed to today can be a tricky business. The batting champions of the 1970s post averages that would have impressed no one 40 years ago, but by the same token pitchers with earned runs averages that would have been a sure ticket to the Hall of Fame in the 1930s might now earn a ticket to Tacoma.

One facet of the game offsets the other. What it really boils down to is if you are an old-timer of the game or just a young sports enthusiast, who remembers maybe the last 20 years of professional baseball.

However, it goes almost without saying that opportunity invites response and that teams that are rebuilding usually show the best crops of rookies and the best chance of winning teams in the future.

And one of those bright young rookie teams is the Boston Red Sox. The gallant, exciting team recently faced world champions Oakland A's and it took only three games to destroy the hopes of many who felt they would be in their fourth straight World Series.

Even more surprisingly Boston did it without their bright young hope in the likes of Jim Rice. Rice, out for the rest of the season, was batting .309, had hit 22 home runs and had driven in 102 runs. He would have been a cinch for Rookie of the Year were it not for teammate of Fred Lynn, who should win it easily.

BOSTON IMPRESSIVE

Although strange things can happen in short series in the end it was no contest as Boston disarmed the A's twice at their home park and once at Oakland.

In doing so, they overmatched Oakland's brilliant lefthander Ken Holtzman (18-14) twice, while harnessing the hitting of Reggie Jackson, Gene Tenace, Billy Williams and Joe Rudi, who all hit at least 20 home runs during the regular season.

Lynn and Rice gave the Red Sox contagious batting power unrivaled in the American League, and with Dwight Evans, they form a young outfield that some vintage Bostonians dared even compare with the legendary trio of Duffy Lewis, Tris Speaker and Harry Hooper. Evans, who will not be 24 until later this month, is the elder statesman, so the future, even the immediate future, fairly shines on the horizon.

However Boston still has more power to spare. Brilliant and fragile catcher Carlton Fisk had a productive year at the plate when he was not licking his multiple wounds, and Carl Yastrzemski, at 36, remains a valuable asset in the clutch.

Cecil Cooper, used primarily as a designated hitter, batted at a .311 clip despite head and hamstring injuries and third baseman Rico Petrocelli—troubled part of the season with inner-ear malady—is still dangerous in home games with his uppercutting "Fenway swing." Also, their pitching may be better than it looks in the stats. The wily Tiant (18-14) was the team's stopper down the stretch, followed by Rick Wise (19-12) and Reggie Cleveland (13-9). None of the Sox starting hurlers had an impressive earned run average, but Fenway is hardly a pitcher's paradise.

UPSTREAM BATTLE FOR REDS

On paper the World Series might seem a mismatch. The Cincinnati Reds won more games (108) this year than any National League team has in the last 66 years. They also won more games at home than any other team in the league ever has (64), and clinched their divisional title the earliest that has been achieved—Sept. 7.

With all of that going for them, it was no wonder the Reds—not having won a World Series title since 1940—had little trouble in routing the Pittsburgh Pirates in three straight games to set their World Series debut with the Red Sox?

The Reds, who combined power hitting and superior base stealing in defeating the Pirates, hardly hit .500 ball against lefties all year. However, they toyed with Pittsburgh's pitching staff—Jerry Reuss, Jim Rooker and John Candelaria, although Candelaria in the third game had a record-trying strikeout performance. The young Pirates' pitcher struck out 14 batters, tying the major league playoff record, before relieved in the eighth.

As with Boston, the Reds also won their home openers, while defeating the Pirates once at Pittsburgh. Many saw the home advantage at Cincinnati as a possible sinking point for them. Although the Reds won nearly 80 percent of their home games this year, their road record wasn't so impressive.

Some of the finest players in baseball are in the Cincinnati lineup in the likes of Johnny Bench, Pete Rose, Joe Morgan and Tony Perez. And the supporting cast is as solid as any.

SPEED, DEFENSE AND BULLPEN

Although the Reds had a team average of .271 with 125 home runs, the real strengths of the team lay in speed, defense and the bullpen. Morgan, one of the game's ablest base runners, stole 68 bases during the season, Dave Concepcion had 33 steals, Ken Giffey—one of the fastest men in the game—beat out 38 infield hits during the year—and Bench, hardly a sprinter, had 11 stolen bases in 11 attempts.

It should be noted that the Reds have four Gold Glove winners in Bench, Concepcion, Morgan and Cesar Geronimo. Cincinnati's starting pitchers for the World Series will most likely be Don Gullett(15-4), who probably would have won 25 games had he not missed two months of the season with a broken thumb; Gary Nolan, who came back to win 15 games against nine losses after missing nearly two seasons with an injured shoulder; and Fred Norman (12-4).

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Monday

In Monday night's action, Company A whitewashed Company B, 30-0; Meddac blasted the 8th SC, 30-13; the 4th Scalped the Marines, 41-0; and Company C edged the 7th, 1-0.

Quarterback Al Standiford passed for three TDs and Ken Ellis ran for one as Company A whitewashed Company B. in the first of four games scheduled Monday night.

Standiford connected on three TDs to Don Bray twice for seven and 51 yards and Ron Williams for 75 yards. Ellis completed the scoring with a four-yard run, while Wandwick Griffin added one extra-point conversion on a run and Ellis and Williams followed with conversion efforts on passes from Standiford.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL

	Standings			
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Eastern				
6th SC	3	1	.750	1
Meddac	2	2	.500	2
7th SC	1	4	.250	2 1/2
Company B	1	4	.200	2 1/2
Marines	0	4	.000	4
291st MPs	0	4	.000	4
Western				
4th SC	5	0	1.000	
8th SC	4	1	.800	1
Company A	3	1	.750	1 1/2
Company C	2	2	.500	2 1/2
MICOM	2	2	.500	2 1/2

The medics rolled to their second win after losing their first two, in routing unbeaten 8th SC, 30-13. Meddac took a 18-7 halftime advantage over the students on aerial plays from quarterback Roger Crossen to Richard Boozer, Tom Ryan and Randy Hoerth.

The 8th students jumped in front first, scoring on a 75-yard pass play from quarterback Ron Carson to Beverly Dunlap. In the opening second half, the students closed within five points of the medics on a 90-yard play from Carson to Dunlap again, before the medics wrapped the game up with two more TDs on 53 and six-yard pass plays from Crossen to Ryan and Bruce Highberger.

Leon Jones and Jim Whitfield teamed up for four TDs as the 4th students blasted the Marines. The students started the

fireworks in the first half, taking a 18-0 lead on 60, 62 and 24-yard throws from Jones to Whitfield. They continued their barrage against the leathernecks in the final half when Jones, once again, fired to Whitfield for a 42-yard score and then hit Charlie Miller on 83 and 76-yard aeriels for two more TDs. The Marines, totally outclassed by the student's performance, were humiliated more when A's Tom Brown nailed a leatherneck in the end zone for a safety.

The bewildered C's unable to get their offense rolling so far this season, won their second overtime game; downing the 7th SC 1-0, under the league's penetration rule. Both team's defensive lines sparked throughout the game with the C's winning the game in overtime by only three inches. The frustrated students seemed to want to continue the affair from the sidelines when several of them attacked members of Company C. using mostly their helmets.

Wednesday

The 4th SC upended the 6th, 20-6; the Marines blanked the 291st MPs, 12-0; 8th SC edged by the 7th, 14-8; and MICOM nipped Company B, 8-0, in games played Wednesday night.

The 4th students ran their record to 5-0 in last Wednesday night's opener, trouncing the 6th, 20-6. Charlie Miller and Jim Whitfield gave the 4th a 13-0 lead, before the 6th could retaliate with a TD on a 60-yard

run by Greg Palladino, to make it 13-6 at halftime.

The 4th students wrapped the game up in the final half on Jones' five-yard touchdown pass to Whitfield. Place kicker Stetson of the 4th booted two of three attempted PATs through the uprights for the 4th.

The Marines chalked up their first win, defeating the 291st MPs 12-0 on the throwing effort of A. V. Borundy. The Marines scored in both halves as Borundy connected on 65 and 3-yard passes to D. J. Crigger.

The 8th students pushed across a touchdown in the final half of their game to post a 8-6 comeback win over the 7th. The 7th opened the scoring in the first half on a four-yard scamper by Mueton. Mueton then took the pigskin over for the two-point conversion to give the 7th a 8-0 lead, before the 8th could retaliate with a TD on a 42-yard pass from quarterback Ron Carson to Dave Ramey.

Trailing 8-6, the 8th cinched the game late in the second half when Carson again hit Ramey on a 33-yarder for the TD.

Missileman Jeff Perrin supplied all the punch MICOM needed in their 8-0 victory over Company B in Wednesday's finale. With neither team able to score during most of the game, Perrin lifted the missilemen to the win late in the contest when he ran three yards for a TD and then added the two-point conversion on another running play.

Chiefs Prevail . . . Lions Threaten But Fall Short

Redstone Arsenal had its "Thrilla in Manila" last Wednesday when the Redstone Chiefs edged the neighboring Lions 12-6 in a heart-stopping contest that went right to the final second in Pop Warner Jr. Pee Wee football action.

With the Chiefs leading 12-6 and one minute remaining in the game, the Lions threatened to tie the score when Stephen Ford executed a perfect on-side kick. However, the Lions were only able to move seven yards from the Chief's 45-yard line in three more plays and the game ended with a hard earned win for the Arsenal indians.

Charles Evans led all rushers with more than 100 yards, followed by Phillip Hawthorne with 76. The Lions' offense was led by Ford and Raymond Cutts with 29 and 24 yards respectively.

Halfback Charlie Evans put the

Chiefs ahead in the first quarter of the game with a 35-yard blast over left tackle. Erie Duggan, Julius Manley and company formed a stout Lion front wall on the extra-point try, halting the Chiefs to a 6-0 advantage.

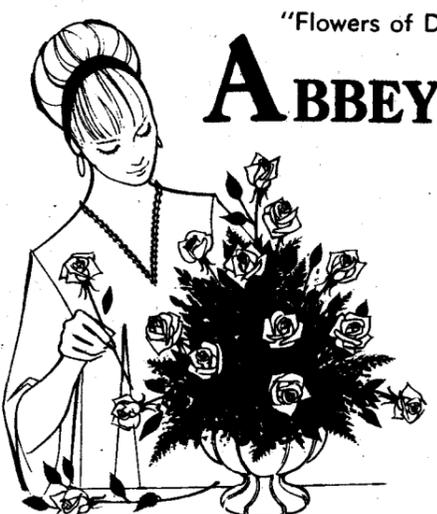
Trailing 6-0 at the beginning of the second half, the Lions took the opening kickoff and drove deep into Chief territory, before several costly fumbles and penalties ended their momentum.

Early in the fourth period, Evans gave the Chiefs a 12-0 lead, breaking right tackle and scampering down the right-side line into the end zone on a first and 10 situation. The Lions fought back to make it 12-6 when Hawthorne got loose around the right end and ran for 55 yards to the Chiefs' one-yard line. Hawthorne, on the next play, bulled over for the TD with the extra point failing.

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9	14
5	14
16	14
18	13
19	13
1	12
10	12

T-Birds	15 1/2
Spares	14
Alley Cats	14
Cadillacs	13 1/2
Fat Cats	13
Lily Flagg	11
Hughes TOW	10
King Pins	8
Sprinters	6

Last Wednesday

Spares-4 — King Pins-0
Lily Flagg-3 — Sprinters-1
Alley Cats-3 — Cadillacs-1
T-Birds-3 — Hughes-1
Bombers-2 — Fat Cats-2

High Rollers
 Dave Blackwood, 576 (215); Art Frederick, 555 (211); Lee Keim, 540; Reggie McLaney, 534; Ernie Rhodes, 533.

Wednesday Officers

Standings

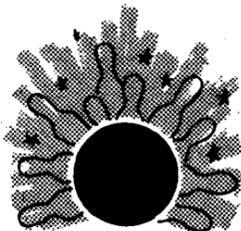
Team	Won
Readiness Group	30
Swingers	30
Lucky Strikes	28
76'ers	26
School Brigade	24
Pickups	22
Halo's	20
Kuwait Keglers	18
ExASPRators	16
Black Jacks	16
Strikeouts	14
Metrcals	14

Ind. Honors
 High Series (men) with Hdc: Jim Jarman, 659; Rick Smith, 658; Julio Lugo, 653; (women) Jan Roberts, 650; Carol Duley, 649 and Sue Chapman, 624.
 High Games (men) with Hdc: George Hale, 236; Gary Adams, 233; Charlie Phillips and Bob Williamson, 232; (women) Naomi Hodges, 236; Barbara Adams, 227; and Betty Sandlin, 226.
 High Averages: John Schleimer, 175, and Fran Heishman, 159.

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Standings

Team	Pts.
Bombers	15 1/2



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 High Series: Rausch, 666 (221-208); Bryan, 588 (225); Brotherton, 559 (205); Molepske, 545; Young, 545 (209); Pflanzler, 538 (213); Bofenkamp, 534; Dwyer, 528 (200).

Rams Blank Monte Sano Raiders

The Redstone Rams, behind a opening 65-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, defeated the Monte Sano Raiders 12-0 last Thursday in a Junior Midget Division contest of the North Central Alabama Pop Warner Football Conference.

The Rams retained their first place standing in the league with the win over the Raiders, while lifting their record to 3-1.

Curtis Hollis put the Rams on the scoreboard first. Taking the opening kickoff, Curtis broke two tackles and behind some fine blocking raced 65 yards for the TD.

Billy Rones set up the Rams second TD on a 34-yard punt return to the Raider's one-yard line. On their next play from scrimmage, Kevin Berry took the pigskin over for the score.

In recapping the Ram's season so far, the Arsenal youths won their first game, defeating the International Bears on a 20-yard TD run by Hollis in the second quarter. In that contest, Lanny Coppin ran down a Bear receiver to save a sure tie and possibly the winning extra point, while Barry Tarrant intercepted a pass in the final period to quell the Bears' last

chance for a TD.

The Rams lost their only game so far in the second contest of the season. The Madison Jets defeated them 20-12, although Curtis Hollis scored two TDs for the Rams on six and 42-yard runs.

The Rams came-from-behind in their third game to edge the Boys' Club Eagles 13-6 in a defensive thriller. During the contest, Curtis Hollis evened the score at 6-6 on a 85-yard TD run and then Barry Tarrant sewed the victory up for the Rams in the final quarter, picking a fumble out of the air and racing 40 yards for the score.

The success of the Rams so far this season seems to be the running of Curtis Hollis. The youngster was the quarterback of the 1974 Bantam B USAREUR champion Gelnhausen Colts, leading his team to nine wins against one loss.

Playing in what should be appropriately named the "Black and Blue League, the Rams defensive efforts of Lanny Coppin, Darvi Stevenson, Fritz Greibling, Jeff King, Floyd Potter, Jack Clark, Jesse Hawthorne and Billy Rones have been instrumental also.

WORLD OF SPORTS (Continued)

None of them are expected to go nine innings. Red starters went a 45 consecutive games without finishing one, and the staff had only 22 complete games. But with relievers Clay Carroll, Pedro Borbon, Rawly Eastwick and Will McEnaney, a nine-inning tour by a starting hurler is really not necessary.

PITCHING OR HITTING?

Since both teams are well-supplied with power, while pitching could be termed somewhat imbalance, it might be one of those series that the underdogs come through—the hurlers.

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That could be the World Series tale this year, however, Cincinnati's futile record in the past should ensure against complacency. For several years now, Anderson and his men have been boasting that they were the best team in baseball. All that remains is for them to prove it.

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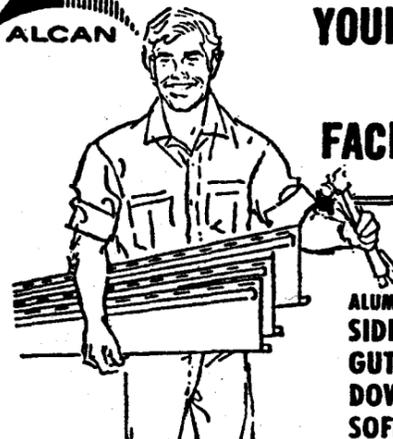
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Sorting through mail placed upon his desk by his secretary is an every day occurrence for Col. David C. Smith, acting commandant at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

It's a chore that has to be done. Although most of his mail is business-like and pertains to the functions of the School, last Tuesday's mail brought a pleasant satisfaction to his job.

When inspecting a large white envelope addressed to him from the Lurleen B. Wallace Developmental Center in Decatur, Ala., Col. Smith discovered some hand-drawn and colored poster cards.

One card contained horses with names of students from the center on them. The other said, "We went to the fair and found love."

Col. Smith was emotionally stunned by the thoughtfulness of the students. It was their way of thanking the commandant and the 130 volunteer soldiers in School Brigade at MMCS for being helpmates to them when they

visited the Northeast Alabama Fair in September.

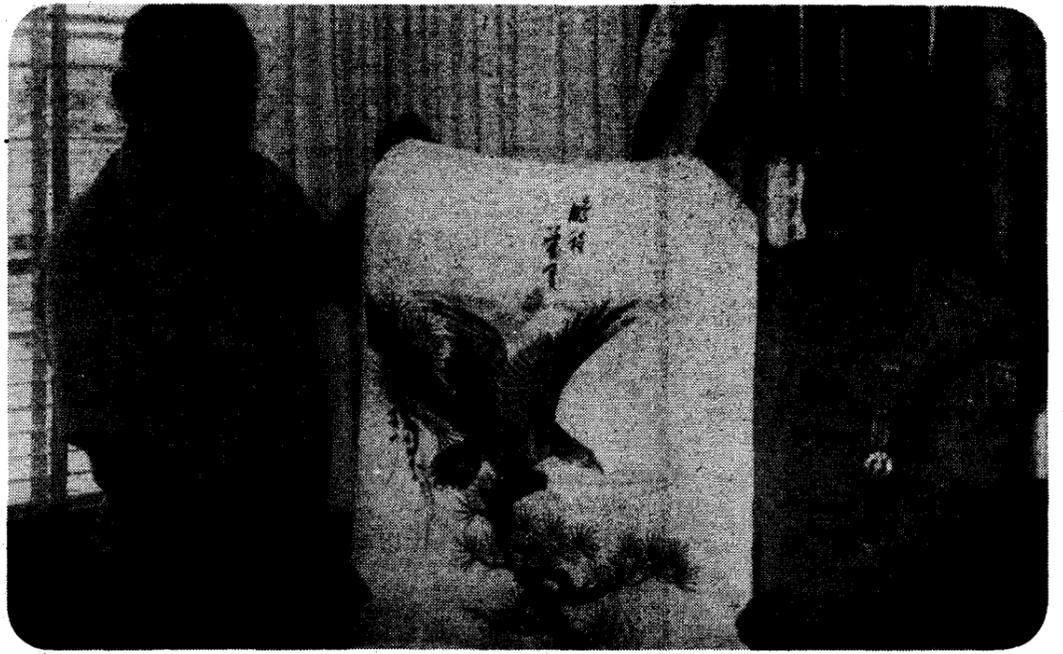
The handicapped children, some in wheelchairs, some with walking sticks, and others struggling unsteadily without walking aids, were given a helping hand from Arsenal soldiers as they toured the animal areas, exhibit tents and rode the carnival rides.

Several weeks earlier, Rev. Bill Simons of the Center wrote Smith and thanked the school for their unselfish time and man-power, but had no idea that the children took it upon their own to personally write the commandant.

"Some people forget that many underprivileged children exist today," said Rev. Simons. "They need some assistance through life as do healthy children. The Arsenal soldiers gave a helping hand when they needed it and for that we are sincerely grateful."

"We hope the soldiers will do it again next year," he added.

Smith send his warm regards to children in a letter to Dennis W. Griffith, director of the center.



CHINESE MEMENTO—Republic of China's Cpt. Hsieh Tsu-Wang, a student for nearly a year in the Air Defense Maintenance Technician course at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, presented the School's acting commandant, Col. David C. Smith, a memento on his departure from Redstone. The elegant hand-embroidered silk cloth was given to the School for "...appreciation for the many considerations shown me during my tenure at Redstone," said Cpt. Tsu-Wang. In describing the Eagle depicted on the fabric to Col. Smith, Cpt. Tsu-Wang said "May the spirit of the Eagle inspire you in your academic endeavors."

Disney World Salutes Services

Florida's Walt Disney World is having a special salute for Armed Forces presently through this weekend.

Military tickets can be purchased at Walt Disney World for \$6.25 a person, which covers all day admission to the Magic Kingdom, plus unlimited use of all theme park attractions (except the shooting gallery.)

Special hotel and motel ac-

comodation rates for military families are offered by the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge—\$12 per room. For military campers, the Fort Wilderness Campground Resort, the only campground inside Disneyland, will offer reduced nightly rates of \$10 per campsite.

To highlight the Armed Forces Days, there will be a daily parade of 200 performers.

Wives Slate

Autumn Luncheon

The BMDSOM Officers' Wives Club will meet for their annual Autumn Luncheon on October 20, 1975 in the Hawk Room at the Officers' Open Mess.

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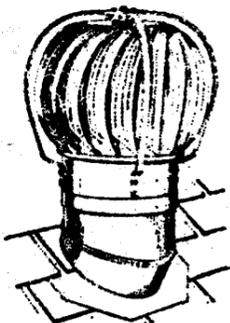
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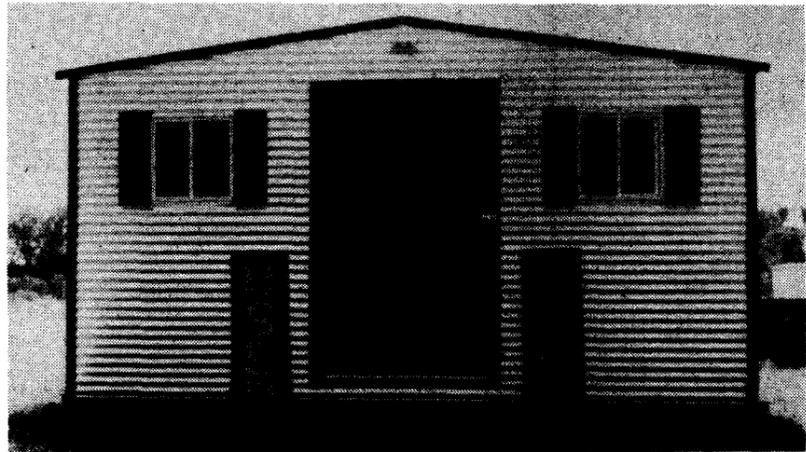
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President Gets Inversion Bill

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The bill will reverse the trend of career soldiers retiring earlier than planned because they would lose money by retiring at a later date.

The bill provides for a recomputation of retired pay for all soldiers who retired after Jan 1, 1971 but would not make the pay increase retroactive. The increase will become effective when the bill is signed by the President.

The aspect of the bill that concerns the military the most is the fact that no individual will receive less retired pay by staying on active duty.

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system had the effect of forcing soldiers out of the Army sooner than they planned.



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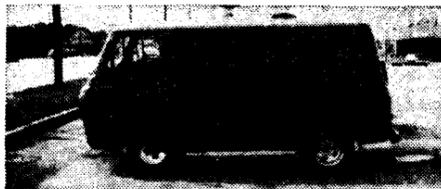
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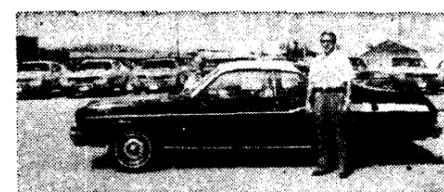
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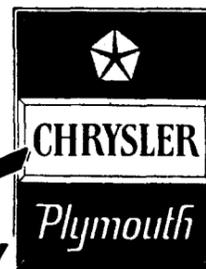


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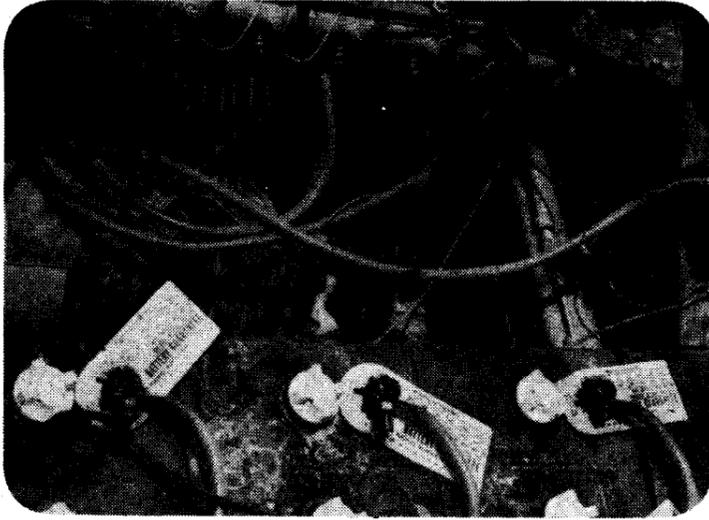
Electric Cars For Army Studied

The users of Redstone's 440 Army-owned cars and light trucks have been asked to identify those that might be replaced with electric vehicles.

The car and truck survey is being required of all Federal agencies as part of a General Services Administration study to decide whether to put electric vehicles on the Government shopping list.

At present no electric vehicles meet GSA standards, which are written around gas or diesel cars and trucks. But as noted by AMC in requesting the survey here and at its other commands, "electric vehicles could be applicable to some requirements" for cars and light trucks "operated principally on installations".

About half of the 34 user organizations here had responded to the survey at press time. An informal tabulation indicated a majority of the responses neg-



Most negative respondents cite slow speed and limited range of electric vehicles. For survey purposes GSA is

using two profiles developed by the Environmental Protection Agency, which is pushing electric cars as fuel-saving and non-polluting. Profile I is a vehicle with a 40 miles per hour top speed and 50 mile range. The Profile II vehicle has a 30 mph speed and 40 mile range. These characteristics rule out their use in many applications here, but not in all as has been shown by a couple of MICOM organizations.

Work formerly done with pickup trucks is now being done with electric vehicles at Guidance and Control's Prototype Development Branch and at two Propulsion Directorate activities. Both Directorates got them months ago when Army cars and trucks and gas for them got harder to get.

Two are used at Prototype Development for trips to shops and warehouses in a mile radius of home base. The Propulsion

activities, which have one each, also use them for close-in trips. The operators of these electric vehicles, which are a lot slower than the two profiled by EPA, say they are okay for short trips in light traffic.

Supply has one so new that it hasn't been put to work yet. With an estimated speed of 20 mph it is fairly fast as electric vehicles go, and will be used to haul light loads in and between warehouses.

According to AMC, "A government-wide effort is underway to provide support of the President's policy and congressional direction on energy conservation and reduction of pollution by substituting electric vehicles for gasoline and diesel vehicles."

Some months ago GSA issued new guidelines for obtaining cars and trucks stressing smallness and fuel economy.

CHAMPUS

Deadline For Filing 1974 Claims Nears

Beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) should be aware that December 31, 1975 is the deadline for filing claims for medical care services and supplies provided during calendar year 1974.

CHAMPUS officials are concerned that many beneficiaries may not know about this deadline. They point out that a claim for services or supplies received during 1974 will not be considered if it is filed after the last day of 1975.

A similar deadline will be in effect in the future. It will be the last day of the calendar year following the calendar

year in which the services and supplies are received. For example, claims for services and supplies received during 1975 will have to be sent in no later than December 31, 1976.

Although CHAMPUS beneficiaries have until the end of this year to file claims for services and supplies provided during 1974, they are advised not to wait until then to get them in.

"If you delay preparing and filing a claim until the last minute, something unexpected might happen to prevent you from getting it in the mail in time to be considered for payment," one CHAMPUS official points out.

A CHAMPUS beneficiary who has received services or supplies during 1974 from a civilian source who has agreed to submit a claim directly to CHAMPUS should check with that source if he is not sure that a claim has been submitted. The civilian source should be reminded about the December 31, 1975 deadline, and if he cannot file the claim by that date, the beneficiary should make arrangements to file it himself.

ASQC Meet

The Huntsville Section, American Society for Quality Control will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, October 21, at the Officers Open Mess.

Roland C. Laney, a production assurance manager for the Thiokol Corporation in Brigham City, Utah, will be the guest speaker.

Reservations for the meeting may be made with Fred Williamson at 883-7155.

Privacy Act Ends Column

The Civilian Briefs column which has appeared in the Rocket for several months is a casualty of the recently enacted Privacy Act. Information included in the

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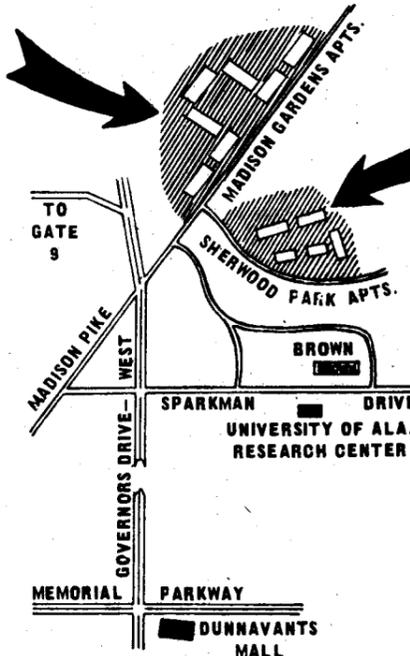
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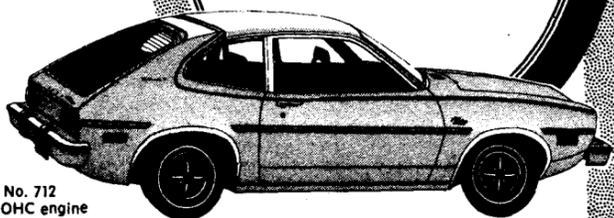
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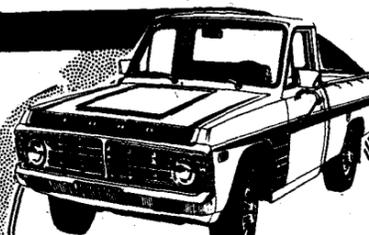
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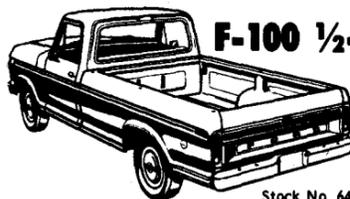
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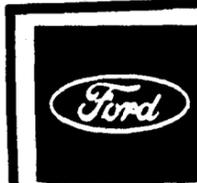
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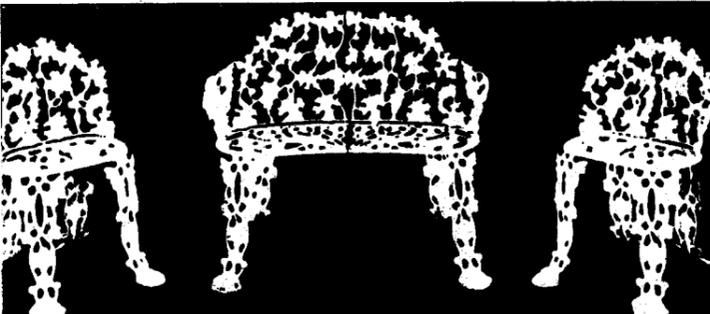
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