
Thanksgiving Message

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American family holiday and this Thanksgiving, coming into the Army's Bicentennial Year, seems to me to have special significance.

Mrs. Turnmeyer joins me in extending to each of you, and in particular to those who because of distance, duty or illness are eating this holiday meal away from their families, a special wish for a happy Thanksgiving.

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Energy Saving: RSA Among Best

In a presentation here last week Redstone Arsenal received an award from Army Materiel Command for achievement in energy conservation. At the same time Jim Still, energy coordinator at Facilities Engineer, was presented an award and Certificate of Recognition for his work with the installation energy program.

Still's "outstanding achievements in support of energy conservation were the direct cause of reductions in electrical and heating energy at Redstone Arsenal from the amount consumed during the previous fiscal year" and . . . "his excellent preparation of the arsenal's conservation plan and the good publicity and cooperation he propagated throughout the workforce enabled his organization to achieve first place . . . in the reduction of energy consumption", the certificate read. It was signed by General John R. Deane Jr., Amc commander.

The arsenal received the Amc Energy Conservation Award for achieving from January through March "the greatest percentage reduction in energy consumption" in competition with other Amc installations in the laboratory and proving ground class.



JIM STILL, energy coordinator at Facilities Engineer, is presented the Amc Energy Conservation Award by Major General George E. Turnmeyer.

What's Your Question?

QUESTION: Do all Series E savings bonds mature in ten years?

ANSWER: On the contrary, all E Bonds now carry an automatic 10-year extension privilege; older E bonds have been granted one or more such extensions. Here is a chart outlining the date of extended maturity and the life of bonds since the outset of the savings bond program.

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Feb. 1957-May 1959	Jan. 1976-Apr. 1978	18 years, 11 months
June 1959-Nov. 1965	Mar. 1977-Aug. 1983	17 years, 9 months
Dec. 1965-May 1969	Dec. 1982-May 1986	17 years
Beginning June 1969		15 years, 10 months

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Bond Buying Still Popular

Minuteman flags were presented to seven MICOM organizations last week where employees achieved 80 percent or better participation in the savings bonds program during the past year. Organizations and bond chair-

men for each group receiving flags were: MICOM staff and project offices, Horace Lowers; Maintenance, Eleanore Zeman; Procurement and Production, Edwin Goss; Materiel Management, Geneva Kilgore; Management Information Systems, Velma Farrior; Product Assurance, Patricia Branam; and Metrology and Calibration, Betty Hampton. All had won flags last year also.

Treasury Annual Citation (TAC) awards have gone to elements of the following organizations where 80 percent or more of the employees participated in bond buying: MICOM headquarters and staff offices including Office of the Commander, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff; Chief Engineer; Inspector General, Legal, Safety and Information Offices; Secretary of the General Staff and Comptroller.

Project offices receiving TAC awards were TOW, Stinger, Dragon, Pershing, Lance, Precision Laser Designator, Roland and Hawk.

TAC awards also went to individual offices in the following: Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory; Maintenance; Materiel Man-

agement; Plans and Analysis; Special Systems Office; Procurement and Production; Systems Analysis Office; Management Information Systems; Missile Intelligence Agency; Product Assurance; Metrology and Calibration; and the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Overall participation at MICOM was 71 percent.

Leave Policy Relaxed

(Washington, D.C.)—A change in army leave policy that will help soldiers and their families in emergencies was announced in Washington last week.

The change permits a soldier to take emergency leave with space required transportation when a close relative of the soldier's spouse dies, and permits in most cases a soldier and spouse to travel together when the soldier is on emergency leave.

A spouse's close relatives include a father, mother, brother or sister, and children, a foster parent, or only living blood relation.

'Reindeer' Bus Helps Troops

If you need a ride on "The Reindeer Express" you had better make your airline and bus reservations as soon as possible.

Military buses will be available to take personnel going on leave for the Christmas holidays to local air and bus terminals without charge. Buses will be scheduled to depart the Arsenal (Tin City and Bldg.'s 3200 and 3400) two hours prior to plane or bus departure time.

So that the school can plan schedules, reservations should be made immediately. Once you have your reservation, notify your company first sergeant.

Air reservations may be made through the commercial airlines office, building 3488.

According to Battalion spokesman, an early graduation is also being scheduled for Dec. 16 in order to get students home for the holiday.

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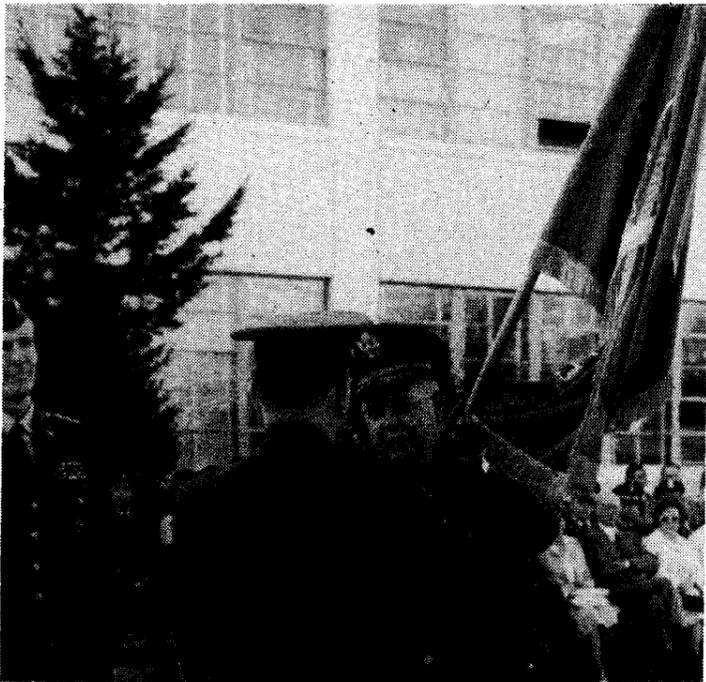
Colonel Edwin A. Rudd assumed command of the Missile and Munitions Center and School in a formal change of command ceremony held in front of the school headquarters last Wednesday.

Colonel David Smith, Deputy Commandant for Training and Education, served as acting commandant following the departure of Colonel Errol Hayes in July.

Formerly assistant commandant of the Army Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Rudd began his Ordnance Corps career in 1948. He was formerly assigned to the Missile Command as project manager of the Pershing System.

Among his awards are the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

A guest at Monday's ceremony was Lieutenant General Frank A. Camm, deputy commanding general, Training and Doctrine Command at Ft. Monroe.



CHANGE OF COMMAND—Colonel Edwin A. Rudd, passes the colors to his top enlisted man, Command Sergeant Major Joe L. Pitt in assuming command of the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Lieutenant General Frank A. Camm, deputy commanding general of Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), looks on.

Center Opens In January

An Arsenal Children's Center for children of military families will begin operation in January under the supervision of the Post Chaplain, replacing the private pre-school and kindergarten now run by an association of military parents who find they can no longer continue their program.

Until March when the

educational wing of the new Post Chapel is completed, the Children's Center will be located in Bldg. 7110, site of the present Redstone Pre-School.

Registration will be Dec. 1 through 5 and Dec. 8 through 12 between 8 AM and 4:30 PM at the Chapel, or parents may register their children by calling 876-5751.

Fee for registration and membership is \$10.

The Center will be run as a common service, non-appropriated fund activity. It will be open to children of pre-school age to include pre-kindergarten for four-year-olds; kindergarten for five-year-olds; and a special situation first grade.

Basic education concepts and programs formerly carried out by the parents' organization will continue at the Center.

Day care services will not be included in the new Center.

Parents of younger children who need day care may enroll them in the Rocket Nursery, operated as part of the Dependent Youth Activities program. The Nursery provides supervised care, group play, and early learning activities in recently enlarged facilities.

The Center can accommodate up to 220 children in the new chapel. Classes will be taught by degreed teachers.

Establishment of the Children's Center is a convenience for military families. There is no official requirement for the Army to provide such service to soldiers and their families. Support was given to the Redstone Pre-School which was operated for several years, in the belief that the program provided a necessary service for military families assigned in an area where public schools do not offer kindergarten.



CHILDREN'S CENTER SITE—Chaplain (Col.) William I. Wetzel shows an interested parent features of the education wing of the new Post Chapel where the Children's Center will be located. The Center, for children of military families, will operate under the Chaplain's supervision.

Lance Tests Begin

The Army has launched a test program at White Sands to verify the production version of a non-nuclear warhead for its Lance battlefield missile.

Fort Sill's 1st Battalion, 12th Field Artillery, the first Army unit equipped with Lance in 1972, fired the opening round of a planned series of production verification tests last week.

Lt. Col. Donald P. Whalen, Lance Project Manager, said the initial test was successful and "...all test objectives were accomplished."

Remaining tests are scheduled for early 1976.

Major Ray Ross of the Lance Reliability and Test Office, represented the project office at the firing.

The 20-foot-long Lance missile can travel aboard its own self propelled launcher across almost

any terrain; swim deep, inland waterways; fly aboard plane or helicopter; and strike deep into enemy territory under all weather and terrain conditions.

Lance could destroy enemy troop concentrations, supply depots, transportation routes and similar targets.

Lance is replacing Sergeant and Honest John battalions that for years have played an important role in NATO defense.

Monday Shopping

The Redstone Post Exchange Manager has announced that, for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, the Main Store in Bldg.

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Volunteer Army Going All-Check?

By Dave Cowan

One of those traditions the Army has prized —possibly at the expense of improvement— concerns money, in particular cold, hard cash.

Cash as a mode of payment goes back centuries, and in this country the Army has been using it ever since the days of George Washington. In recent years, however, the United States has increasingly depended upon checks as a more economical and safer way to do business.

Checks have become so widely accepted as a standard of payment that few civilian employers disburse salaries in bills and coin anymore. But the Army still offers cash to soldiers if they request it.

In a show of independence rare in the Army nowadays, one post has said no to the cash tradition. At Ft. Belvoir, Va., all permanent party military pay will be changed over to the check option pay procedure, effective Dec. 1. The change of pay option is accomplished by using the JUMPS pay form, DA 3685.

The Castle, Belvoir's newspaper, reported that "if a soldier fails to complete the form before his December pay period he will be made to pick his pay up at the finance office where he will then be made to make the change."

The Finance and Accounting Office at Redstone Arsenal has no immediate plans for such action; however, the advantages and disadvantages of being paid by check were discussed with Captain Rex R. Mills, commander of Company C at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

This is Mills' first company position, but he has been Class A agent numerous times on previous assignments. Mills disagreed with Belvoir's no-choice pay policy.

"Forcing an individual to accept the pay check option is wrong," he said. "The low-ranking enlisted soldier works for his money the same as anyone else. The cash option is another convenience for him and he should receive his money anyway he asks for it."

In his company of more than 200 soldiers, only seven are being paid by cash. According to Mills, a lot of paperwork is involved when dealing with even this number of cash salaries.

"Every pay period," said Mills, "we must secure a guard and then go to School Brigade's S-4 and get weapons approved. Next we go to the arms room and draw out weapons, pick up the payroll and then break it down."

Pay hours at Company C are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., which Mills said consumes a lot of the commander's time. During pay call the commander as well as the guard cannot leave the office.

"If individuals fail to pick up their pay during the allotted time, we have to return it to Finance," said Mills.

Although Mills recommends being paid by check, he said, "It's my duty to recommend the best way for a soldier to receive his pay,

but it's up to him to decide what option he will take."

"If a soldier is paid by check, he doesn't have to worry about being ripped-off, or losing his money," he said.

The company commander believes that nighttime is when most soldiers are robbed of their cash. A young specialist assigned to his command in Germany lost \$340 the evening after he received his cash payment.

He left his wallet laying on his refrigerator just inside his door. Someone came along, opened the door slightly, reached in and snatched the wallet. Within seconds his money was gone.

Incidents like this occur often. Since a large majority of soldiers who receive cash keep the whole amount in their wallets, Mills said, "the problem is that soldiers don't take necessary precautions to safeguard against being robbed."

"Handling cash is an inconvenience on my part," said Mills. "Of course, I'm not to be concerned over seven soldiers in my company being paid by currency. However, when I was in Germany, I had more than 200 soldiers that I had to pay in cash. It was quite a responsibility handling more than \$60,000 and, in addition, at the time the rate of thefts was very high."

"Probably the best way of receiving pay is to have the check sent right to the bank. The soldier's check is usually deposited two days prior to payday. Also, if the individual is on leave or TDY he doesn't have to worry about picking up his pay," said Mills.

Nevertheless, there are many soldiers who insist on being paid in cash and these men are usually senior NCO's, said the company commander.

One of those persons is Command Sergeant Major John S. Adams, top NCO of School Brigade at MMCS. The 28-year veteran has always received his pay in cash. He has his reasons.

"It's a hangover from the old Army" said Adams. "I like to stand in line with the troops and listen to what they have to say. Also, it lets the troops know that I'm subject to the same system no matter what my rank is."

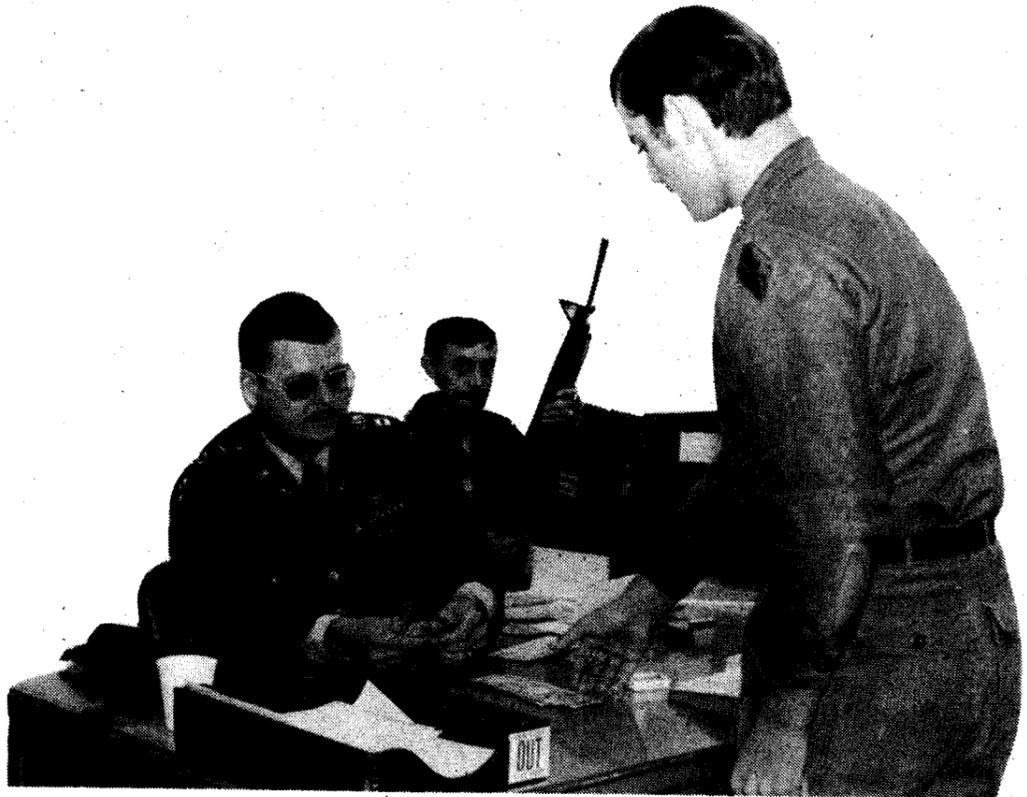
The sergeant major advised that Army newcomers should receive their pay in the form of checks.

"Young men don't know what to look for. In my case, I've been around a long time and I have my own safeguards for securing my money," said Adams. "Within two hours, my money is deposited in the bank."

Evidently, the sergeant major feels that young soldiers who request the cash option and live in the billets at Redstone are risking their month's wages if they decide to keep the money in their rooms.

"There is absolutely no safe place, and I mean safe place, for a person to keep his money outside the company safe," said Adams.

Sergeant Major Paul Lawson of the Electronics Division at MMCS has received cash payments for nearly 27 of his years in the Army,



Soldier Collects Cash From Mills

but his reasoning is somewhat different from Adams'.

"I used to receive bonds through the mail until several of them were lost. It took nearly a year to get the matter straightened out," said Lawson.

"After that fiasco, I decided that if I received cash I would check my statement right on the spot for errors. When your money goes through the mail it takes too long to correct mistakes," he noted.

However, Lawson goes directly to the bank after being paid to deposit his money in a checking and savings account.

The advantages and disadvantages of each pay option can be argued convincingly; however,

Mills of Company C seems to think that more young men would resort to the check option if they had more experience in handling a checking account.

Recently, two privates were asked if they knew how to maintain a checking account. Both men, who receive their pay by checks, said no. This brings up another serious problem, according to Mills.

"A large majority get paid by check through the mail," he said. "They in turn go to the PX or bank to cash their checks and then usually end up in the same manner as soldiers who receive cash—with a bunch of money in their wallets." When and if the Army should

eliminate the cash option, the change would probably not affect students in Advanced Individual Training schools. It would be impractical for them, since schools are usually short in duration, to require persons to make numerous changes to the JUMPS pay form.

If many persons feel Ft. Belvoir's pay change is out of bounds, the no-cash decision has meant happier days for some military employees. With the change to checks, the Finance and Accounting Office, Class A agents, military police and company officers and NCO's can breathe easier on payday. The fall of the cash tradition has lessened the workload for them all.

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Standard Pay Period Coming

Pay periods for almost half of the local Army civilian employees will change in February. The more than 5,000 affected persons will receive a half pay period check as a result and from that date all Army employees paid through Finance and Accounting Division will have

the same pay period.

The change is a result of the Standard Army Civilian Payroll System (STARCIPS) being implemented Army-wide and will be completed at Redstone by May.

Those persons affected will be employees whose annual leave year ends on January 3, 1976.

They will receive a normal check February 12, and one week later will receive a half period check. Then, in two weeks, they will receive checks on schedule with the rest of the work force.

The change also will result in those persons receiving an extra week of sick leave and annual leave credit in 1976.

The partial check will have deductions of approximately 1/2 the normal deductions for federal tax, state tax, retirement, FICA, health insurance, group life insurance and union dues. Items which will not be deducted from the partial check will be contributions, bonds and savings allotments.

Training sessions, an hour in length, will be conducted next week by Finance & Accounting for timekeepers. They will learn details of totaling the time & attendance cards. This was formerly done by Civilian Pay Section.

The timekeepers will return to class in April to learn the proper use of the new STARCIPS time and attendance records. In May each employee will see a change in the type of leave and earning statements mailed with his check as the Command begins to use STARCIPS. All Army will be using STARCIPS exclusively by the end of 1976.

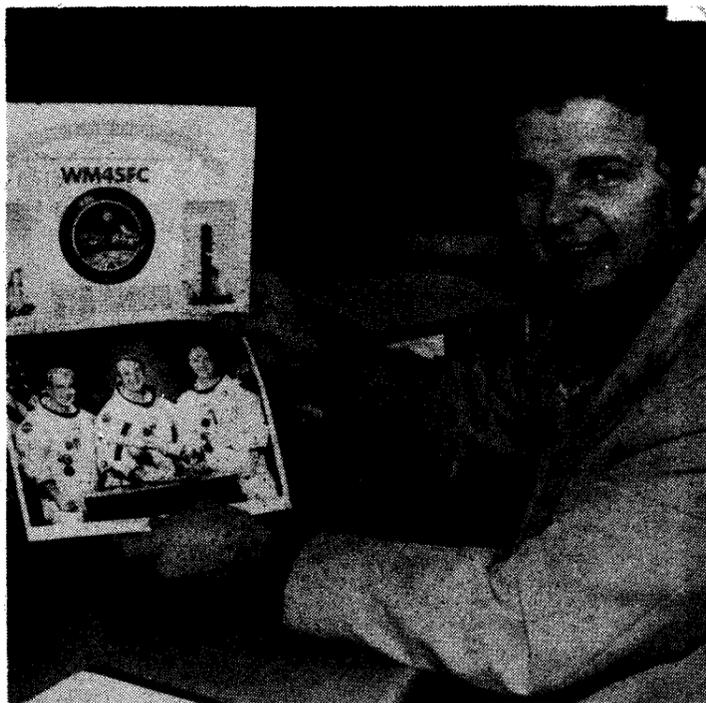
The Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command and the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center are affected by the pay period change.

Later organizations within the Missile Command which will have employees affected include Research, Development, Engineering and Missile System Laboratories; Maintenance; Product Assurance; Materiel Management; and Procurement and Production.

Other organizations whose employees will change pay periods include Precision Laser Designator, Special Systems, Chaparral/FAAR, All weather SHOR-ADS, Kuwait, High Energy Laser, Pershing, Hawk, Systems Analysis, Lance, Iran Improved Hawk staff office, Stinger, 2.75 Inch Rocket System, Plans and Analysis and ILAW Project.



Foreign Sales Program Chairman Jim Sweeney gets the word on the status of foreign sales within the Missile Command from Major General George Turnmeyer prior to a recent educational Symposium sponsored by the local National Contract Management Association. The MICOM Commander delivered the keynote address at the two-day affair. The symposium included panel discussions on all phases of foreign customer procurement.



HISTORY MAKING EVENT—Lowell Anderson, a Communications Management Specialist, holds a special QSL card and picture of the American astronauts who participated in the joint Apollo-Soyuz space mission with the Russian cosmonauts. Anderson manned the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command's Military Unit Amateur Radio Station (MUARS) during the historic space flight. He was in radio contact with the Marshall Space Flight Center's special radio station and received the mementoes for his scrapbook. The Command MUARS station is available and manned during emergencies and whenever the need occurs.

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"It's difficult getting into the Army. The standards are so much higher today, and more young people should realize that. The Army won't take just anybody. They look for people who want to benefit themselves as well as the Army.

"I personally enjoy the Army. The first time you get to put your class A's on for retreat, you know, it's one of those things you remember. It's something I'm proud of. And so is the fact that I plan to reenlist."

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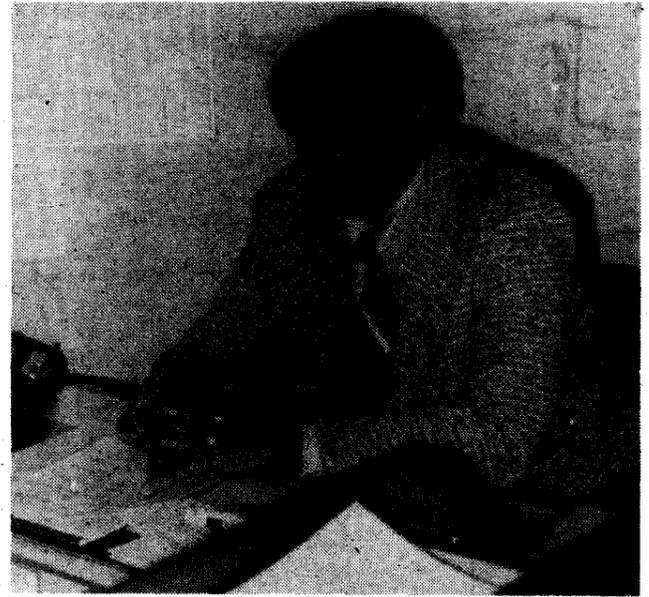
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Victor L. Brooks, host of the Channel 48 television talk show "People and Issues," was named temporary Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Missile and Munitions Center and School last Tuesday. He is standing in for Katie Byrd while she is attending school full-time at Pennsylvania State University.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Brooks of Pine Forge, Pa., Brooks is former community relations director at Oakwood College, Huntsville.

Brooks is owner of a consulting firm that handles affirmative action needs. He has also directed several government programs dealing with employer-employee problems.

A graduate of Edmondson High School, Baltimore, Md., Brooks attended Oakwood College and Columbia Union College, Washington D.C.



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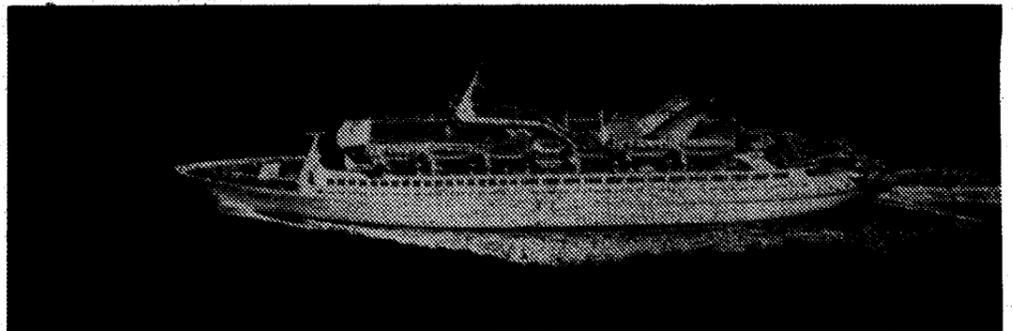
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CHECKMATE?—Gordon is a member of the Lee High School Chess team and the Huntsville Chess Club. In fact he frequently "checkmates" his dad in their evening competition.

Helping Is A Family Project

Lieutenant Colonel E. A. "Jerry" Richmond is a native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but while he is assigned to the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command he calls Huntsville home and has become active in community affairs and volunteer organizations here.

As a professional soldier Richmond is the Automatic Data Processing Officer for BMDSCOM, but in his spare time he works with volunteer organizations helping the handicapped.

Richmond's work with the handicapped started with his own family. He and his wife, Gerry, have three sons, Gordon, 17, Robert, 15, and Steven, 11. Their oldest son Gordon, has cerebral palsy and for the last 17 years, Richmond and his wife have been involved in CP activities as a family project.

Jerry Richmond and his wife could have withdrawn from society as some parents of handicapped children do, but they felt there was much that could be done to help all handicapped persons find a place in society . . . and they were right.

When Richmond started working with community organizations he never realized how involved

he would become. Now he is the treasurer and a member of the advisory council for PEP (Parents and Friends of Physically Exceptional People). In addition to this job, he is first vice president and a member of the board of directors for the United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and the Tennessee Valley Inc.; Chairman of the Society for Barrier-free Design; a member of the Governor of Alabama's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped; the Institutional Representative of the Boy Scouts to PEP; and Chairman of the Medical, Professional, Advisory and Evaluation Committee for Cerebral Palsy for Madison and Jackson Counties.

During the past 13 years, Richmond has been sending his son, Gordon, to special education classes. Though Gordon is confined to a wheelchair and is severely physically handicapped earlier IQ tests indicated that he was exceptionally bright. Whenever the Richmonds were transferred to a different Army post they entered Gordon in special education classes for the handicapped. He attended such classes in Huntsville from 1972 to 1974. In 1974 the City School Board agreed to place some physically handicapped students in classes with non-handicapped students at Lee High School and Gordon was one of the first to enter.

This was a drastic change, but the Richmonds felt that it was a chance for Gordon to take

some responsibility. Though he could not use his hands, Gordon propelled his wheelchair in and out of class with his feet. The teachers and other students helped by turning the pages of his books and recording dictation of his classroom notes.

Gordon responded so well to his new educational environment that he completed his first year of high school with an "A" average. For those who might think it was an easy course, his first six weeks grades were in subjects that have always been considered difficult. For an example, Gordon made an "A" in Business Law, an "A" in Biology II, an "A" in Unified Geometry, an "A" in World History, and a "B" in World Literature. The World Literature course is usually for seniors, but Gordon was one of three sophomores allowed to take the subject.

The Richmonds have allowed Gordon to participate in school activities. He has been interviewed and accepted into the Key Club, an honorary scholastic and civic society at Lee High School. During his freshman year he was chosen as a representative to the Student Council. He is also a member of the school chess team.

While Gordon requires a lot of attention, his brothers, Robert and Steven, are active in their own areas of interest. Both are interested in judo and have won medals in national competition.

The family has a travel trailer and they go camping whenever they can. The younger sons get to hike and fish with their dad while Gordon and their mother read and nature watch. Sometimes Richmond takes Gordon on hikes piggyback and sometimes he rigs the boat with safety gear and takes Gordon fishing.

Richmond believes that the handicapped can do a lot if their families and loved ones will just have faith and help them do it. He firmly believes that the handicapped need a chance in society and he speaks to civic groups, parents, educators, professional clubs and anyone who will listen to his message. But most of all Richmond is willing to spend his time and energy to prove his point.

Copter Assists

A Redstone Army helicopter helped locate the wreckage of a light plane on Green Mountain last Thursday night in which an Alabama woman was killed earlier in the day.

The woman, identified as Dr. M. K. Hamlet of Tuskegee, was found in the twisted remains of the single engine plane several hours after rescue workers began a search for her. She reportedly was enroute from Rome, Ga., to visit her brother in Huntsville when the aircraft went down.

The helicopter, piloted by Captain Larry Devore and CW2 Richard Bosworth, joined in the search following a call from Huntsville Jetport authorities.

"We thought we spotted the wreckage on our second pass over the mountain," Devore said,

"but we weren't absolutely certain. The weather was clear at the time but we couldn't get as low as we wanted because of high winds.

Devore said he and Bosworth flew nearly two hours in the search before a ground party verified the location of the crash site.

The helicopter was equipped with a search light.

Huntsville Approach Control reportedly picked up a plane on radar about the same time the woman was expected in Huntsville, but the plane disappeared from the scope in the vicinity of Green Mountain.

There were thundershowers over Huntsville at the time although exact cause of the crash was not known.

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In addition to the customary typewriters, calculators and trucks, a wide variety of miscellaneous items will be sold, ranging from abandoned cars to wheel bearings for a box car.

A number of the items for sale are brand new, many are good-used or in need of minor repair, some are basket case repairable, some are junk. All will be sold to the highest bidders, in many cases at a very small fraction of the original purchase price.

Representative items to be sold include:

— Typewriters, and calculators, manual and electric

— Trucks, two 1½ ton and one pickup

— Miscellaneous furniture items including a desk, chairs, mattresses and bar stools

— Water heaters, shelving, doors and electric blowers

— Cafeteria equipment

A few items that were damaged in shipments of household goods are being offered for sale. These include a color TV that doesn't work and some golf clubs and a cart.

Also for sale are 1,000 unused ice cream cartons, heavy-duty pipe fittings, downspout elbows, rivets, tank tracks, shipping containers, television cameras;

Used Army uniforms, Air Force ROTC uniforms, band uniform items, outdated desk calendars, heating and air conditioning parts and a variety of electronic items such as circuit boards and works-

in-a-drawer type components.

Also, an overhead projector large hydraulic cylinders, fuel cells, motor deicers, a coaxial resistor, accumulators, a nitrogen pressure generator and miscellaneous special purpose machines and parts.

Four old cars that were abandoned on Redstone Arsenal are also for sale. They are a Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, a 1959 Rambler, a 1956 Chevrolet and a dune buggy.

The public spot bid sale will be held here next Wednesday in the Rocket Auditorium, Bldg 7120. Registration for the sale is at 8 a.m. The sale begins at 9.

The sale items can be inspected from 8 to 3 daily in Bldg 7432 and at the vehicle yard on Warehouse Rd. Anyone can buy.

Feast Today, Closed On Friday

The traditional Thanksgiving Special is the fare at the civilian cafeterias on post today while all of the Interstate United food operations will be closed on Friday.

All Interstate United cafeterias and snack bars will be serving the Special between the hours of eleven and one. The menu is:

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On Friday all of the food operations in buildings 5250, 4488, 5400, 7101, 5678, 4505 and 8027 in addition to the mobile food service trucks will be closed, according to George Carlyle, resident manager of Interstate United's Redstone operation.



Arrest Suspect In Parking Lot

Military authorities took into custody Friday and turned over to the FBI a male civilian believed to be the individual responsible for a series of thefts from parked vehicles at Redstone Arsenal.

Special agents of the Redstone Resident Agency of the Army Criminal Investigation Command, assisted by Military Police, took suspect into custody in mid-afternoon in the parking lot adjoining Building 4488.

Ruben C. Young, special agent in charge of the Redstone Resident Agency, said the suspect was apprehended after agents and military policemen watching the parking lot saw him enter a vehicle, remove a citizens band radio and attempt to drive away.

Agents and military police had had the parking lot under surveillance following recent thefts from parked cars.

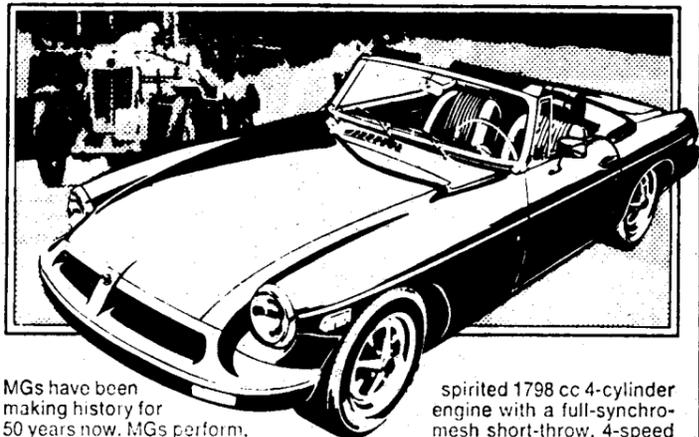
The U.S. Attorney's office in Birmingham must determine whether or not the individual will be prosecuted and on what charge.

FIRST CLASS—Rhonda Yeager, daughter of SP6 and Mrs. Ronald Yeager, was presented the God and Community award during the morning service Sunday at the West Huntsville Baptist Church. Rhonda attained the award in recognition of her 90 hours service to her church. She is an eighth grade student at Westlawn Middle School. Her father, formerly assigned to Redstone, is now serving with the Army in Germany.

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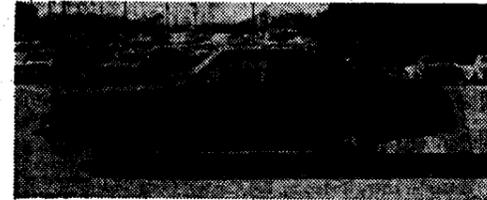
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Those in new uniforms try, without much success, to look military. The others, posing before they left for camp and condemned to stand forever in a company of warriors wearing civilian clothes, are appropriately solemn.

The gold stars attached in the corners of many of the pictures came later, most of them in the summer and fall of 1918.

That was the season of gold stars as the Germans with an advantage in numbers on the Western Front for the first time in years, threw 202 divisions into the series of great attacks intended to win the war.

Their first thunderbolt fell on the hinge of French and British armies on March 21, trying to split the allied line. In four days, the Germans using new tactics of fire and movement that a later war would refine into something called blitzkrieg, rolled forward 40 miles before the British and French managed to stop them at Cantigny just 55 miles northeast of Paris.

MG John J. Pershing had argued with his allies ever since he arrived in France the summer before refusing to piecemeal American soldiers into combat, insisting on an American Army under American command.

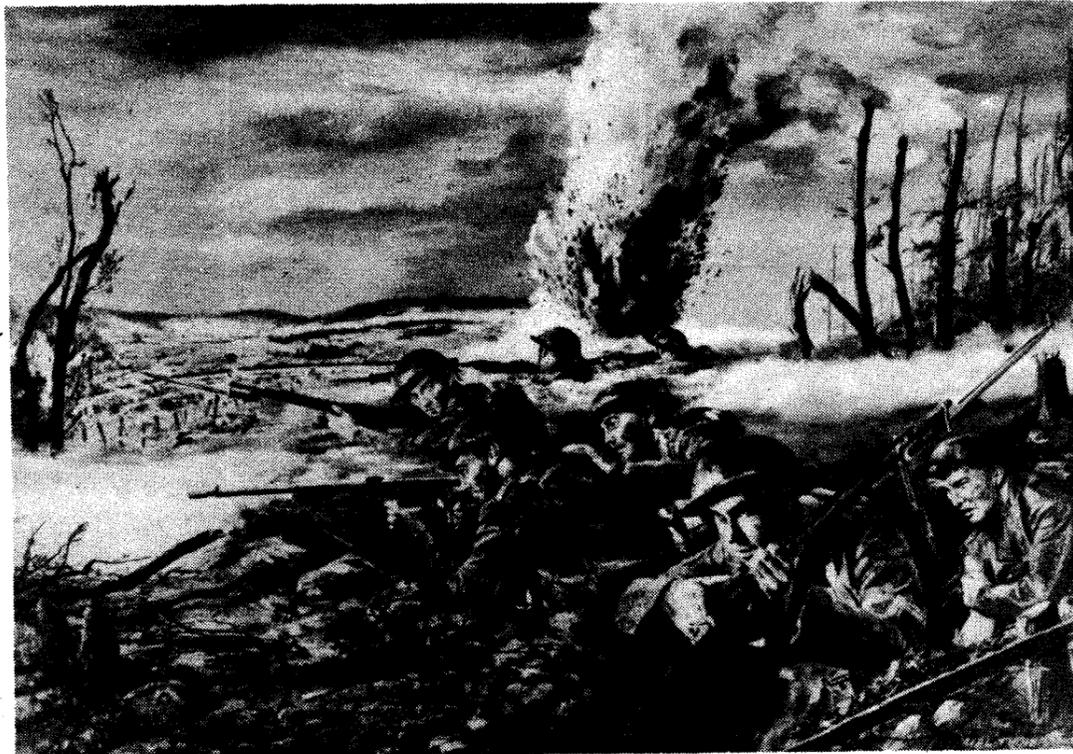
Now in the crisis of the war, the commander of the American Expeditionary Force went to MG Ferdinand Foch, the French commander, and offered "all I have" wherever Foch wanted them.

"We came over here to get killed. Where do you want to use us."

Pershing made the offer in French and he spoke lousy French so he kept it simple. MG Tasker H. Bliss put it even more directly when he visited Foch later and said: "Well we came over here to get killed. Where do you want to use us."

"All I have" meant the four American divisions most advanced in training, the regulars of the 1st and 2nd Divisions, national guardsmen of the 26th and 42nd. The American Divisions—roughly 27,000 men each—had more than twice the number of riflemen that British, French and German divisions contained. They were big and sometimes difficult to manage in combat, but the American divisions had tremendous staying power.

The New England guardsmen of the 26th Division proved it first in April when, assigned to a



"THE ROCK OF THE MARNE"

relatively quiet sector, they beat off repeated German probing attacks.

The Big Red One drew a hot sector. They went into the line at Cantigny—the farthest point of German advance during the March offensive. The Germans, meantime, had struck the British a second sledgehammer blow further north and again had been held—just barely.

On the night of May 3, the Germans opposite the 1st Division doused it with a massive barrage of high explosive and gas. The Americans lost 200 dead, more

than 600 wounded or gassed.

At daylight the gas casualties were led back from the trenches, gasping and choking, marching like blind men, each soldier holding the shoulder of the man ahead.

Cantigny developed into a violent artillery duel that went on for days while the American commanders studied the town and its defenders, concluded that they were not the best German troops, and decided to attack.

Pershing spoke to 900 officers of the divisions, urging them to set a personal example in this first American attack. The French supplied additional artillery and 12 small tanks and at 6:45 a.m. on May 28, 1918, after a 90 minute barrage, the Big Red One came out of the trenches and began walking the few thousand meters to Cantigny, each soldier deter-

mined this first attack was not going to fail.

An hour later they had the town, by nightfall had beaten off three counterattacks and were there to stay. The cost: about 900 KIA, many of them young officers who gave Pershing all he ever wanted for an example, some 4,500 others wounded or gassed.

There was little time to cheer. On the same day, a third German offensive came crashing in south of Cantigny. German divisions rolled over French and understrength British Divisions holding a supposed quiet sector, broke through on a 30 mile front, and started for the crossing of the River Marne East of Paris.

In this emergency, Pershing assigned to 2nd and 3rd Divisions to the French. The soldiers of the 3rd beat the Germans to the Marne at Chateau Thierry 56 miles from Paris by a few hours and helped the French hold the river crossings. To the West of the town, the 2nd Division, a brigade of regulars and a brigade of U.S. Marines, moving up in the confusion of a French retreat, managed to stabilize a defensive line despite the advice of a French colonel who urged Colonel Wendell C. Neville, commander of the 5th Marines to retreat.

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"Retreat, hell. We just got here," Neville retorted.

The Marines and Doughboys of the 2nd Division had spent their first months in France happily punching one another at every opportunity. Now they turned on the Germans. The Marines, once

"Retreat hell. We just got here."

the German attack petered out, found themselves facing a dug in enemy in a small patch of forest west of Chateau Thierry. Throughout the first weeks of June as the French spring turned into summer, the Marines fought for the forest—Belleau Wood—with doughboys protecting their flanks.

A few tanks could have driven the Germans out quickly, but the Marines had no tanks and had to dig them out with rifle, bayonet and grenade.

One company later estimated it had faced the fire of 16 heavy and 35 light machine guns in the process of advancing 20 yards in the gloom of the shattered wood, a

place the Marines made part of their legend, and owned at last on June 24. The price: up to 40 percent casualties in many units.

After beating back the German attacks in early June, the 3rd Division had five weeks to prepare its defenses, chose to hold the river bank with a thin outpost line with most of the division posted further back.

The French commander in the area did not like it at all, contended the way to defend a river was with one foot in the water. The 3rd Division commander listened politely, replied he would gladly give free passage across the river to 10,000 Germans and guaranteed to kill every one.

When the Germans tried—on July 15—he was as good as his word. The 3rd Division held through a terrible day when French divisions on its flank broke, held and killed not all of the attackers, but most of them in a stand that earned it the proud nickname "Rock of the Marne."

Pershing had insisted American soldiers learn the tactics of open warfare, a method of fighting, as he put it stressing: "the greatest possible use of individual initiative by all troops engaged in the action." The soldiers of the 3rd Division: riflemen, machine gunners and artillerymen, joined in the hand to hand fighting by cooks, bakers and clerks proved the worth of their commander's theories.

Their stand helped check the last great German offensive of the war.

Nine American divisions were in France in April 1918, a year after America declared war. There were 18 at the end of May; 25 at the end of June; 29 at the end of July; 35 at the end of August; 39 at the end of September; 42 at the end of October.

As the last German offensive petered out, in mid-July, the allies shifted to the attack.

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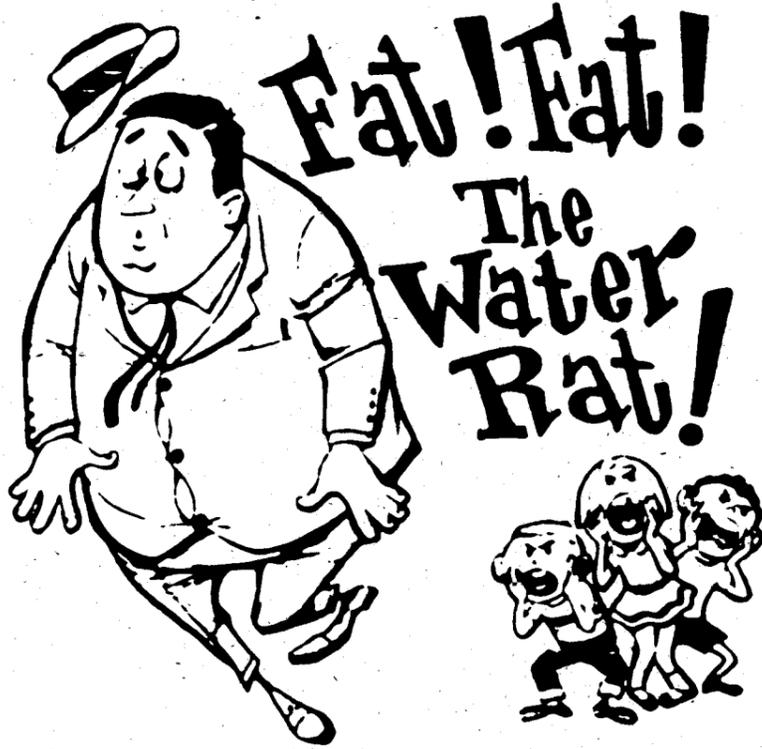
Because it so pervades the population and its effects on health and life expectancy are believed to be so many, overweight has been called the greatest single health problem in the nation today. It affects at least moderately one-fifth of the U.S. adult population, according to one estimate.

The physical consequences of overweight range from proneness to accidents and infection to increased susceptibility to heart and circulatory disease, kidney liver and gall bladder ailments, strokes and diabetes.

Psychological consequences can range from shyness and withdrawal to over-assertiveness to neuroses and more severe disorders.

At Redstone overweight ranks high on the list of health problems encountered in physical examination of soldiers and civilian employees, say spokesmen at the Army Hospital and Civilian Health Clinic here. Its incidence in Redstone civilian employees possibly is higher than in the U.S. adult population generally because of the average age of the workforce. At 43 years it is squarely within the 30 to 50 age range where overweight is most common.

That overweight is a national health problem is ironic in a society preoccupied with thinness, a society where thinness is the quintessence of physical attractiveness, a society where fat-



and-happy becomes a next-to-impossible combination when a person thinks of fat as taking away from physical attractiveness.

The consequences of overweight go beyond those associated with it as a health problem. Studies show it can affect your

getting a job, or affect how fast and how high you advance in a job.

It can keep you from getting in the Army, or can get you kicked out once you get in. As set forth in AR 632-1 there are provisions for denying enlistment or reenlistment to overweight enlisted soldiers, while officers "whose

weight exceeds that prescribed for appointment, who are classified by a physician as obese and whose usefulness to the service is substantially affected by failure to achieve and maintain desirable weight levels, will be carefully evaluated for elimination under the provisions of AR 635-100".

There is an irony in that one of the easiest health problems to diagnose is one of the hardest to treat, and yet another in that obstinate medical problem that is, overweight is often not regarded as a matter for medical attention.

The Army specifically requires that all programs of weight reduction for soldiers be prescribed by a physician. This is because only a physician can determine if the problem results simply from overeating or is linked to some underlying disease, and only with a medical advise can persons know if they have medical conditions that may require special attention while dieting. A medically supervised diet also avoids the dangers of inadequate nutrition.

Perhaps the most compelling argument for a medically supervised diet lies in the fact that achieving a desirable weight is only half the battle. The other half is maintaining it, and medically supervised diets are designed toward that end.

Army Board Examines Officer Promotion Rules

(Washington, D.C.)—The Army's officer promotion policies are being reviewed by both the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) and the Federal Courts as a result of challenges from a group of reserve officers twice not recommended for temporary promotion. The group calls itself the Promotion Research Committee.

The challenge began in three separate but related suits brought before a Federal District Court in Baltimore. A judge dismissed the suits and told the plaintiffs ABCMR would have to be given an opportunity to act on their com-

plaints before a Federal Court could review the challenged promotion policies.

ABCMR will hold hearings about December 10 on applications for relief filed by the plaintiffs. The Board is expected to decide the issues before the end of the year, the Army said.

The issues include:
— The Secretary of the Army's authority to disapprove the results of one selection board and to convene a new board with different instructions.

— The definition of "pass over" for the purpose of the "up or out" rule.
— The effect of message changes

to Army Regulations.
— The necessity for reserve officers to serve on promotion boards.

ABCMR expects to hear testimony from former Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway, who volunteered to testify before the Board, which cannot compel witnesses to attend.

Callaway, Army Secretary from May 1973 until last July, has submitted an affidavit for use in Board proceedings and litigation.

ABCMR was established by a law directing the military departments to set up independent review boards to correct errors or

remove injustices in military records in cases where there is no other administrative authority to do so. The Board is made up of Army civilian employees who serve in addition to their normal jobs. They make recommendations to the Secretary of the Army, who makes the final decision on matters brought before the Board.

The Board is the final administrative recourse for soldiers seeking correction of military records on matters such as leave, promotion, reenlistment, disability retirement and financial entitlements. Applicants may seek

relief through the courts if they are not satisfied with the Board's decisions.

Meanwhile, in nine states suits have been filed by reserve officers being released from active duty after being passed over twice for temporary promotion. The Army has been required to keep an officer beyond his release date in only two of the suits, filed in Georgia and Alaska. The Court in Alaska will review its temporary ban on an officer's release in about a week. The Georgia case is being appealed to the U.S. 5th District Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

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Decker Planning For Purple Martins' Return

Those iridescent aerial acrobats, the purple martins, all have flown to the Florida coast or to South America by now, according to Arthur Decker, who fills many of his off-hours studying their habits. Last spring, for the first time, Decker hung eight gourds on crosstrees above his paddock as houses for martin families.

The swallow-like birds nested in all but a pair of gourds—the second one from the right of the top four and the first one on the left on the bottom, by Decker's record. On nearly every evening after work at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, where he heads the Administrative Division, Decker and his wife, delighted with his new tenants, visited the paddock at the Redstone stables and watched.

Martins soared and swooped, feeding and drinking, as the sun tinted the sky red and the din of

the night woods intensified. Decker kept close track of them, paying special attention to the dozen or so young birds—called fledges—that hatched in the gourd houses.

On June 20, Decker's records show, the first gray feathered young martin ventured out. From then on, through July, youngsters flew out on hunts with their parents, learning the fine points of survival.

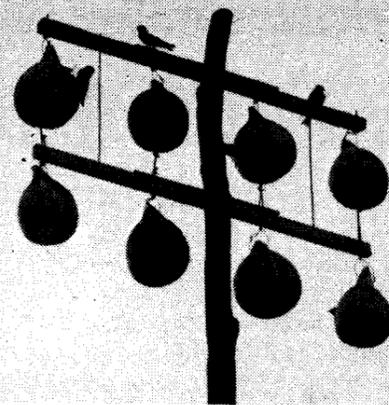
"They got more independent as time went on," Decker said. "But you could always tell they were young. The other birds are almost black."

"My wife and I would see them feeding six or eight feet off the ground as we were riding at the stable," he remembered. "And once we saw a bunch of them attack a hawk. They fought him on their own terms, like fighter pilots flying in formation.

"They never got under him. They'd circle and swoop and get some feathers."

The protection purple martins provide led American Indians to erect the first man-made martin houses around chicken coops. Decker says it's martin instinct to attack hawks; they threaten martin young.

"They stationed one bird as a watchman every night while we watched," said Decker. "It's not that they lacked trust, it's just an instinct, like geese and other birds that have leaders and watchmen."



At the first of August, the birds still returned to Decker's gourds two or four at a time—"visiting" Decker termed it. Then one day, there were no more.

"By August 15 they should be on their way south, according to this book I have here," he said. "They fly over Central America in two separate flight patterns, never over salt water, and they avoid deserts."

It was not long after Decker's tenants vacated that he happened to meet Robert Newman, a representative of the Griggsville Wild Bird Society, the organization that monitors and promotes interest in purple martins from Purple Martin Junction, Griggsville, Ill. Newman was at the Huntsville-Madison County Airport, hanging lithographs of martins among the airport's art collection.

"He was in from Chicago, and he was going bird-banding after this," Decker said. "He knew everything there was to know about martins. He told me the martins picked up the ability to chink cracks with mud. Woodpeckers do it when cracks develop outside their holes; it's a carryover from the woodpeckers. "I got embarrassed, I was taking up his time. But he was just a fountain of knowledge."

Sometime soon, perhaps before the martins return next year, Decker wants to build new houses. He drew with a red pencil on lined paper what he proposes to do: three-foot long tines from a hay rake welded to a circle of metal like ribs in an umbrella, and on the ends will be the gourds, painted high-gloss silver so martins can see them from far off. The arrange-

ment will fit over a tall pipe and be fitted with a winch for raising and lowering.

That way, Decker can keep tabs on hatchings, flyouts, matings, deaths. He has seen similar rigs in the Purple Martin News, the journal of the Griggsville Wild Bird Society.

He already has revised his original gourd arrangement by running a bolt through the long, thin sycamore pole supporting them. Now he can tip the crosstrees down to a point where you can see inside the gourds if you stand on a ladder.

With pincers, you can delve into the remains of the martins' living quarters and, the bonds of mud and saliva broken apart, see that mixed in with the usual straw and sticks are other nest-making materials—bits of rubber, foil, rope, candy wrappers. All of it is tinder dry and dusty.

"They come back starting in February, usually," Decker said. He plans to have his houses prepared, and to start watching the skies, late in January.

Rec Center Sets Schedule

The Recreation Center has slated an open house for the general public Thanksgiving Day. Refreshments will be served with coffee and a full length feature movie will be shown entitled "Apache Territory".

The entertainment begins at 3:30.

Other events this week include a pool tournament on Friday and a ping pong tournament on Saturday. Both get started at seven with a trophy to be awarded to the winners.

A Gift Of Music

The Huntsville German School received a musical gift last week from representatives of the German Catholic Church. Chaplains presented 14 instruments specially designed for elementary schoolchildren.

Mrs. Anke Otto, who teaches the all-German school located in the Chapel Annex, accepted cymbals, a flute, a triangle, a tambourine, xylophones, a drum and other instruments from Chaplain Franz Friedel, Friedel ministers to the spiritual needs of German catholic soldiers stationed in the eastern U.S.

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West Wins 20-14 In Icy All-Star Contest

By DAVE COWAN

The RSA Intramural Flag Football campaign ended in a thrilling battle of the all-stars as the western elites dumped the eastern showboats 20-14 on a cold, gusty Wednesday evening last week.

It was the west's second win in as many years. Last year, they upended the eastern foes, 20-8. The east narrowly escaped a whitewash by scoring a touchdown with only a second remaining in the game.

This year the eastern stars almost turned the tables. The western squad, after spearheading a 20-0 bulge, nearly lost the game when the east staged a remarkable comeback in the waning minutes.

In post-game activities, western defensive lineman Joel Connelly of MICOM and eastern quarterback Charlie Dickerson of the 291st MPs were chosen Most Valuable Players.

The game started in a bitter cold atmosphere. That is, North Alabama was receiving its first taste of winter. Temperatures dipped into the 30's and light snow fell.

The east opened with medic Roger Crossen at the helm. Crossen attempted eight passes but completed just one for six yards on a swing pass to running back Charley Harden in the early going. The onrushing western defensive line, led by Tom Brown and Connelly, forced the young quarterback to roll out from his pocket on almost every play.

The west scored first in the opening quarter when C's Craig Roddy returned a Jody Saunders punt 76 yards for a TD. The two-point conversion try failed as the east batted away a Leon Jones pass in the end zone.

After successfully holding the

east on their series of downs, the west again scored before the first half ended to take a 12-0 lead. Starting at their own 22-yard line, the west drove the length of the field in only two plays. Quarterback Jones hit Riddy up the middle for 14 and then swung to his right on the next play, hitting Dave Ramey on a 63-yard toss for the TD.

The west came out smoking once more in the second half. After taking the opening kickoff down to their own 41-yard line, the west tallied another TD as Jones—baffling the east's defensive unit—scrambled for yardage. Jones later connected with post playoff MVP Jim Whitfield of the 4th SC on a 38-yard throw for the score.

Whitfield, who was instrumental in his company's first-place finish during the regular season and the championships, outmaneuvered the eastern defenders on a post pattern for the TD. Jones found 4th's Ken Ellis free in the end zone for the two-point conversion, giving the west what seemed an insurmountable 20-0 advantage.

In desperate need of points, the east substituted quarterback Crossen for Dickerson of the MPs. The move was as different as night and day. Dickerson took over where Jones of the west left off and immediately proceeded to march his eastern team to a near-storybook finish.

On the first play from scrimmage, Dickerson fired a pass to Crossen another to Ron Horton, then scampered 23 yards himself to the west's 22—the farthest penetration by the east all night.

Two plays later, after a 16-yard gain down to the six by Dickerson, the quarterback dropped back into the pocket and hit Saunders over the middle for their first TD. Saunders once

again was the recipient of a Dickerson pass in the end zone for a two-point conversion to cut the west's margin to 20-8.

The remainder of the third period and early fourth quarter was a defensive struggle between the teams until Saunders of the east booted a booming punt, mirroring the west deep in their own

four-yard line.

With 5:47 remaining in the game, Dickerson rolled right and darted into the end zone unterritory at the 22. Vying for a better field position, Jones went to the air on the western's first play, which was immediately picked off by Horton, who returned the pigskin to the west's

touched for a TD, trimming the west's lead to 20-14. The point after touchdown failed when Dickerson mishandled a handoff from Crossen.

The east had one more drive, but the west halted them on their own 44 as the final seconds ticked off. The victory went to the west, as did a 2-0 margin in the short all-star series.



Spurlock Gets Trophy And Congrats From Turnmeyer

4th's Coach A Consistent Champ

If football had a police blotter, the biggest steal on it this season would be the 4th Student Company's acquisition of coach Frankie Spurlock.

For Spurlock, it was like Jesse James taking candy from the schoolmarm or Willie Sutton robbing the First Plastic Toy National Bank. He did it all.

A native of Fayetteville, Tenn., Spurlock has been assigned to the student company at the Missile and Munitions Center and School and for the past two years he has been trying to win big.

Success finally came, but it took patience, endurance and skillful players for the coach and his company. Last week, Major General George E. Turnmeyer, post commander, presented the student company with the Commanding General's All-Sports Trophy.

The award was richly deserved. The Students not only excelled in every major sport at Redstone during the past year, but accumulated the highest point total yet achieved in the brief history of the already famed silver cup.

"The people I've had, especially in basketball, could play most anywhere. They were that skill-

ful," said Spurlock of his 4th SC players." However, the success of the team has mainly been accomplished through the support of the company commander and the first sergeant. The CO exempts my players from afternoon formations, which allows more time for the students to practice."

During the football season, the Students had games on Mondays and Wednesdays. According to Spurlock, the players would, except on Fridays, practice at least two hours a night on their days off.

Determination was a big factor in the 4th's dominance during the past year.

Spurlock, who served in the 4th SC previously from 1968 to 1970, said, "When I first arrived at the school, all I heard was MICOM captured the CG's trophy last year, I decided it was about time the student companies — at least the 4th — make a bid for the award."

Spurlock had a unique way of recruiting players in a company that consisted of troops who were here today and gone tomorrow.

"When a major sporting event came up, I would sort my pro-

spective players out," he said. "I would concentrate on recruiting individuals who were studying at the school with longer courses. In doing this, I am able to keep a regular unit on the field at all times."

His theory proved successful in every sport except softball. During the season, Spurlock's team suffered a crippling high turnover. However, they still were able to conquer their division, but lost in the playoffs—the only setback in a near-perfect season.

While the 4th Students continued to celebrate, Spurlock is already thinking of the fast-approaching basketball season and a new year for the CG's All Sports Trophy.

"The trophy means a lot to the students," he said. "It seemed the entire company was behind the team in the closing part of the football season. One example was spectator participation."

"Although things haven't quieted down yet, I've already started to assemble a basketball team for the upcoming intramural basketball league. And I think I've got a team that can take the crown."

College Bowl Lineup

Another season of intramural football at the Arsenal has ended, but collegiate and professional football is still booming. The regular college season has reached its explosive conclusion and bowl games loom enticingly on the agenda. Watch for prognosticator Dave Cowan's annual bowl picks in upcoming editions of the Rocket. Following is the lineup for major post season bowl games:

TANGERINE, Orlando, Fla., Dec. 20—Miami of Ohio vs. an unnamed opponent.

LIBERTY, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22—Southern California vs. Arkansas, unless Arkansas wins the Southeast Conference. In that case, Texas A&M goes.

FIESTA, Tempe, Ariz., Dec. 26—Winner of Arizona-Arizona State game vs. an unnamed opponent.

Nebraska will vote Sunday on whether to accept a bid it once turned down.

SUN, El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27—Pitt vs. Kansas.

ASTRO-BLUEBONNET, Houston, Dec. 27—Colorado vs. loser of Texas-Texas A&M game.

GATOR, Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29—Florida vs. Maryland.

PEACH, Atlanta, Dec. 31—North Carolina State vs. West Virginia.

SUGAR, New Orleans, Dec. 31—Alabama vs. Penn State.

COTTON, Dallas, Jan. 1—Georgia vs. Southwest Conference champion: Texas, Texas A&M or Arkansas.

ORANGE, Miami, Jan. 1—Oklahoma vs. Michigan.

ROSE, Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1—Ohio State vs. Pacific—8 champion: UCLA or California.

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Team	Pts
Spare	32
Bombers	29 1/2
Fat Cats	26 1/2
Alley Cats	26
Cadillacs	22 1/2
King Pins	22 1/2
Sprinters	22
T-Birds	22
Hughes TOW	19
Lily Flagg	18

Last Wednesday

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

Top Rollers

Dick Gore, 578 (210); Steve Stevens, 545 (230); Ernie Rhodes, 536; Dave Morgan, 532; Steve Zelobowski, 529.

Team	Pts
EXASPRATORS	38
Black Jacks	38
P&P Registers	34
Metrcals	28
Redrock Injuneers	28
School Brigade	26
Pickups	26

Results

76'ers 8 — Sch. Bde. 0
 Black Jacks 3 — Keglers 0
 Strikeouts 6 — Swingers 2
 Lucky Strikes 6 — Pickups 2
 Registers 6 — Metrcals 2
 EXASPRATORS 6 — Redrock 2
 Halo's 6 — Readiness 2
 Readiness 8 — Pickups 0

Ind. Honors

Hertzog, 551 (203); Fuller, 540; Townley, 533; Shuput, 530; Nix, 526.

Friday EM Mixed Standings

Wednesday Officers Standings

Team	Won	Loss
Swingers	60	3
Lucky Strikes	60	3
Readiness Group	54	1
76'ers	44	10
Strikeouts	44	16
Kuwait Keglers	40	25
Halo's	40	5

Team	Won	Loss
EXASPRATORS	12	36
Black Jacks	12	32
P&P Registers	12	32
Metrcals	29	29
Redrock Injuneers	28	28
School Brigade	28	26
Pickups	25	25

Ind. Honors

High Series: Ron Price, 646; Jesse Hawthorne, 612; Steve Smith, 601; (women) Mary Wilson, 543; Fran Heishman, 534; Percy Hawthorne, 503.

High Games: Ron Price, 254; Johnny Lanier, 234; Jim Shupe, 233; (women) Mary Wilson, Percy Hawthorne and Fran Heishman, 200; Gwenda Mier, 194; Mary Doss, 189.

High Averages: Jesse Hawthorne, 173; and Mary Wilson, 159.

Baseball

Persons interested in participating on the post baseball team next spring should attend an organizational baseball meeting at 4 p.m. Dec. 1 at Bldg. 3474.

The Arsenal's college baseball schedule, tentatively slated to get underway in late February, will be discussed, according to athletic director Ralph Santaliz.

Buck Deer With Firearm Tomorrow; Ducks Next

The hunters' main event—The firearms season for buck deer—starts tomorrow on the Arsenal. The first day's hunt will be for military personnel and their guests only.

On Saturday and Sunday, however, Redstone will host the first public firearms deer hunts of the year.

Then at noon December 3, the arsenal 1975-76 duck season begins and continues with the state season until sundown on January 20. Hunting on all days other than opening day can legally begin one half hour before local sunrise.

Individuals planning to hunt deer Thanksgiving Day must get their applications for a hunting area in today. This is also the last day for individuals who want to hunt Saturday or Sunday to apply at the Game Warden's Office on Buxton Rd.

Areas are issued first come first served on the military hunts.

Public hunts generally attract more hunters than the arsenal can accommodate and drawings are held to determine who gets to go.

Individuals drawn to hunt this weekend will be named in a list to be posted at the Game Warden's Office and at the Rod & Gun Club at the intersection of Martin and Patton Rds.

The same procedure of posting names at the same locations will be followed throughout the season.

Later in the season there will be firearms hunts for antlerless deer but these first three are for bucks only. Only shotguns firing rifled slugs may be used.

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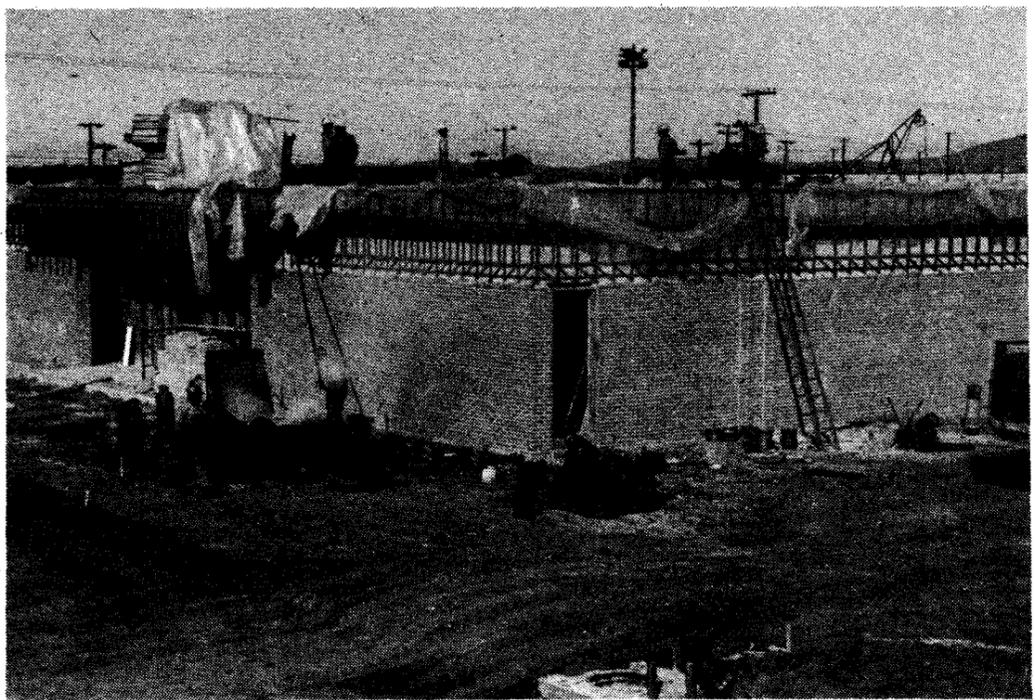
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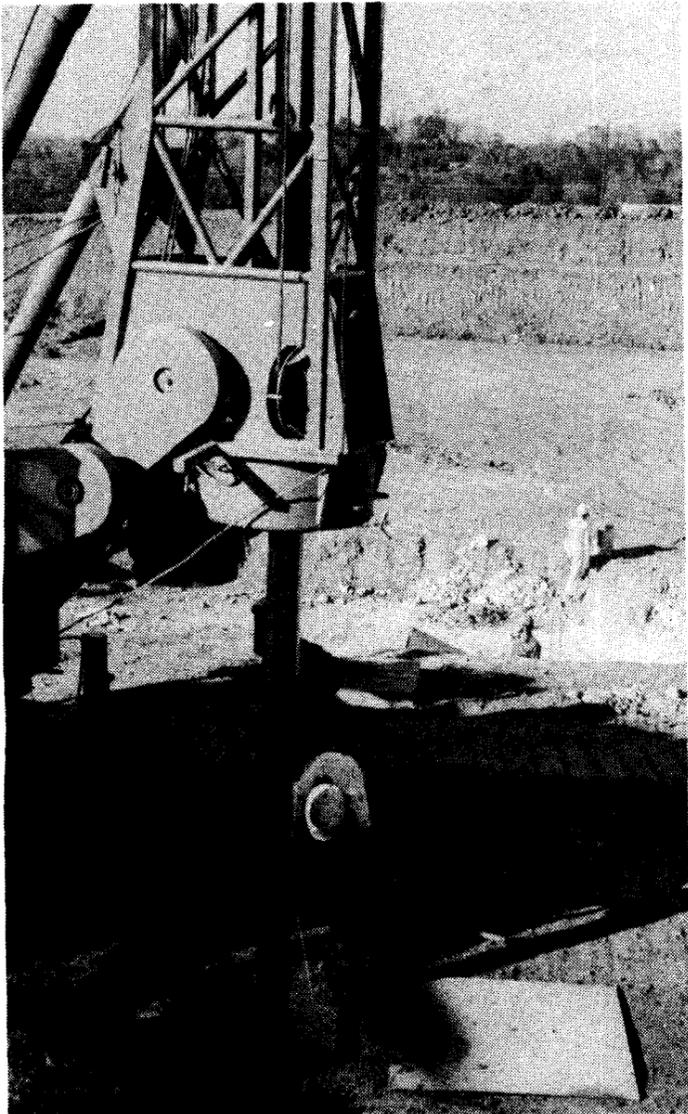
The walls are going up on the Audio Visual Center which should be completed by February 22, 1976.

Other new buildings scheduled for completion within the next year are; the Post Gym and the Post Chapel in March and the Troop Health Clinic and MMCS Training and Classroom complex in April.

The Post Hospital is still scheduled for completion in December 1977, although there have been some problems with the foundation and rock formations.



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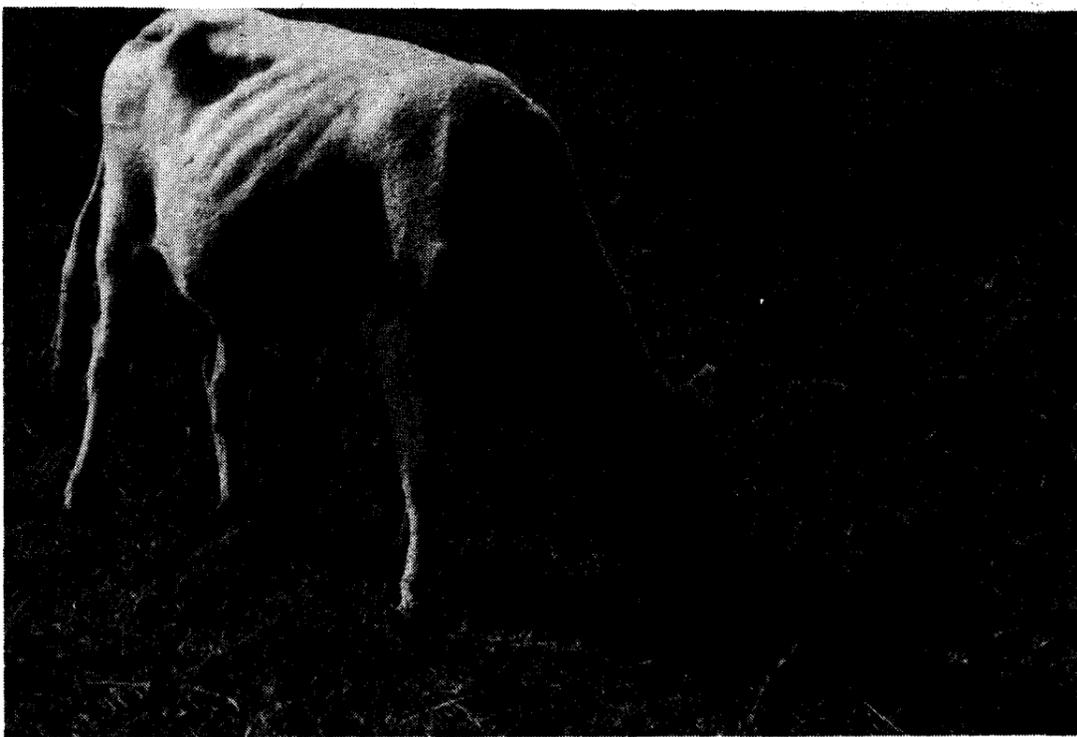
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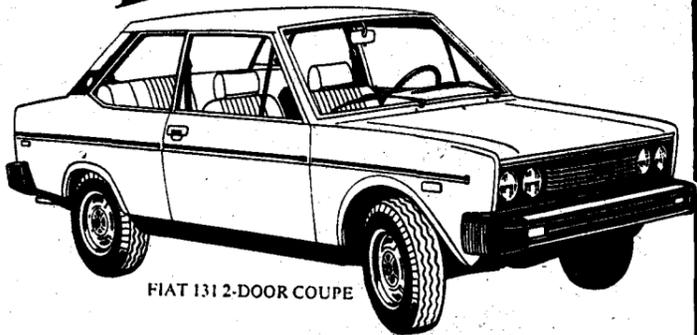
Reluctant to take its first steps, a new-born calf gets a gentle uplifting nudge from its mother. The calf is one of two born within minutes of each other in the pasture behind Micom headquarters last week.

Women Get Same Tours

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Single women will begin serving the same overseas tour length as male soldiers beginning Jan. 1, 1976, under a DA policy change. It applies to women who leave CONUS or their area of residence after Jan. 1. The change equalizes overseas tour lengths for all soldiers — men and women. The change does not apply to

women who enlist in the Army or the delayed entry program before Dec. 1. Those women will not have to serve the longer tour during their initial enlistment. DA is emphasizing that care must be taken to prevent overseas assignments for women soldiers from slipping to Jan. 1 or later, which will require them to serve the longer tour.

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A German crew fired the missile, the first of several live firings planned in this country under the U.S.—European cooperative test program now underway. American crews will fire later.

Colonel Henry F. Magill, Project Manager for the U.S. Roland System said test objectives were met.

"The co-operative test program is giving our soldiers an early look at Roland which is already in production for the French and German armies," Magill said. "We're getting operational and performance data through hands-on experience. In that way we can surface any problems that might arise early in the transfer of technology and incorporate changes into the U.S. system."

Boeing and Hughes will build the U.S. Roland System in this country and mount it on an American

vehicle. Roland consists of two automatic missile launchers, a search radar and a tracking radar mounted on a turret atop a single vehicle or placed in a fixed installation. Its fire control unit features a computer along with consoles and associated displays and control equipment for both the commander and gunner.

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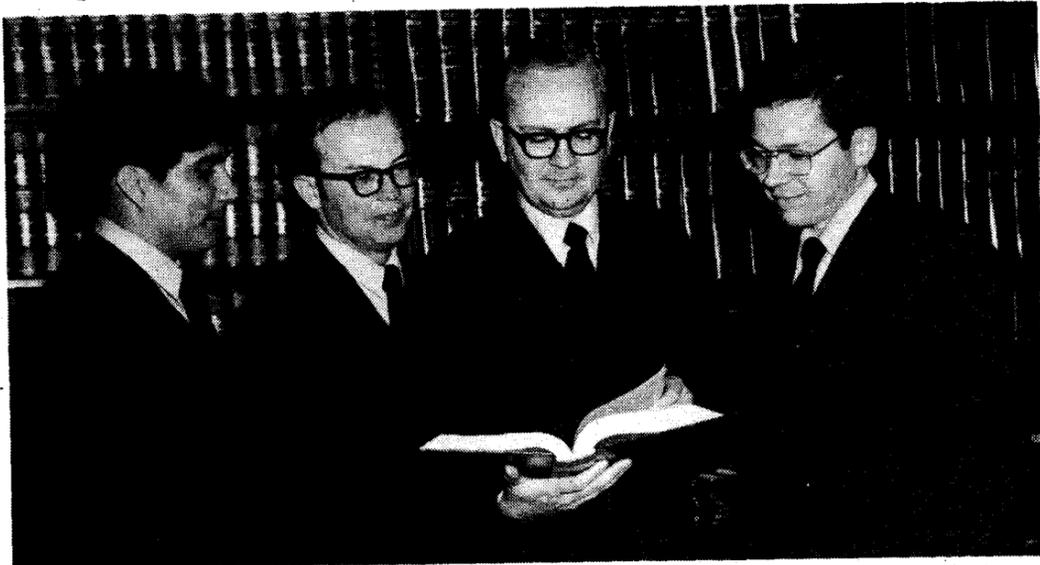
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NEW LOOK—The new look in Army winter wear, a sweater which recently became an optional uniform item, is just the thing for chasing chills in a cool office, soldiers on the Micom legal staff have found. Shown in the new sweaters are, from left, Spec. 5 Pedro Ochoa, Capt. Kenneth Densmore, Lt. Col. Malcolm Yawn and Maj. William Woodward.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville Chapter, Optical Society of America is set for Thursday evening, December 4, at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Brian Thompson, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Rochester. Dr. Thompson will discuss Design of Coherent Imaging Systems.

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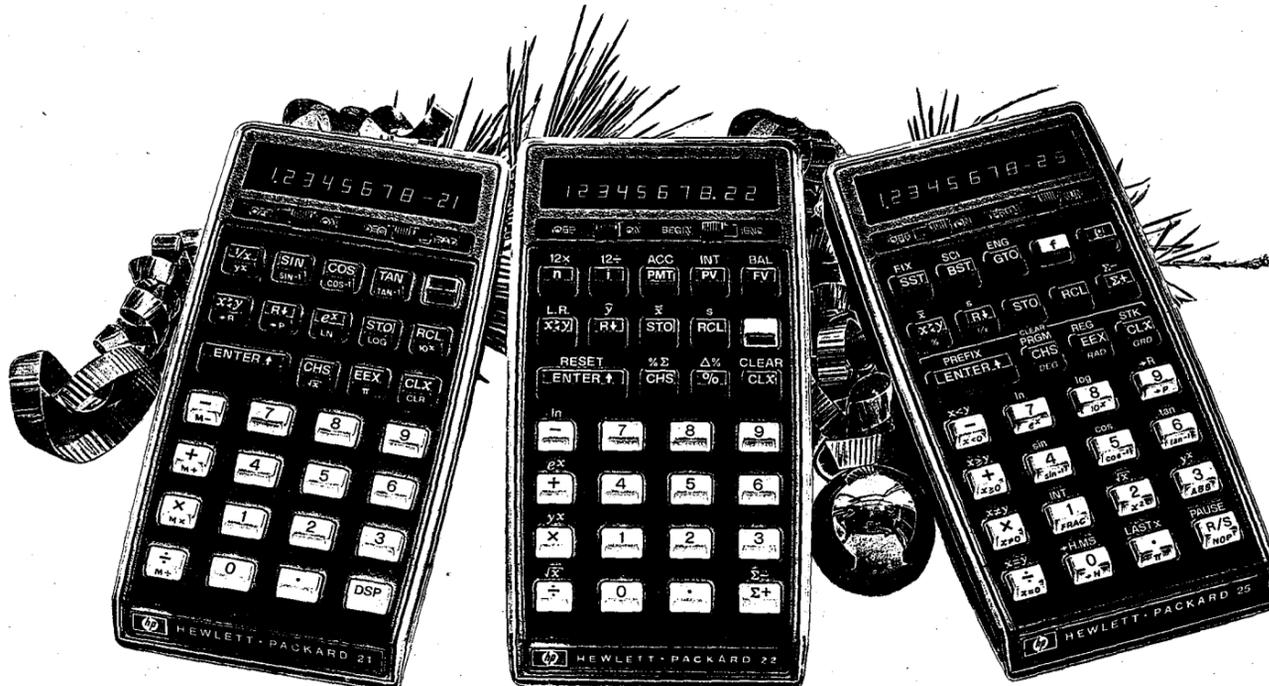
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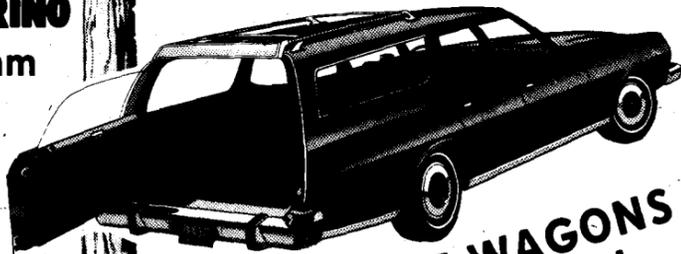
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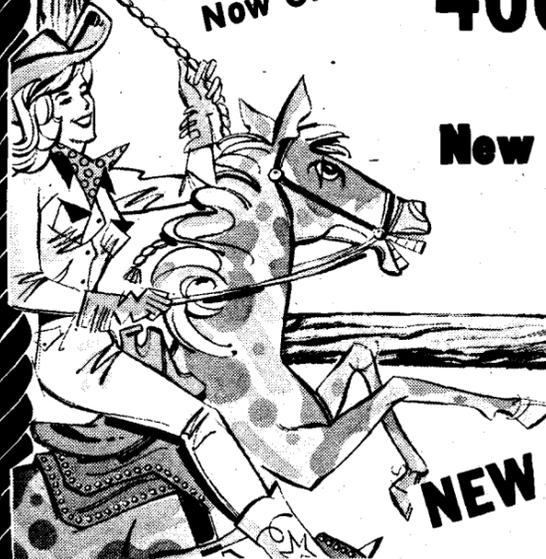
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