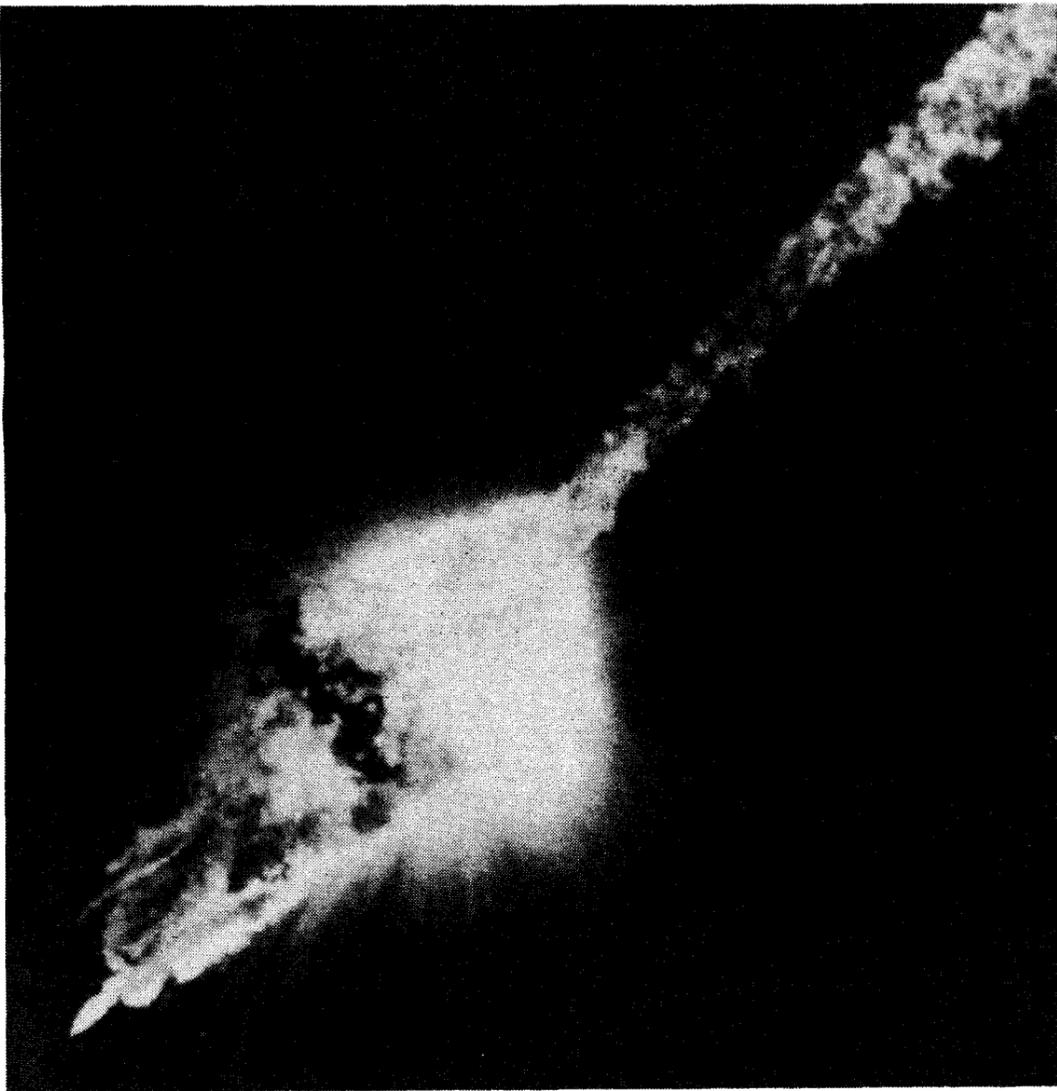
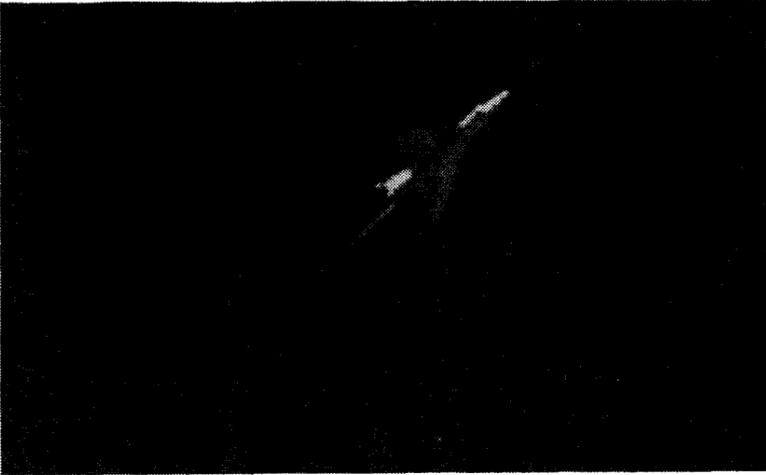


Extra Holiday

According to news reports at press time the President has signed an executive order making December 26, 1975 a holiday for Federal workers except postal employees.

A White House spokesman said January 2, 1976 will be a regular work day.



SAM-D Gets Jet

What appears to be a blur at the nose of the jet is a SAM-D missile just before impact. Although the missile carried no warhead, the F-102 jet fighter was completely destroyed in the recent test at White Sands Missile Range. The jet was flying at high altitude and supersonic speed. Tests with the Army's new air defense missile are continuing at White Sands.

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Holiday Notices

Flights Home

Some relief is available for personnel at Redstone, especially soldiers at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, who are planning to fly out of Huntsville on United Airline flights during the Yuletide season.

A United Airlines employee strike has caused the air carrier to cancel all flights through Dec. 24, which in many cases will effect students and permanent party members at MMCS who will be taking advantage of the school's recess from Dec. 19 through Jan. 5.

If you have purchased United Airlines tickets, you should hold them as the airline is obligated to reroute you to your destination at their expense.

Individuals affected by the strike should call the United ticket counter at the Madison County

Jetport (881-1250), which is open 24 hours daily.

Those who plan to travel by air but have not made any airline reservations should check with the Post Airline Ticket Office. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army buses will provide transportation to Nashville for persons departing the Arsenal on Dec. 18 and 19 who can't be booked out of Huntsville, but who can get an airline ticket there.

Since air traffic congestion usually occurs over holidays, individuals whose flights might be delayed a day or more should contact their unit commander or first sergeant and have their effective leave date changed.

Cafeterias

George Carlyle, resident manager, said the cafeterias in buildings 5250, 4488, 5681 and 5400 will be closed following the noon meal on Friday (December 19) and reopen Monday morning, December 29. The cafeterias will be closed again from December 31 until January 5.

The snack bars in buildings 7101, 5678, 8027 and 4505 will closed from one on Friday afternoon (December 19) until Monday morning, January 5.

The mobile trucks will stop outside of all these buildings on December 29, 30 and 31, according to Carlyle.

Troop Clinic

The Troop Health Clinic goes on a holiday work schedule Monday and will be in operation from eight each morning until noon through Friday, January 2.

Active duty personnel should report to the Clinic during these hours for medical care. Medical problems arising after these hours will be seen at the Walk-In Clinic in building 112.

The Troop Health Clinic will be closed on government holidays during the season.

Bicentennial Series

The Rocket's weekly Army bicentennial story will not appear for the next few weeks while the writer takes a breather.

The writer, Dave Harris, will resume the series at the end of January when the duck hunting season is over.

CHAMPUS Office

The CHAMPUS office at the Post Hospital is being relocated to Trailer 101 to the rear of the main hospital and

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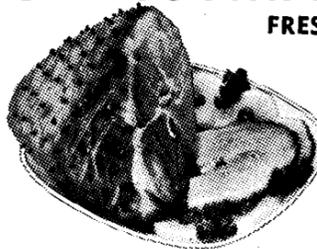
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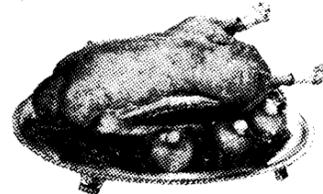
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Rocket

A Christmas issue of the Rocket that will include news items on the holiday activities of Redstone organizations will be published Tuesday, a day ahead of normal publication date.

New items for the Christmas issue must be submitted or suggested to the Rocket no later than tomorrow, as it goes to press Friday. Holiday items cannot be run except in that issue.

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Temporary Job Switch Broadens Overall View

Robert Mercer of the Product Assurance Directorate, and Frederic Varden from the Hawk Project Office have traded jobs for a few months to broaden their experience in the quality assurance career field.

Mercer and Varden made the move as part of the rotational assignment program in progress for MICOM employees.

Both are learning how the Directorate and the Project Office interface on product assurance matters.

In Mercer's case, he said he is finding he now has a better understanding of what his directorate is asked to support, and why. He is also being exposed to broader areas of quality assurance as it relates to project management.

"I was functionally oriented to all missile systems while in the Directorate—now I'm concerned with just one—Hawk," he said. "I'm learning things of definite value to me career-wise."

Varden said, "In the Directorate I'm seeing how product assurance

is applied to other missile systems." He believes when he returns to Hawk to have cross-trained on a number of missile systems other than Hawk will be highly beneficial.

"When I was in Hawk," he said, "I used to send the Directorate things to do—now I'm getting these requests—I'm getting a view from the other end."

Both feel that their training and experience is of value to them and to the Command.

The Training and Development Branch of the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division administers the rotational assignment program.

Persons interested in being considered for rotational assignments should contact their supervisors and career program managers.

These assignments may be made to a higher grade level, but no promotions are involved. Normally persons are assigned to jobs at their same grade level, but not exclusively. While receiving the rotational assignment training, employees officially remain part of their parent organizations.

Power Saving Via Computer

Nearly \$21,000 worth of electricity was saved last month by Redstone's power management computer. According to the printout of control actions for the billing month October 21 to November 20, the computer saved 1,464,000 kilowatt hours of electricity by shutting down air handling units in 125 buildings for a

total of 380 hours at night and on weekends.

While the computer saved more than twice that amount of electricity in the previous billing month, the savings for the latest one are believed comparable in terms of total energy saved. "The computer won't be saving nearly as much electricity during the cold

months, but it's expected to make up for that in what it saves on heating oil", said Ron Harmon of Facilities Engineer.

It saves on heating oil, he said, by shutting off fans which blow on the steam coils in heating units. Since less air is blown across the coils, the steam in them stays hotter and less oil is needed to reheat the steam when it cycles back to the boiler plant.

For the coming summer the computer is being programmed to execute its full range of control options, Harmon said. The computer will go into its summer strategy in April or May. Also around that time a second phase of the power management system is expected to be ready.

With the new summer program the computer will not only shut off air handling units in non-work hours as it has been doing since September 1, but for the first time it will control power consumption and demand by selectively shutting off air handling units for very brief periods during work days.

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This change became effective when President Ford signed a Senate Bill into Public Law. Amendments place three conditions or restrictions on the computations.

First, there will be no retroactive "catch-up" payments; those already retired will find future monthly checks increased, but the increases will not be paid for periods prior to December 1, 1975.

Second, only those individuals who were in technician status on or after January 1, 1969 will be entitled to recomputation of their retired pay.

Third, technicians entitled to retired pay from State retirement systems will have their Federal Civil Service annuities reduced by the amount of their technician-related State annuities.



ACS Volunteers receiving awards (from left) Ada Caporale, Jean Turnmeyer, Rose Gabardi and Jeanne McKenty.

ACS Volunteers Honored

Army Community Service (ACS) volunteers were honored at a coffee and presentation ceremony held at the Officer's Club on December 4.

Major General George E. Turnmeyer presented certificates of service to volunteers who had donated their time to various ACS projects during the last year.

Barbara Sikorski received a 900-hour certificate and 3-year pin. A 700-hour certificate and 2-year pin was presented to Ada Caporale. Ginger Hannum received a 600-hour certificate and 2-year pin. Sigrid Benson was honored for 500 hours of service.

Jeanne McKenty and Shirley Dorsey received certificates for 400 hours of service.

Two hundred hour certificates were presented to Sue Anderson, Diane Kline, Susie G'Segner and Cynthia Mathis.

Sharon Abrams, June Baker, Dorothea Bofenkamp, Pat Bradley, Rose Gabardi, Carol Graham, Dianna Haddock, Mary Ann Morris, Rita Rumore, and Sonja Yager were also honored.

New ID Card Deadline Near

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Active duty soldiers are reminded that they must have a new ID card—the green DD Form 2A—by Jan. 1, 1976. The Army began issuing the new card in October 1974 to serve as both a military and Geneva Conventions ID card. Most active duty soldiers should have been issued the revised card by now. The old card is obsolete. The DD Form 528—Geneva Conventions Identification Card—formerly issued to soldiers, also is obsolete.

The dual purpose ID card meets Geneva Convention requirements and reduces to one the number of cards a soldier must carry.

The front of the new card states it's an Armed Forces and Geneva Conventions ID. On the back, the block for index fingerprints has been removed and a Geneva Conventions category added. Category I covers enlisted grades E-1 through E-4; category II covers the rest of the enlisted grades; III includes warrant and company grade officers; IV covers field grade officers and category V includes general officers. Each category determines how a soldier is to be separated, treated and paid if captured or detained.

ID cards are reissued when a soldier's card expires—at promotion or demotion—upon loss or mutilation or to correct an error other than change in weight—or to change data that make an old card questionable as a means of identification, such as a change of name.

A new ID card also was established for use by military and civilian protected personnel DD Form 1934 (Geneva Conventions Identity Card for Medical and Religious Personnel Who Serve In or Accompany the Armed Forces). And DD Form 489 was revised and the title was changed from "Noncombatant's Certificate of Identity" to "Geneva Conventions Identity Card for Civilians Who Accompany the Armed Forces." Included in the group of persons issued this card are entertainers and newsmen.

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The MPs welcome entries from all soldiers and DA civilian employees. Each entry should depict the MP in his combat gear. En-

tries should be in pen and ink or heavy pencil on plain 8 x 10 inch paper; no color entries. All entries must be received by Nov. 12, 1975. Prizes will go to the top three

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ON TO NIKE — Lieut. Gen. Sadayoshi Uematsu, commandant of the Japan Air Defense School, leads the way out of MMSC headquarters on the way to a tour of Nike Division. Uematsu visited Redstone recently for a briefing on Surface-to-air missiles.

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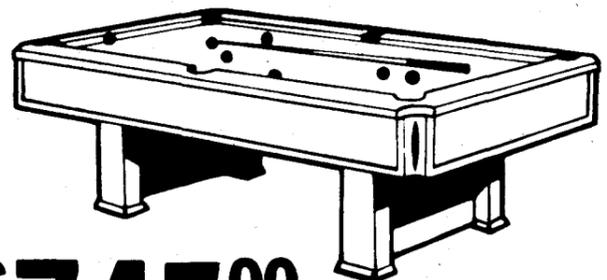
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Willie Rice: They Wanted Him, Then They Didn't

By DAVE COWAN

Frustration. That's the word that best describes the career of Willie Rice — an ace basketball player at Redstone Arsenal.

It seems that every time the 21-year-old military policeman makes a move it's the wrong one, except on the basketball court. There, his agile moves keep everyone guessing. Although he resembles a football player at 6-foot 2 and 230 pounds, he's lightning quick.

"I won everything in high school: Most Valuable Player, All-County, All-State, All Tennessee Valley Conference and Region Eight," said Rice. He lettered all four years in basketball and track at Decatur.

Following graduation in 1972, Rice was offered a basketball scholarship by coach Clarence Blackmon of Alabama A&M University, but he refused it. He soon turned down a scholarship offer at Calhoun College also, because he felt a major university would snap him up.

"When I didn't receive another offer from any school, I decided to try my luck at Calhoun. But coach Bob Shuttleworth wouldn't talk to me," said Rice. "He said I was too short for a junior college."

After lengthy talks, Shuttleworth allowed the determined Rice to play basketball on a trial

basis.

"During the first semester I paid my own way," said Rice. "After that, Calhoun gave me a scholarship for the remaining year."

Rice majored in pre-denistry at Calhoun, but another move which eventually turned out wrong cut short his college career.

"My wife Anita became pregnant. Financially I couldn't continue at Calhoun, so I entered the Army in 1973," he said.

This time he made the right move. "I wanted something in the electronics field at the Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone. However, the recruiter told me I would leave the school after graduation and probably end up overseas," said Rice.

The Alabamian had his mind set on Redstone. The recruiter suggested he become a military policeman, whereby he would be guaranteed 18 months at the Arsenal.

After basic training, Rice attended the Military Police School

at Fort Gordon, Ga. and returned to Huntsville toting a pistol and night stick.

"I guess I am pretty lucky," said Rice. "I've been here 22 months now."

Now in his third year of intramural basketball at Redstone, Rice has already reestablished the trademark he created at Calhoun, where he averaged 15.9 points a game and gained All-State and All Tennessee Valley Conference honors.

Currently, he is averaging 14.5 points after two games in the RSA Intramural Basketball League — somewhat lower than previously. Last year, Rice netted

31 points a game during the regular season and 28 during the post playoffs and was awarded the high scorer trophy.

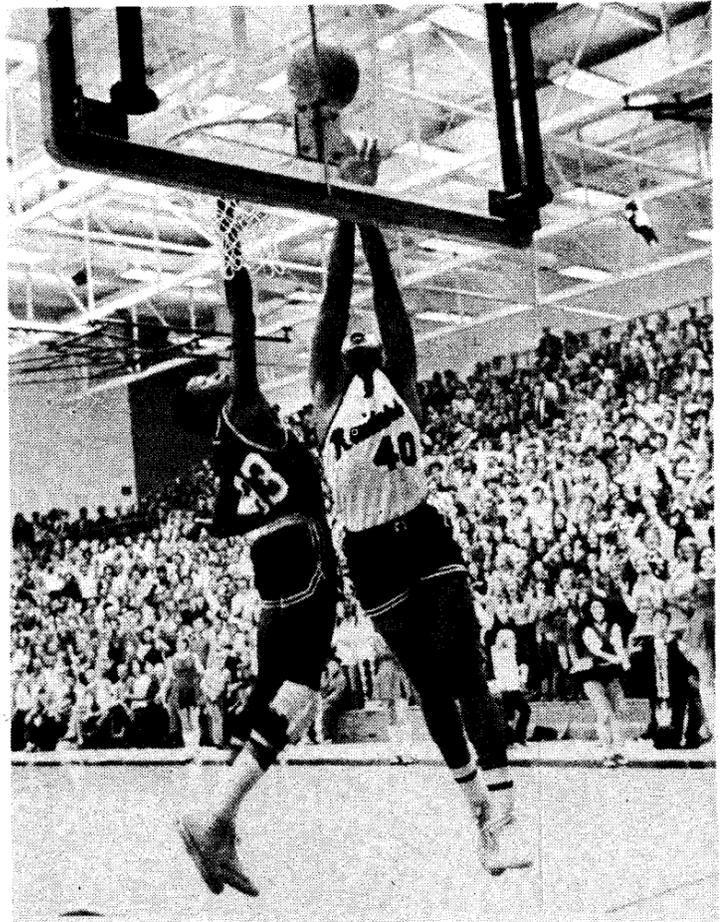
He also maintained a 21-point average during the Training and Doctrine Command Basketball Tournament at Fort Benning, Ga., and on the post basketball team, which played college and university teams in the southern region.

Why his poor showing this year? Rice is straightforward in his reply.

"If I have one fallacy it is the lack of initiative. I do just what I have to during a game to win. This stops me from becoming what I consider a great basketball player," he said.

Even so, Rice can move when he wants to. When he entered the Army, he weighed 190 pounds. He was quick then and still is at 230.

"When I walk onto the court, players say, 'I can beat that man; he's too fat! But I show them a thing or two. By the time the



HIGH SCHOOL DAYS—Willie Rice (No. 40) makes a lay-up for Decatur Red Raiders.

game is over, I have them shaking their heads in disbelief," said Rice.

"It's been said of Rice, who could probably fill a linebacker's position, that if you threw him in a muddy, deep river with steel chains wrapped tight around his arms and legs, he would float to the top. Not only float,

but probably swim a lap or two. He has two sons, Carlos, 19 months old, and Rodney who is six months old.

When Rice was asked if he would like them to follow in his footsteps, he said, "They're fat little kids too! The way they look now, they'll probably play football."

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Defensive Skill Keeps Winning Streak Alive

Riding the crest of seven straight winning efforts, the Missile Command's girls basketball team hopes to carry a clean slate into the new year and is only one contest away from the goal.

This week's opponent in Madison Women's League action, Big Ed's Pizzeria, however, would like nothing better than to even the score with MICOM for a pre-season setback.

The Civilian Welfare Fund-sponsored MICOM team had to put on a late rally before beating the Independents, 33-30, for win number six two weeks ago and then ran roughshod over Putnam, 60-23, last week.

The two wins gave MICOM four straight regular season wins following a three for three sweep of the Madison League's pre season tournament. Big Ed's has also put four league contest in the win column-in as many tries.

The Independents were primed for a big upset and came within two minutes of sending MICOM down to defeat, in a defensive duel.

The Huntsville team led 14-13 at the half and owned a five-point

bulge three quarters of the way through. Anita Whittaker finally got MICOM on top with a twelve footer and Carole Bissinger tapped in a rebound that proved to be the clincher.

The back court trio of Linda Melton, Donna Broughton and Janice Riddle drew a large share of the credit for the win. Coach Jack Bissinger calls his guards the best in the league and pointed to their fourth quarter play as a good example.

During the final eight minutes the Independents were only able to score on a pair of free throws while MICOM countered with ten points to pull out the decision.

Whittaker and Deloris Snow shared scoring honors with 12 points a piece and Bissinger accounted for the other nine.

MICOM scored the first five points and never threatened in racing to their easy win over Putnam. The margin was ten points, 23-13, at the half.

Whittaker was the scoring leader again with 24, Bissinger hit for 13, Snow had 12 and Gladys Johns collected 11.



CHAMPION SAINTS—The Redstone Saints are the 1975 Pop Warner state football champions in the Junior Bantam Division. That's the division for players ages 13-15 and weighing 105-135. Saint players, supporters and fans celebrated the championship with a banquet at the NCO Club. Front row are team co-captains, Bobby McEvoy, Rodney Dinkel and Sammy Long with Denise Newcomer, cheerleader captain. Back row are Cliff Hardin, offensive coordinator; Ed. Calvert, head coach; Terry Huffman, defensive coordinator; and Colonel Warren Schaub, Deputy Post Commander. Many players were on last year's Redstone team that won the national championship in the Midget Division.

Bowling Results

Wednesday Officers Standings

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Lucky Strikes | 70 |
| Swingers | 68 |
| Strikeouts | 64 |
| 76'ers | 60 |
| ExASPRators | 58 |
| Readiness Group | 58 |
| Halo's | 54 |
| Black Jacks | 52 |
| Kuwait Keglers | 52 |
| P & P Registers | 44 |
| Metracals | 42 |
| Redrock Injuneers | 42 |
| School Brigade | 38 |
| Pickups | 26 |

RESULTS
 School Brigade 8 — Swingers 0
 ExASPRators 8 — Pickups 0
 Strikeouts 6 — P & P Registers 2
 Metracals 6 — Lucky Strikes 2
 Redrock 6 — Readiness Group 2
 76'ers 6 — Kuwait 2
 Halo's 4 — Black Jacks 4

IND. HONORS
 Turner 575 (235); Bofenkamp 575 (225);
 Bryan 553; Mix 552 (211); McBreaty 534;
 Baer 533 (200); Bolton 525 (203); Wilker-
 son 523; Wilczak 523; Curry 522.
 Note: Tonight is position night

S&M League Standings

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Reba's | 33 |
| Strikers | 33 |
| Misfits | 32 |
| Outhouse Lounge | 31 |
| Clowns | 30 |
| Outcasts | 30 |
| Barber-Coleman | 26 |
| Huntsville Times | 24 |
| The Doc's | 22 |
| Three & Two | 19 |

Last Week's Stars
 Hugh Mauney, 574 (235); Tony Swinford,
 563 (232); Richard Smock, 559 (223); Les
 Westbrooks, 551; Bob Criss, 538; Mike
 Ford 534; Al Rossi, 531; Carl Black, 530.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

| Standings Eastern | | |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Company C | W | L |
| Mediac | 2 | 0 |
| 8th SC | 1 | 1 |
| Company A | 1 | 1 |
| 7th SC | 0 | 2 |
| Marines | 0 | 2 |
| Western | | |
| 6th SC | 2 | 0 |
| 95th Cal. | 1 | 1 |
| MICOM | 1 | 1 |
| 291st MPs | 1 | 1 |
| 4th SC | 1 | 1 |
| Company B | 0 | 2 |

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AMC League Standings

| | |
|------------|--------|
| Bombers | 37 1/2 |
| Spare | 33 |
| Fat Cats | 31 1/2 |
| Sprinters | 28 |
| King Pins | 27 1/2 |
| Alley Cats | 26 |
| Cadillacs | 25 1/2 |
| Hughes TOW | 25 |
| T-Birds | 23 |

Lily Flagg Last Wednesday

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

Top Rollers
 Bill Walker, 597 (213); Bob Brock, 577 (210); Lee Keim, 558; Bob Brand, 558;
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Coolness Pays Off In C's Win Over MP's

By Dave Cowan

Sometimes basketball players fall victim to the game's pressure and tension and their performance suffers. A team that can play it cool under pressure has a better chance of winning.

In the final game of the opening session of this year's Intramural Basketball League last Thursday, a typical example of damaging pressure arose when Company C collided with the 291st MP's.

It turned out to be an old-fashioned donneybrook, with all the excitement of a championship game. Both teams were fired up, but coolness paid off for the C's. The hot-tempered cops lost their composure over several calls that didn't go their way, and eventually lost the game as well, 62-55.

The permanent-party's victory moved them into a two-way tie with Meddac for first in the Eastern race, while the MP's fell to a 1-1 record in the Western conference. The medics and the C's are undefeated with 2-0 slates.

Against the MP's, Company C jumped out to a 29-23 halftime lead behind a 16-point effort by

Ron Mitchell. The cops came back late in the second half to tie and then take the lead with 7:37 remaining. For the next four minutes, it became a see-saw battle until the C's built up a

of 11 points. The cops missed seven of 18 charity shots which was another factor in their loss.

Monday

In Monday's action, the 8th SC defeated the 7th, 40-23; Company

A trio of double scorers enabled Company C to chalk up their second win with a 45-41 victory over the 4th Students. The C's outscored the 4th 26-18 in the first half. The Students came back in the final two periods on a 22-point performance by Lewis Lockett, but fell four points short of the win.

Ron Mitchell paced the permanent-party dwellers with 14 biggies, followed by Charlie Miller and Dave Swain with 12 and 11.

The 291st MP's had only six starting players against the Marines. However, it was more than sufficient as five cops hit into double figures in a 74-56 shellacking of the Leathernecks, despite a brilliant 30-point effort by W. M. Watson.

The MP's rambled for 40 points in the first half led by Richard Mitchell and Steve Womble with 22 and 20. Jerry Moore sank 11 and Willie Rice and Jim Fomby had 10 each as the cops continued to pop the loops in the final stanza.

Tuesday

Tuesday night's roundup.

Usually permanent-party members at MMCS teach lessons to

students, but the 6th SC did some instructing of their own in paddling Company A, 46-40 in the first of three games Tuesday night.

The Students' six-point bulge in the first half over the A's was all they needed in chalking up their second win against no defeats. John Hewitt and Roosevelt Brown led the 6th with 11 and nine points, while Wardrick Griffin pumped in 19 for the A's.

Company B continues to saunter in its sorrow. They had plenty of enthusiasm but very little talent as they suffered their first loss of the season to the hands of Meddac, 54-25.

Mickey Rooker paced the medics with 13 points, followed by Wynn Hoffman with 10. Lanky Bob Albrecht tossed 12 in for the B's.

For the past two years, the missilemen have relied on forward Ray Smith for clutch wins. He's no longer here, so MICOM has had to resort to its new talent. It paid off as two newbies pounded the nets for 28 points in lifting MICOM to a 59-25 victory over the Calibrators.

Although the game was lopsided, there was a moment of friskiness when a fight developed between MICOM's Glen Hitt and the 95th's Joe Young. Both men were ejected from the contest.

Gary Meece and Benny Gordon guided the missilemen with 11 and 12 points respectively. Bob Cannon had 10 for the Calibrators.

Wednesday

In Wednesday's court drama, the 4th SC edged the 8th, 39-36; 95th Calibrators took a 2-0 forfeit over the 7th SC; and Meddac defused MICOM, 55-41.

It was too little and too late for the 8th Students as they went down to the 4th Students, 39-36. However, they made a gallant try as the 4th jumped out to a 22-13 halftime lead. The 8th came back in the final half to outscore them 23-17, but fell three points short in their effort.

Lockett paced the 4th with 19 biggies. Herbert Mullberry sank 11 for the 8th.

The medics had an all-around performance from its players in routing the missilemen 55-41 in the finale on Wednesday. Charlie Hardin had 11 points and Mickey Rooker and Randy Hoerth had nine each for Meddac. Hitt and Steve Admiston collected 12 and 10 respectively for MICOM.

Thursday

Company A evened their record at 1-1; stinging Company B, 52-38. It was the B's second straight loss of the early basketball campaign. Bob Albrecht and Dave Polk shared the A's honors with 10 points each, followed by Mickey Pence with eight. Ken Ellis put on a one-man showing for the A's, sinking 24 tough ones.

Leatherneck W. M. Watson continued to pound the baskets for the second straight time, but the 6th Students responded with 12 players posting points on the scoreboard in a 75-47 licking of the Marines.

Watson, who earlier in the week, hit for 30, nearly matched it again with 26 points in a losing effort for the Marines. Roosevelt Brown and Jim Whitfield led the students with 15 and 10.

SCORING LEADERS

| Name/Unit | G | TP | AVG. |
|---------------------|---|----|------|
| Watson, Marines | 2 | 56 | 28.0 |
| Mitchell, Company C | 2 | 43 | 21.5 |
| Lockett, 4th SC | 2 | 41 | 20.5 |
| Mitchell, 291st MPs | 2 | 38 | 19.0 |
| Womble, 291st MPs | 2 | 31 | 15.5 |
| Rice, 291st MPs | 2 | 29 | 14.5 |
| Ellis, Company A | 2 | 28 | 14.0 |
| Miller, Company C | 2 | 28 | 14.0 |
| Griffin, Company A | 2 | 28 | 14.0 |
| Meece, MICOM | 2 | 25 | 12.5 |
| Brown, 6th SC | 2 | 24 | 12.0 |
| Brinkley, 7th SC | 1 | 12 | 12.0 |

five-point bulge and then held it for the win.

Mitchell led the C's with 29 points, followed by Charlie Miller and Dave Swain with 16 and eight respectively. Mitchell cashed in 11 of 12 free throws, while the team hit 14 of 16 attempts.

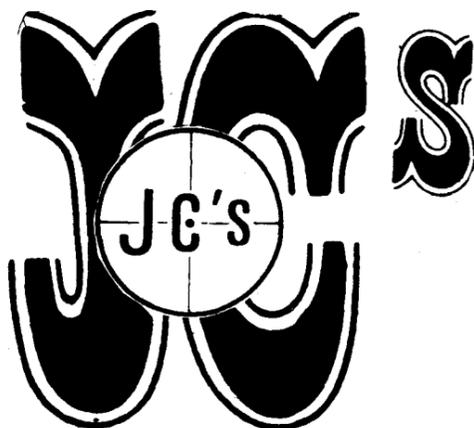
In a losing effort, Willie Rice, Richard Mitchell and Steve Womble led the MP's with 19, 16

C upended the 4th SC, 45-41; and the 291st MP's downed the Marines, 74-56.

The 8th Students took an 18-11 halftime lead and then outshot the 7th 24-12 in the second half for their win. Bernard Bains and Dave Ramey collected 13 and seven points for the 8th, respectively. Mike Brinkley nabbed 12 for the 7th.



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The Auburn University professor of electrical engineering will discuss: Simulation and Design of an Automatic Aircraft Landing System.

All interested persons are welcome to attend and may make reservations with Marchetta Johnson, 837-7200 (ext. 336) or Ellen Bufkin, 539-4175.



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AMC Given Role

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Army was selected by DoD to be the CONUS single service manager (SSM) for conventional ammunition. This decision is part of the armament reorganization in Army Materiel Command.

In its new role, the Army will be responsible for procurement, production, supply, maintenance and renovation of conventional ammunition for all the services. The Army currently controls 80 percent of the munitions production.

Conventional ammunition includes small arms ammunition, grenades, artillery and shipboard ammunition, bombs, land mines, demolition materiel and unguided projectiles and rockets—as well as propellants and explosives.

Each service will determine its own requirements and submit them, along with the funds, to the SSM. The SSM then determines the sources of procurement, competitively, either from an ammunition plant or private industry, and distributes the munitions or stores them in depots.

SSM differs from current ammunition procurement procedures in that it will be responsible for obtaining all conventional ammunition and managing the subsequent "resale" to the other services. Each service now procures conventional ammunition either on the open market or from each other.

By careful selection of ammunition storage sites the new system should be more economical and efficient in reducing transportation and handling costs.

The SSM will be located at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Hudgens Rites

Funeral services were conducted in Athens on Sunday for Earl C. Hudgens, a program analyst with the TOW Project Office who died following an accident near Rogersville on Friday.

A 27-year veteran of civilian and military service, Hudgens came to Redstone in 1960 after having worked for the Air Force at Topeka, Kansas, and Mobile.

Almost all of his time at Redstone was spent in the Materiel Management Directorate. He had transferred into his present position just last week.

Photo Exhibition At Craft Shop

A special presentation in photography will be given by Jim Bishop, a Huntsville photographer, in the Craft Shop and beginning at 7 this evening. His program

features slides of the Smokey Mountains and a discussion of photography techniques from viewing the potential picture to the finished print.

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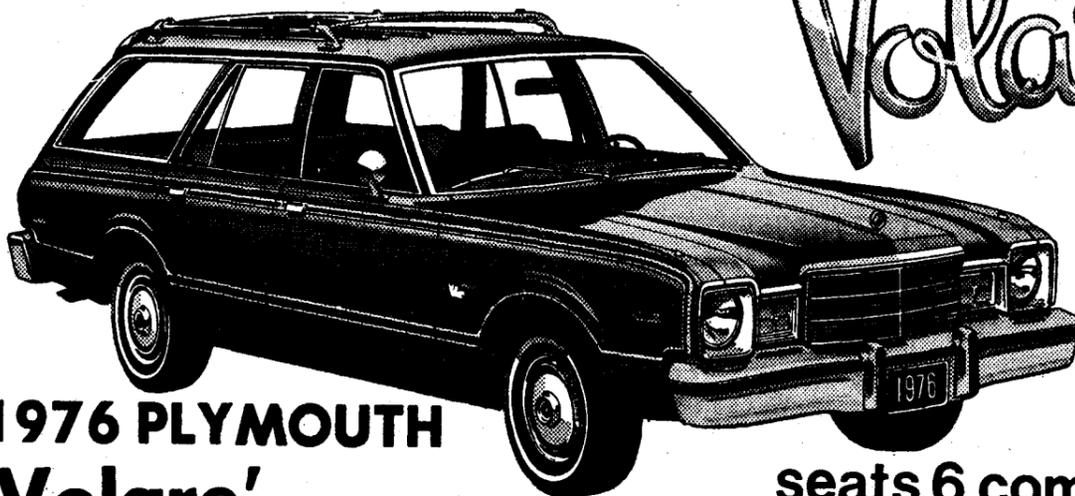
Former MICOM Commander Lt. General Charles Eifler will be the guest speaker when the Huntsville chapter, Association of Government Accountants meet Thursday

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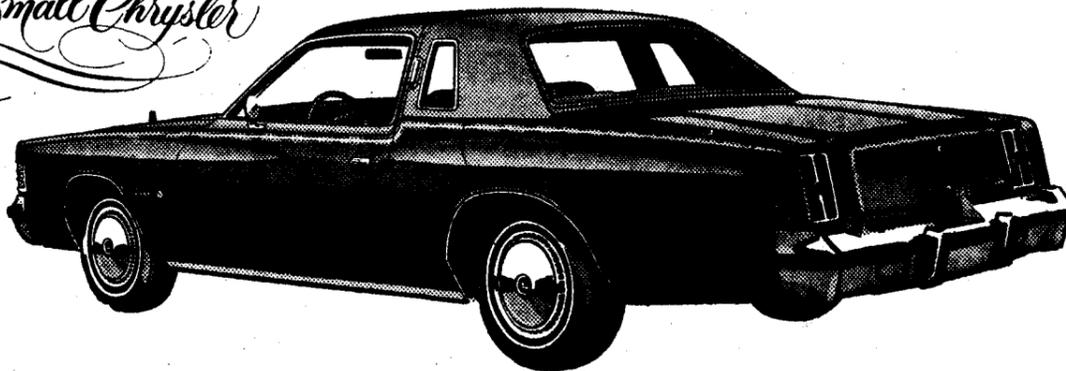
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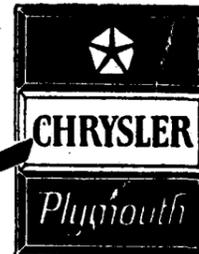


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Catfish Story



Giles Edmonson retired from the Army some months back, but he still returns to Redstone most mornings to cast bread upon the waters.

After dropping his wife at the Commissary where she works, he drives to a remoter part of the Arsenal to feed his pets. His pets are catfish, in the quarry pond in the side of Madkin Mountain off Neal Road.

He feeds them crackers usually, but sometimes he casts doughnuts. "They go crazy over Krispy Kremes", says Edmonson, a retired sergeant.

"I talk to them too. Everybody makes fun of me when I tell this, but before I feed them I talk to them first. They come up to be fed when they hear my voice. They recognize it—They won't come up for anybody else", he says.

Edmonson gave a demonstration on a recent morning, but the observers arrived after the feeding had already begun and did not get to see him call his pets.

Standing on a jagged limestone precipice above the pond, a pound box of saltines cradled in an arm, Edmonson flings

a fistful of crackers. He stands quietly as they flutter down and settle on the water.

"Watch that one", he says momentarily. "The little ones'll start eating it first". As he speaks a dark spot in the clear water moves in on the cracker and in a moment a swarm of minnows are eating it.

"Now look over there", he says, pointing to another dark spot. "There comes a big one. A couple more'll be behind him—they play follow-the-leader.

"Watch him, he'll eat five or six of the little fish and then take a bite of cracker.

"That one would probably go two or three pounds", Edmonson calculates. "There are big ones in here too. Sometimes one comes up that looks like he'd go about 12 pounds.

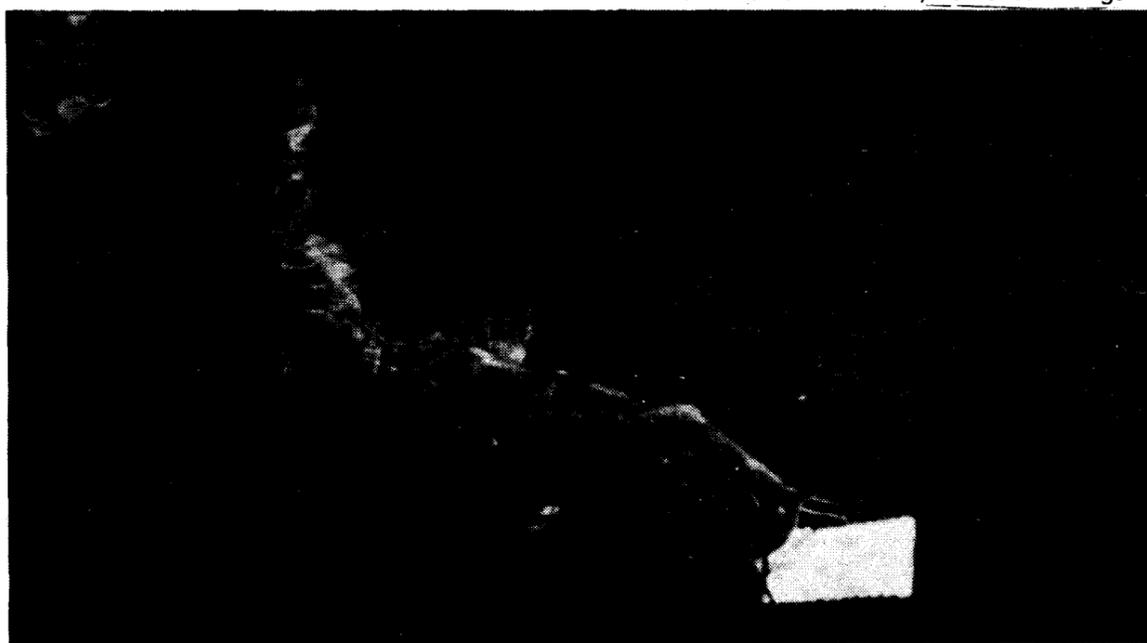
Edmonson's learned a lot about their behavior since he began feeding the fish nearly a year ago while a soldier here.

"One's coming up on that cracker closest in", he says, as a catfish comes within inches of a cracker, then abruptly turns and disappears into the depths. "Keep looking in that same place—he'll be back up. He may do that two or three times before he takes a bite. Sometimes they pop the cracker with their tail and break it into pieces before they eat it.

"I wish I could get that white one up. He's one of the leaders and others always follow him. I've got a couple of bass too, but when they come they'll run the catfish out—chase 'em away."

Edmonson may not be able to enjoy his pets for too much longer. Soon, by summer, the pond is to be rid of rough fish, fertilized and restocked with game fish.

But that won't affect another pet he says he has at the quarry, a snake. In warm weather it crawls out of the rocks when Edmonson comes and he pinches chunks off a Slim Jim and tosses them to the snake. He said he started tossing them a lot farther after he found out it was a cottonmouth.



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Quarry Pond Holds Many Mysteries

It is said that old supply sergeants once referred to it as Davy Joneses locker. Popular notion that has persisted for a generation has it that the cold, deep water in the Madkin Mountain quarry pond holds all sorts of mystery.

As one story goes the depths hide live bombs, poison gases and other death instruments that were spirited there from hidden arsenals on moonless nights and scuttled. Experimental weapons, presumably too diabolic to unleash on the world, are also rumored to be secreted there.

There are stories of cars and trucks that were sent to a watery grave in the pond after being stolen.

Finally, there is a genre of tales about the quarry pond that always end with a line to the effect that the water at the bottom is so cold that anything organic dumped there stays there.

At the risk of spoiling intriguing stories, it should be pointed out that if an inventory were compiled of all the stuff alleged to have been deep-sixed there over the years, it likely would represent more stuff than the quarry could hold or this article could list.

A few skin divers have taken a fishes-eye look at what lies at the bottom of the pond. True to popular notion, there is a lot of stuff down there, but considerably less mysterious than it is purported to be.

The following is an account of what the divers found. They asked that their names not be used as diving is prohibited there.

The pond contains a lot of odd assorted junk, dumped there years ago by all accounts. Some of it dates from World War II.

"If you stand on the high cliff and look down sometimes you can see three craters on the bottom. They're about 45 feet across and look like they were made by air-dropping the junk in there", says a diver.

There are no cars and trucks beneath the water, although there may be enough

miscellaneous parts to assemble one. The divers say they found wheels a trunk lid and other automotive parts in the pond.

There are "thousands" of metal cans and drums and a maze of unidentifiable assorted junk, he said, while another diver found "tubes that look like rocket motor containers".

There are no live bombs, but there are a lot of empty containers that a diver says look like 2.75 inch rocket pods. It is believed these are the pods from a type of World War II chemical rocket that were sent to Redstone after the war to be demilitarized. The demiled items were probably dumped into the pond at the same time thousands of gas mask canisters were, giving rise to the poison gas tales.

The divers also found some of the gas mask canisters, which imaginative minds over the years since World War II may have turned into the nerve gas canisters fabled to be in the pond. After the war thousands of gas masks were sent here to be outfitted with new canisters. The old ones were dumped in the pond. They are well preserved as is most of the junk that is in the deep water.

A diver explained that the bottom of the pond was almost no oxygen and that junk in these areas is virtually in a vacuum. Rust does not form in these areas, the diver said, and the junk is in much the same condition as when it was dumped.

Well preserved and visible from the cliff, according to one diver, are a number of wire-bound wooden crates measuring about 4' by 3' by 1½' that four divers using flotation equipment couldn't get one up to see what's inside.

The pond is as old as Redstone Arsenal itself, dating from about 1941 when a building contractor, Ralph Rogers Co., mined limestone from the mountain side for use in building the Army's new war chemicals center.

Flotation tests conducted at the pond by the Army and Marshall Center likely are source of some of the scuttled bomb stories.

In 1960 the Army dropped a Redstone missile into the pond using a crane. It floated and was recovered, while Marshall Center has used the pond for flotation tests of equipment used in the space program.

The pond is deep, measuring in depth from 35 to 48 feet in the area the divers explored, which is only about one-fourth of the pond. One diver guessed that it is probably 60 feet deep in some places at certain times of the year.

They mapped the portion of the pond they explored. "We found that it is spring-fed from the bottom", a diver said. "Apparently they cut through the water table while digging."

What life there is in the pond, mostly rough fish and very little vegetation, exists near the surface. "There's not enough oxygen to support life below 20 feet", he said.

The divers also dispelled another myth associated with the pond—that contact with the water will rot your skin off or worse.

They found that it's a clean pond.

"We'd heard all kinds of rumors about that place", a diver continued, "contamination, bombs, poison gas, etc. So before we went in we got a water sample and had it analyzed at UAH. The water was low in oxygen and just like you'd find in any quarry. There were some pathogenic (disease-causing) bacteria, but no more than you'd expect to find in any pond of the type."

The water is very cold, he said, so cold that the winter day he and three others explored the pond they could stay down only 25 minutes. The water temperature then was 38 to 39 degrees with a 42 degree reading at the surface.



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The Pelican's Pocket is a small gift shop located at Redstone near the Rod and Rake Shop. It is where military people sell homemade items. The shop is open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 and 2.

The current stock of items ranges from small delicate Christmas ornaments to large

wooden wall hangings. Crafts men consigning items range from young active duty soldiers to dependents of retired military in the area.

SFC Kenneth Lue carves beautiful wood items for sale in the shop. He likes to "make beautiful things for beautiful people". Lue started carving about three years ago while stationed in Guam. He returned to Redstone 2 years ago and is presently assigned to F Range at MMCS.

Lue is self-taught and has learned most of his wood carving from books. His objective is to make everything himself without

the use of machines. His most popular item is large wooden eagles that he carves from mahogany.

Charlene Weis makes beautiful silver jewelry for sale in the shop. Charlene started making jewelry two years ago when she took a college course in jewelry making at Arizona Western. Her husband, Captain Joseph R. Weis assigned to EOD Division at MMCS, was in Korea and Charlene wanted to learn how to make the Indian jewelry that had been so popular in her native state, Arizona.

The Parker, Arizona native uses the basic tools and stamps to work the silver. She buys turquoise in its

rough form and shapes it to fit the rings and bracelets that she makes. All of her silver items are handmade and are made from pure silver.

The unique ceramic items in the shop are made by Trudie Carroll, who has been working with ceramics for 12 years.

Trudie molds her greenware from slip that is purchased from a ceramics dealer. After the greenware has been dried and fired it is painted in one of the numerous glazes available. Trudy makes many different ceramic items from free-form rose pictures to ceramic pencil holders.

Barbara Jones makes the beautiful candles in the shop. She

became interested in candlemaking when her husband Major William O. Jones assigned to the Readiness Group, was stationed at Ft. Rucker.

Becky Schaaf, whose husband Major James C. Schaaf is assigned to BMDSCOM Range Directorate, creates the popular 3D paper tole pictures.

SFC Patterson assigned to the Office of Logistics Supply Division, MMCS, became interested in leathercraft last November when he gave his boys a billfold kit from the dime store. Now he is making leather purses, billfolds and wristbands with the expertise of a skilled craftsman.



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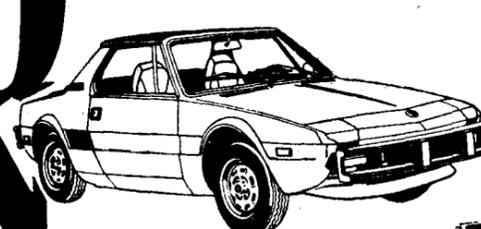
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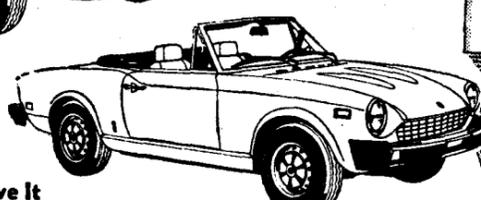
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Post Crafts Shop Is Scene Of Gift Making



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The holiday season finds many people at Redstone making gifts for relatives and friends. Soldiers and dependents have been taking advantage of the services offered at the Post Craft Shop to make unique gifts.

Leather working, photography, pottery, jewelry, lapidary, textiles, printing, drawing and painting are only a few of the crafts offered.

According to Jan Osthus, Crafts Shop director, "A person does not need to know how to paint or draw to use the shop."

Osthus explained that many people have the misconception that one has to be extremely talented to make craft items. There is also the misconception that one has to know something about leatherworking, jewelry making or pottery to use the shop.

The people at the crafts shop try to create a family atmosphere.

Everyone shares in the learning and teaching process. Skills can range from amateur to highly skilled.

Private Bill Nelson, a new recruit from Chicago, discovered the craft shop last Saturday on a tour of the post. He is presently trying to learn how to use the potter's wheel to make mugs to give to friends.

Richard Walters, a 16-year old sophomore at Butler High School has been learning how to make silk screen prints. He plans to make t-shirts to give to friends for Christmas.

Private Mark Handzel from the 5th ETC at MMCS started working out the design for a leather belt during his first visit to the shop. The Utica, New York, native hopes to make a decorated belt for his girlfriend.

Specialist 5 Eric Rugg, assigned

to Company A, at MMCS learned the art of lost wax casting 3 years ago while stationed at Redstone. After a tour in Korea, he returned to Redstone last January and resumed his hobby. He has made various cast rings for gifts. His current project is a miniature ring of a 35mm camera.

SSG Louis Waters, a student at MMCS walked in the shop last August to polish a bloodstone ring. Now, he is deeply involved in jewelry making. He has made over 20 pieces of jewelry—rings, bracelets and necklaces for Christmas gifts.

The shop has had an average of 60 sign-in customers a day. More are expected during the next week. Hours of the shop are 1:30-9:30, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursday 5:00-9:30. Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 12-8.



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DA feels that the required combat readiness can be reached with less training ammunition. One of the ways of reducing costs is to develop training ammunition which closely duplicates combat situations but does not require firing expensive service ammunition. Service rounds could then be used during advanced training.

Another cost saving approach is a more effective forecasting system for training ammo requirements.

Any forecasting system depends upon a current Common Table of Allowance (CTA). Most CTAs were established when older weapon systems were first put into use. Since then improvements in fire control, fire detection, training techniques and devices have been developed. The CTAs have not been revised to account for these improvements. Also while the CTA establishes a maximum allowance, it does not insure that the maximum is not exceeded.

To investigate ways to better manage training ammunition, DA's Training Ammunition Management Study (TAMS) will look into these and other methods for reducing training ammunition costs. The study group will also investigate improved methods of training but will be primarily concerned with the overall management of ammunition.

The Army spent \$264 million on training ammo in FY 74 and estimates an expenditure of \$405 million in FY 76. To make sure it is getting its money's worth, DA feels that every soldier must be made aware of the high cost of ammunition. As one DA training official put it. "Every round must count."

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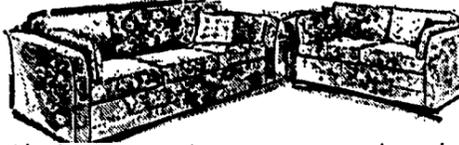
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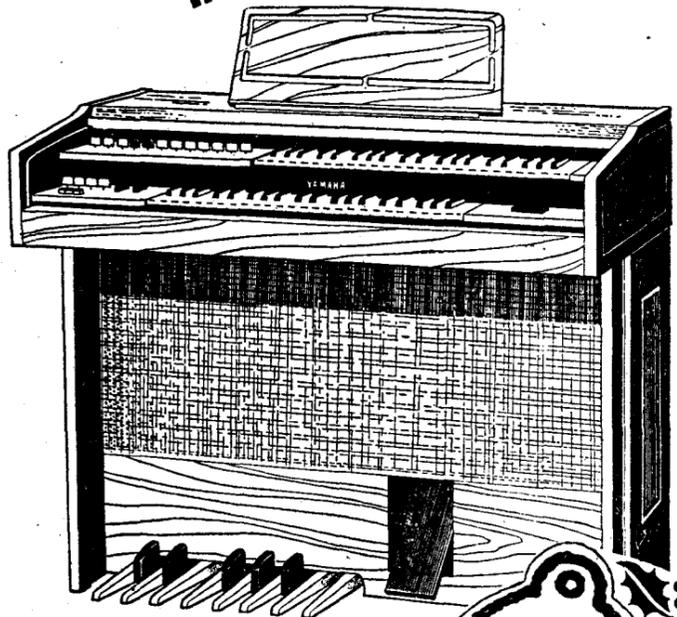
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Sergeant Stewart J. Smith, who organized the group, including several German students at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Smith, NCOIC of MMCS's Technical Library, along with his party, will attempt the cross-country trip from Redstone to Ft. McClellan. The excursion will take four to five days, and an estimated 112 miles as the crow flies.

Smith said the mileage could be as much as 135 miles, because of land navigation obstacles.

The Earth resources satellite at NASA was used to plan the trip. By viewing the satellite pictures, Smith was able to determine vegetation, waterways, and wooded areas they might encounter along the way.

The group's rucksacks will contain clothing, personal accessories, tools, cooking utensils, first-aid kits, blankets, sleeping bags, ponchos, canteens and flash lights.

The food supply will consist of C-rations, supplemented by some dehydrated items.

Airborne special forces ranger Staff Sergeant Parsons, using the NASA maps, will guide the team around rivers and lakes and over rough terrains.

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Contracts for missiles and related equipment came to \$12,160,518 during the same period.

Included in the orders for goods and services are automotive repairs, welding supplies, laboratory and office supplies and equipment, minor construction projects, food and clothing. All are items that support the missile and rocket programs at Redstone.

The MICOM Procurement and Production Directorate executes the contracts and awards.

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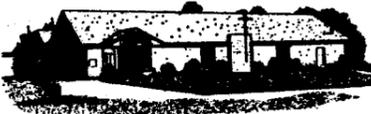
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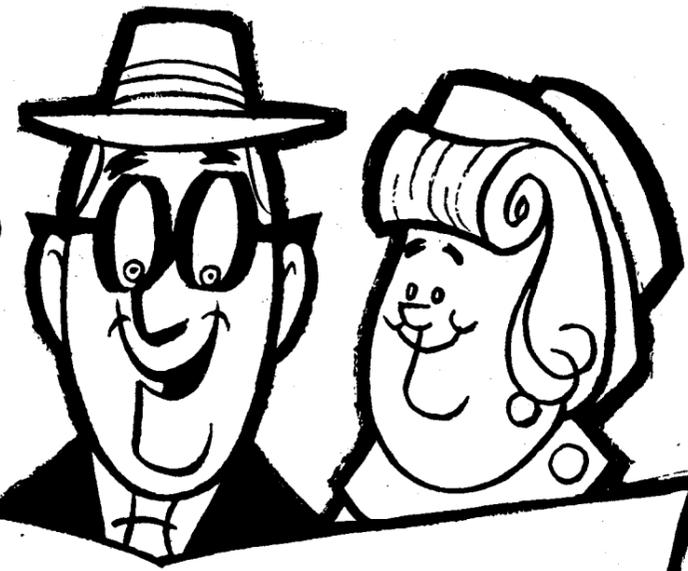


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"It's a dynamic thing all the way," says Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Wendt, chief of the Enlisted Personnel Management System (EPMS) task force at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. "This system assures the Army of professionalism and the soldier of coordinated, impartial career management."

EPMS is a newly adopted management program designed to guide the career progression of every enlisted soldier by integrating training, evaluation, classification and promotion into a single, well-coordinated system. The system was adopted Army-wide by Department of the Army in August.

MMCS was tasked by Department of the Army and the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) to develop a new concept in training and in evaluating the enlisted man.

People were pulled from various school departments to make up the task force. Presently, the 74 people on the team are divided into six basic sections: Office of the Chief, Program Management Office, and Career Management Field 55, 27, 23, and 21.

"Our job in the task force is to create a training system to support these career management fields (CMF) and military occupation specialties (MOS) this school is proponent for," Wendt said.

The team is tasked with determining what skill level any given task would fall under, what is expected of the individual at each skill level, and what tasks will be trained in advanced individual training (AIT), on-the-job training, nonresident instruction or in the soldier's unit.

From this information, the team develops a skill qualification test that consist of questions and performance tasks, which indicate an individual's knowledge and ability to perform in his primary MOS.

According to Wendt, when an individual comes into the Army he will be given a Soldier's Manual, which outlines every task he has to perform on the job in order to be promoted.

"This is not a haphazard process where the individual comes into the Army and after a certain time in grade, he is promoted. He has to really perform in order to be promoted," he said. "The individual knows exactly what he has to do ahead of time."

The Soldier's Manual defines the job in simple terms and describes

the manner in which proficiency of each task will be evaluated. It also presents a study plan and outline for the commander his responsibility in planning and evaluating initial and refresher training for his soldiers.

Under EPMS there are five skill levels which correspond to five levels of training, basic candidate training-advanced individual training plus four levels of the noncommissioned officer education system (NCOES)—primary basic, advanced and senior NCO courses. The soldier is given skill level one in BCT-AIT.

Completion of the first level qualifies the soldier for award of skill level one. Skill level one corresponds to grades E-1 through E-4, skill level two for grade E-5, skill level three for E-6, skill level four for E-7 and skill level five for grades E-8 and E-9.

"A soldier isn't even considered for promotion to the next higher level until he has successfully completed the specified requirements of his present level," Wendt stated.

Wendt pointed out the three things that can happen when a soldier takes the skill level qualification test. "He can fail, pass with a minimum passing score, which does not make him eligible for promotion, or he can achieve a higher passing score on the test," he said.

"This places a great responsibility on the soldier," he went on. "He is made responsible for gaining the training specified in his Soldier's Manual. If he doesn't

study, he doesn't pass the test and is therefore not promoted."

"Under the present system a soldier is promoted, classified, and then evaluated," Wendt said, "but under EPMS, the soldier is evaluated, then classified, and finally promoted."

"In other words, his abilities for doing the job are tested also," Wendt stated. "The approach here at MMCS is not to consider what we have now as far as training goes, but we are starting from the beginning, from square one and looking at the whole things."

The task force's duties as outlined by Wendt consist of analyzing the soldier's job, developing comprehensive task lists, taking in-house reviews of the task lists, developing job performance tests, classifying tasks, developing the Soldier's Manual and Skill qualification tests.

"We have 20 MOS and 61 skill levels we must analyze," he said. "After the job has been analyzed to determine what tasks are required, the team combines the tasks and we have an in-house review. Here we add to the list or subtract from it."

After the list has been reviewed by the task force, the team then goes out and observes the soldier doing the job in the field, thus verifying it and receiving what Wendt calls a valid task list.

Once it is decided what tasks are needed for the job, the tasks are then classified. "We decide which tasks are the most critical and which can be performed in the field," Wendt said. "Some will be

for nonresident training while others will be for on-the-job training."

In commenting on the impact of EPMS at MMCS, Wendt said, "the impact on MMCS involves the drafting of people from various departments to serve on the task force, changing attitudes and philosophies toward training, and redesigning of existing curriculum and combining of MOS."

"We don't have any one in training now, but we are working to get training started for the April 1, 1976, implementation of CMF 55 (ammunition management field)."

As to the future of the program, he said, "EPMS will be a continuing system in the Army. We will continuously update task lists and skill qualification levels as new equipment is added."

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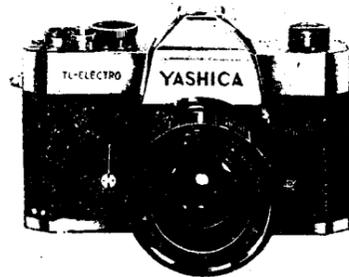
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Oldham Competes For 1975 Flemming Award

Henry Oldham, an aerospace engineer in the Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory, has won a Department of Army citation for being the Missile Command's nominee in government wide competition for the 1975 Arthur S.

Flemming Award. Major General George H. Turnmeyer, Commander of the Missile Command, presented the Certificate of Achievement to Oldham last week. The award cited Oldham for "...outstanding performance of

duty for his work in engineering analyses and computer simulations supporting Army missile systems." The Flemming award is made annually by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Washington to 10 outstanding young men in the

executive branch of the government, five in administrative or executive fields and five in scientific or technical fields. Oldham, employed by the Systems Engineering Directorate, has been with the Missile Command since May 1971.

Sodality Brightens Senior Citizens' Christmas

Plans for the Christmas season, results of a bazaar, and a talk by a case worker from the Catholic Social Service were the highlights of a recent meeting of the Redstone Queen of All Saints Sodality meeting in the Post Chapel.

The meeting began with celebration of the Mass by Chaplain (Father) Anthony F. Wilwerding, the Sodality's Moderator.

Mrs. William Gibson, Prefect, announced that the Sodality will join the Protestant women of the chapel for a visit to Drake Towers in Huntsville to bring and decorate a Christmas tree in the Community Hall, and to bring Christmas treats to the senior citizens.

Sodality members will present a Christmas program for Big Spring Manor Nursing Home residents today with entertainment consisting of caroling by the Junior High choir and CYO of the Chapel.

Mrs. William Moore turned over a new baby bassinet filled with infant clothing from the recent "Baby Jesus Shower" to Sister Catherine Peters, administrator of the Catholic Social Service in Huntsville, and Father Wilwerding presented a \$500 check to Sister Peters, the proceeds from a Sodality bazaar.

Items contributed for the bazaar, in addition to homebaked foods and handmade goods were an oil painting of the Holy Family by Rose Marie Maroon, and a gingerbread house made by LTC Elizabeth Tichenor.

Guest speaker Laura Dinwiddie described the non-denominational social service program open to all persons needing the service offered. Interested individuals may inquire at the office at 1010 Church Street.

During the meeting, Mrs. Gibson welcomed Mrs. George E. Turnmeyer, wife of the MICOM Commander and honorary president of the Sodality, Mrs. Charles Means, wife of the SAM-D Project Manager, and personnel from the Catholic Social Service in Huntsville.

Hostesses for the Sodality meeting were Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Sylvester Colletti, Mrs. Jack Marsden, Mrs. Charles Lorens, Mrs. Bernie Pohlman and Mrs. Jack Hall.

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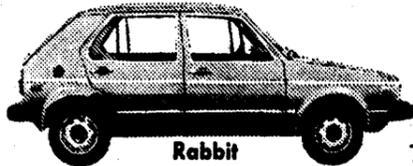
The Redstone Readiness Group officers' wives will close out their activities for the year with a Christmas Formal at the Officers Open Mess this evening. Dinner will be at 7:30 followed by dancing.

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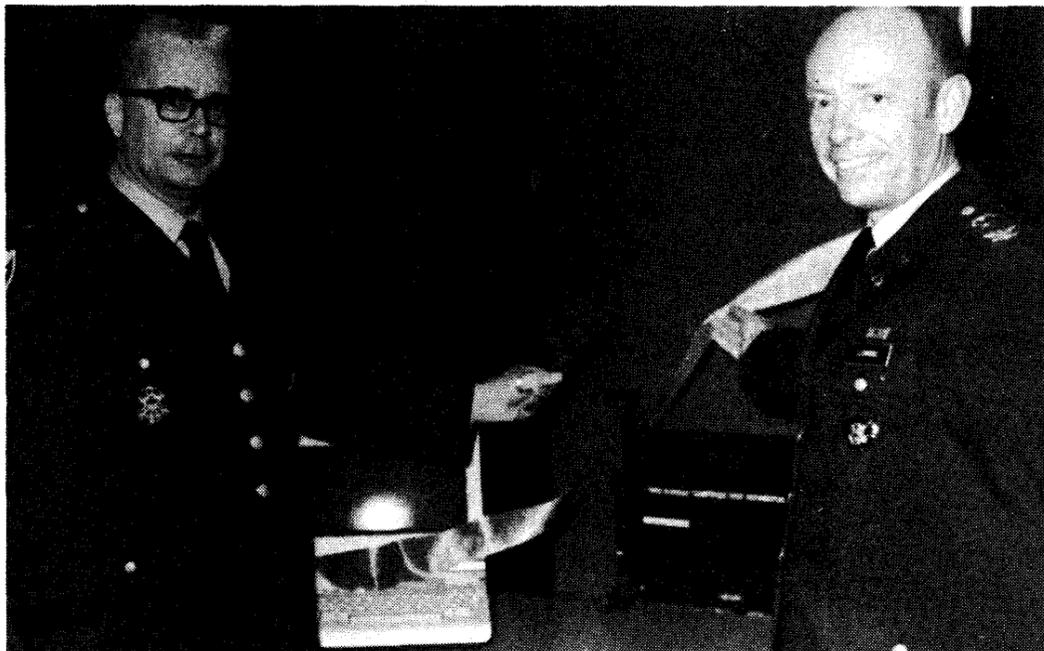
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The Missile Command has delivered to Letterkenny Army Depot a shipment of computerized test equipment that analyzes and detects malfunctions in Improved Hawk missile components.

Major General George E. Turnmeyer, Commander of the Missile Command, delivered the equipment in a formal ceremony last week to Colonel Bruce Crowell, Letterkenny Commander. Letterkenny is the first AMC depot to receive the equipment.

Called MATE (MICOM Automated Test Equipment), the test gear can be programmed to pinpoint malfunctions in equipment ranging from printed circuit boards to complete systems. The equipment was developed for MICOM by the Orlando Division of Martin Marietta Aerospace.

Also attending the ceremony from MICOM were Colonel Harvey Day, Director for Maintenance and Samuel Cowell of the directorate's Depot Maintenance Division.

Return Fire In Under A Minute

WASHINGTON (ANF)— Artillerymen someday may have the advantage of being able to detect, track and locate the first round of incoming enemy artillery or mortar fire and then return fire in less than a minute.

It will be made possible by the use of a new Artillery Locating Radar (ALR) and Mortar Locating Radar (MLR). These two systems being tested at Yuma Proving Ground, and at Ft. Sill, also will be able to track multiple weapons firing simultaneously.

The artillery locating radar is designed to detect and locate long-range artillery and large rockets. In conjunction with TACFIRE, the Army's computerized fire direction center, the ALR was able to locate targets and enable a simulated counterfire battery to return fire in less than a minute.

Both radar systems are still in the prototype stage of development and are expected to undergo numerous development and operational tests before being put to use by combat units.

Peacetime Award Studied

WASHINGTON (ANF)—A peacetime unit decoration is being considered by the Army. If approved, it would be called the Outstanding Unit Commendation and awarded to units—normally not larger than a brigade—which distinguish themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement or service.

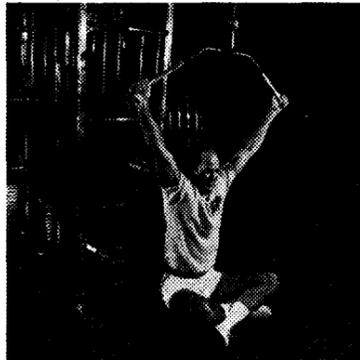
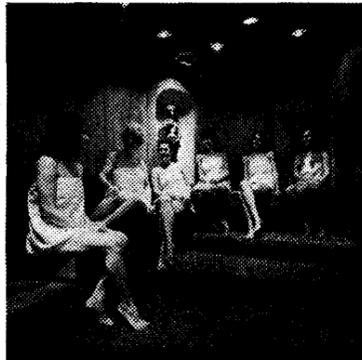
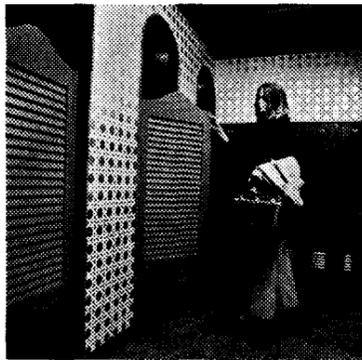
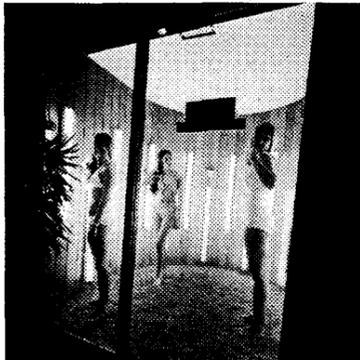
DA says the achievement or service would have to be of such a nature as to clearly set the unit above and apart from similar units.

The ribbon—to be worn over the right pocket—would be authorized only to soldiers who served in the unit during the action or service cited. As with other ribbons, subsequent awards would be denoted with oak leaf clusters.

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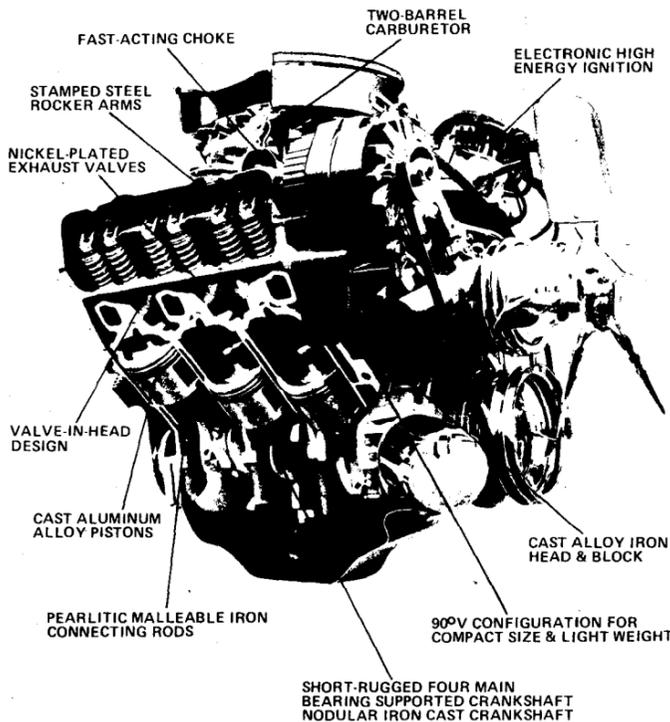
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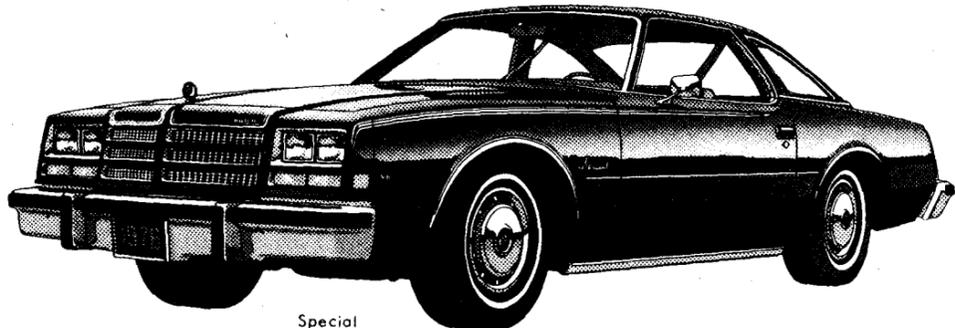
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