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SHAMPOO AND SET . . . that's what Sue Balch (left) and Estelle Phillips think this baby doll needs to please a little girl on Christmas Day.

Card Exchange Out

The 2.75 Rocket System employees, decided to forego exchanging Christmas Cards or items, and to pool their money for some worthy community cause. This year they donated the fund to Harris Home for Children.

Since the project transferred to Missile Command in 1973 the approximately 40 employees have given around \$200 each year. Fred Blessing has acted as chairman of the yuletide project.

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Seven children, no money, no husband . . . The future looked pretty bleak to a woman in Toney. But thanks to the efforts of Cataloging Division of Materiel Management, the widow's family will have a Merry Christmas and a good start for a Happy New Year.

A goodwill committee headed by Sue Balch, Estelle Phillips and Betty Wooster will be visiting the family before Christmas Eve to provide groceries, toys and clothes.

Hoyt Miller, chief of Cataloging Division had asked Sue Balch to contact Christmas Charities to see about sponsoring a family. The division had sponsored families in the past.

Christmas Charities gave Balch the name of a family in Toney. The father had just died in November and the mother was left with seven children and no money. The family had to move from the dairy farm where they were living, to a small trailer. Four girls ages 16, 14, 8 and 2 and three boys ages 12, 11 and 7 needed just about anything in the way of clothes and toys.

Balch, Phillips and Wooster spearheaded a drive to raise enough money to provide clothes and toys for every member of the family. They received great support from the rest of their committee — Charlie Thompson, Adolphis Kelly and Aileen Mobley. Everyone in the division pitched in to help.

According to Balch over \$500 has been raised to help the family. Most individuals gave between 5 and 10 dollars. "I've never seen such participation, everybody is so enthusiastic. I think it's worked out wonderfully," Balch remarked.

Phillips added "It makes you feel like you're doing something worthwhile."

All kinds of toys have been contributed by employees in the division; from a toy riding horse to dolls. The committee has bought new bedding for the family in addition to complete sets of clothing and underwear for each family member. Toys have also been provided for the children.

A Christmas turkey and ham will be among the two weeks groceries that the family will receive.

Thanks to the efforts of the cataloging division seven children will have a nice visit from Santa Claus and will be well dressed and fed when the new year begins.

A Happier Holiday

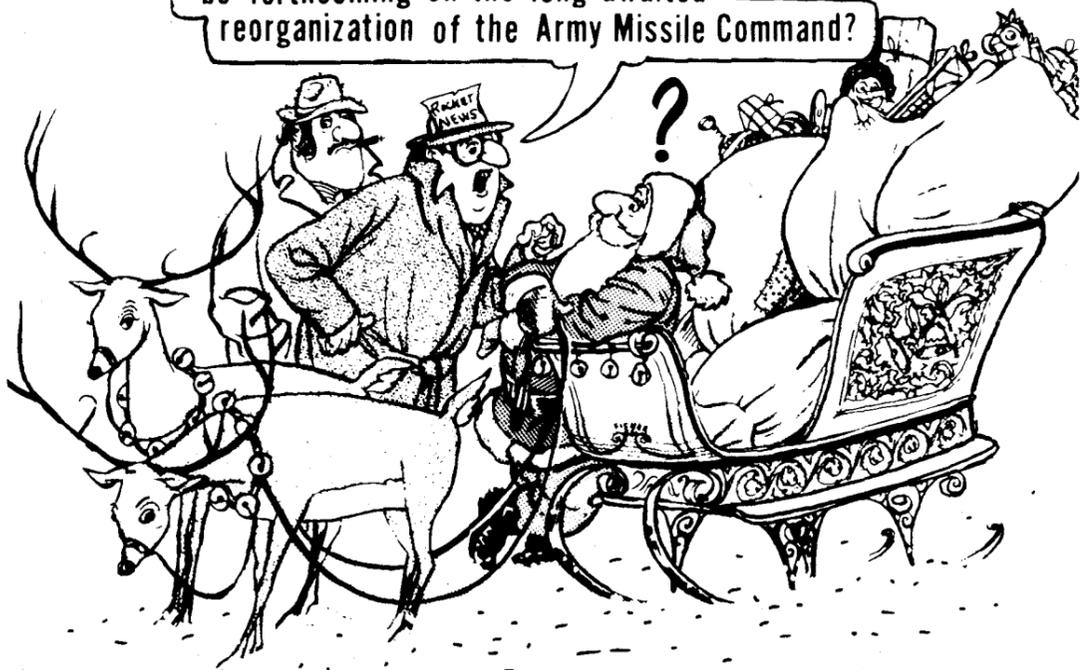
A project for the Christmas season which may continue past the holidays is being sponsored by individuals in the COMPACT Division of Military Personnel. The group has adopted two children, a boy and girl, suggested by the Madison County Pensions and Security Department.

The girl, Vicky, age 14, has a terminal illness. She needs clothes, especially jeans, and wears a size 7 or 8. However, according to Lt. Gregory Jones, any type of suitable clothing is being sought for her. Her father is dead and her mother is an immigrant.

The boy's name is Danny, and he is 11. He wants sports equipment. People in Military Personnel are rebuilding a bicycle for him, and hope other items will be donated.

"If people prefer to give cash, we'll buy the things these children need," Jones said. "It's possible if we have the money, and clothing and equipment come in later we'll continue to help these children "past the holidays."

Sir,--HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING on an announcement that might be forthcoming on the long awaited reorganization of the Army Missile Command?



HO HO HO

Bonus For Skill List Revised

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Fifty MOSSs will be removed from the selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) list on Jan. 1, 1976, but 11 will be added as bonus skills. SRB in nine other skills will be reduced, but increased for two.

Soldiers who reenlist after Dec. 31 will be eligible for SRB under the new rates. Soldiers with a

normal ETS before Jan. 1 and those with ETSs after Dec. 31, who were approved for reenlistment before Dec. 2 will be eligible for current SRB rates.

The following MOSSs have been removed from the listed zone and multiplier:

SRB-5A — 15E, 24E, 42F, 98J
SRB-4A — 26C, 27B, 27F, 32E,

33C, 33D, 33F, 33G, 35D, 35E
SRB-3A — 24B, 24D, 24F, 24P,
26B, 26D, 32D, 71E
SRB-2A — 23U, 26N, 32F, 35B,
35G, 51G, 51H, 62L, 73D, 93J, 93K
SRB-1B — 26V, 27B, 33C, 33D,
33F, 33G, 45Z, 98J
SRB-2B — 34B, 34E, 34F, 34H,
34L, 34M, 52H, 52J, 52K, 52L

The following MOSSs were added to Zone A SRB at the two multiplier level: 16D, 16E, 52B, 52C, 52D. Added to SRB-1B were 12F, 21G, 45K, 82C, 93J, and 52D.

The two MOSSs which were increased include 93H, from SRB-2A to 3A; and 91Q, from SRB-1B to 2B.

The following MOSSs were reduced: 91Q reduced from SRB-5A to 4A; 24G, from SRB-5A to 3A; 12F, from SRB-4A to 3A; 15J, 16R, 82D and 83E, from SRB-4A to 2A; 31N and 45K, from SRB-3A to 2A.

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Raises Catch Up With Promotions

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Pay raises for senior NCOs will keep pace with their promotions early next year under MILPERCEN's new centralized promotion data system.

Soldiers promoted on Headquarters, DA special orders (DASOs) will have promotion data automatically fed to the Army's finance and accounting center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

The revised system went into effect Nov. 1 for commissioned and warrant officer promotions announced in DASOs since then. DA special orders previously

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DOUBLE TREAT . . . Marjorie and Leslie Fields are fascinated by their first visit to Santa. They are the twin daughters of Captain and Mrs. Timothy G. Fields. Santa, alias Ed Jenkins is a 19 year old stock clerk at the Military Sales Store.

Couple Reunited For The Holidays

For a Puerto Rican soldier at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, this Christmas will be especially happy.

Private Ruiz S. Pagan's Christmas present will be his wife, Clara, who arrived on the 19th from Colombia, South America after a mysterious deportation last spring.

Pagan entered the Army in June of this year, leaving his wife in New York. Neither one of them expected her to be deported to Colombia a few days later. Ever since this happened Pagan has gone through his share of trials and tribulations to get her back.

"I have spent all kind of money in this behalf," Pagan said. "I am more than \$5,000 in debt."

Pagan and Clara met while she was attending the Spanish American Institute in New York in 1973. She had a student visa at the time. They were married in February 1974.

"When I signed up for the Army in June of 1975 everything was all right," Pagan said.

Believing this, Pagan attended basic training at Fort Dix, N. J., which he completed in August.

With tears in his eyes, Pagan said, "While I was in basic training, my wife received a letter from the Immigration Department to the effect that she had to appear in Bogota, South America, for a visa. I didn't even know what was going on." Without further explanation from immigration officials she was deported.

"When I left her in New York to go to basic training, I thought everything was all right," he said.

Pagan was assigned to the missile school for the Lance repairman course. He failed it twice.

"I was so upset about the circumstances involving my wife I couldn't think," he said. He was recently placed in the ammunition storage course.

When Pagan arrived at the missile school, he sought help from his company first sergeant, the Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief. He has also borrowed money from a finance company in Huntsville.

"In order to get a visa, one must have evidence that he can support someone," he said. "I had already borrowed money from a loan company once."

In October, he was allowed to go to Colombia to see his wife.

"I went to Colombia on a 15 day pass to solve my problems," he said. But the trip was not as productive as he had hoped.

He borrowed money from the Red Cross in order to go to Colombia, not realizing that he had to have a passport. When he arrived in Miami, he had to borrow money again until he could secure one three days later.

"I went to the Red Cross in Miami and told them my situation," he said. "They were very helpful."

Several letters were addressed to the U.S. Embassy for help but, according to Pagan, they only gave him excuses. "One of the letters was never answered," he said.

Now heavily in debt, Pagan finally received word that his wife would be allowed to come to Huntsville.

"She'll be here until February," he said. After I finish my course in February 1976, she'll go to New York to live with a friend until I can afford to send for her." In the meantime, he has borrowed money to rent an apartment off post.

Borrowing is Pagan's biggest problem at present. He wonders how he will pay back all the money he has borrowed and support his pregnant wife. Besides these obligations, he is supporting his mother who lives in Puerto Rico.

"All I want is to get my wife here. Once she gets here I'll never let her go," Pagan said.

Beamrider Pact Won By Philco

The Missile Command has awarded \$1.4 million to Aeronutronic Division of Philco Ford Corporation for a research program utilizing Shillelagh missiles to demonstrate a new anti-tank guidance concept known as laser beamrider.

MICOM and Aeronutronic will conduct a 15-missile flight demonstration program at Redstone Arsenal starting next summer.

MICOM's Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory is con-

ducting the beamrider demonstration to explore potential applications for future missile guidance and to determine the feasibility of a retrofit for Shillelagh missiles.

Firings at Redstone will be conducted from both the Army's M60A2 tank and the M551 General Sheridan vehicle.

Technical Direction of the program is under Major Brent Pope, Chief of the Armor Systems Concept Team, and Harold Burnham, chief engineer, both of the Advanced Systems Concepts

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Girls Scouts Take Joy To Many

The Redstone Girl Scouts concluded their Christmas projects with an Old Fashioned Christmas caroling party.

Approximately 200 participants trekked a three-mile course through the housing area, then topped off the evening with hot chocolate and goodies at the Teen Club.

Cadette Troop 396 staged its own caroling party at the Redstone Hospital for benefit of patients there. The troop also gave a party for children at Council Center. Earlier, the girls had picked up toys from Christmas Charities, repaired them for reuse, and took them back to CC.

Junior Troop 380 sponsored a party for children at the Rocket Nursery.

Junior Troop 191 members will play Santa live this year as they will make the rounds to Military Police on duty and serve them hot chocolate and cookies. Also, the girls had collected old toys for Christmas Charities.

Girls of Junior Troop 238 put together 65 gift packages, complete with individual name tags, and took them to Madison Manor Nursing Home. The packages were filled with both food and utilitarian items donated by both the girls and area merchants. They packaged the gifts in shoe boxes donated by merchants.

The girls of Brownie Troop 163 decided against a gift exchange this year, but had a party and brought gifts anyway. Then they took the gifts to children at Chi Ho.

Junior Troop 134 and Brownie Troops 228 and 145 voted to support community efforts at other times to give support throughout the year.

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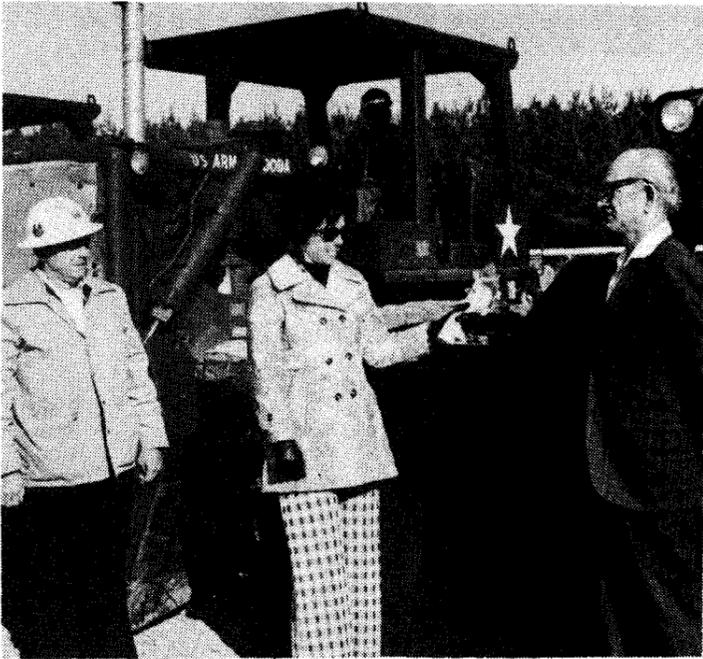
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CHRISTENED — Three new bulldozers delivered just before the holidays to the Facilities Engineer are appropriately christened by Mary Burroughs of the F. E. staff. With her are, left, B. H. Collier, engineer equipment operator foreman, and A. Z. Whitaker, chief of Buildings and Grounds.

All We Wanted For Christmas

The Facilities Engineer has received unusual Christmas presents, or at least, that's the way the personnel there feel about three new \$37,275 bulldozers delivered just before the holidays. The new equipment was suitably christened Thursday in a lot near Bldg. 5494.

Before the new bulldozers arrived, the Facilities Engineer Building and Grounds Branch had five 1964 to 1966 models that were used when brought to Redstone. Three of these are being turned in.

"With good luck, these new machines should see many of us through to retirement," A. Z. Whitaker, chief of Buildings and Grounds, said.

The bulldozers are used for road building, covering debris, discing fire breaks, clearing land and maintaining the sanitary land fill.

Attending the christening ceremony were Paul Hancock, acting Facilities Engineer; Edward Sebastian, the deputy; Whitaker; T. W. Pruitt, chief of Roads and Grounds; B. H. Collier, Engineer Equipment Operations Foreman;

Rec Center Sets Xmas Open House

The Recreation Center is planning an open house the afternoon of Christmas Day with the festivities getting underway at 3:30. Refreshments will be served and movies will be shown starting at seven.

The general public is invited to join in.

Headlining the activities for the remainder of the week at the Center will be a pool tournament on Friday and a ping pong tournament on Saturday. Both meets get started at 7 with winning trophies presented immediately.

Halfway House On Local TV

A 30-minute program featuring Redstone Halfway House will be aired at 10:30 AM Sunday on Channel 31, Huntsville. The show will cover ways persons are counseled to help overcome alcohol and drug abuse problems, and views of Halfway House facilities.

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Review Board Determines Reenlistments

WASHINGTON (ANF)—About 4,000 soldiers in grade E-5 completing 11 years active service by March 1, 1976 will have their records reviewed by a DA board to determine if they will be allowed to reenlist.

The E-5s records screening—under the qualitative management program—will be done by the E-7 promotion board, which meets in early March, after finishing its promotion selections. DA officials say results of the QMP review should be published by mid-year.

Until the QMP review is finished, E-5s completing 11 years by March 1 and whose ETS is before Sept. 30, 1976 will not be allowed to reenlist. Soldiers who receive overseas orders may extend, or reenlist if eligible, to meet the required tour length. Other soldiers may be extended, if eligible, to July 31, 1977. In any case, extensions or reenlistments may not exceed the limit set out in the regs (chapter 4, AR 600-200).

The enlisted qualitative management program is intended to upgrade the quality of the career enlisted force through selective retention of the best qualified soldiers, improved career progression and reenlistment denial to soldiers who fail to progress or produce.

QMP, as revised in May 1974, consists of two separate and distinct features—qualitative retention points (QRPs) and qualitative screening by DA selection, promotion boards.

QRPs are as follows: E-1/2—3 years; E-3—5 years; E-4—10 years; E-5—13 years; E-6—20 years; E-7—24 years; E-8—27 years and E-9—30 years. If a soldier isn't promoted by the time he reaches the QRP for his grade, he may be denied reenlistment.

Major commanders may waive the QRP if review of a soldier's performance and records warrants retention—if a soldier is otherwise eligible to reenlist without a waiver—if he has a current MOS test score of 70 or higher—and if

the extension or reenlistment will not exceed 3 years or place a soldier beyond the QRP for the next higher grade. Thus it is possible for an E-5 to reach the 20 year retirement point with two waivers.

Since May 1974, DA promotion/

selection boards have had a three-fold mission: selection of soldiers for promotion, retention in grade or barring from reenlistment.

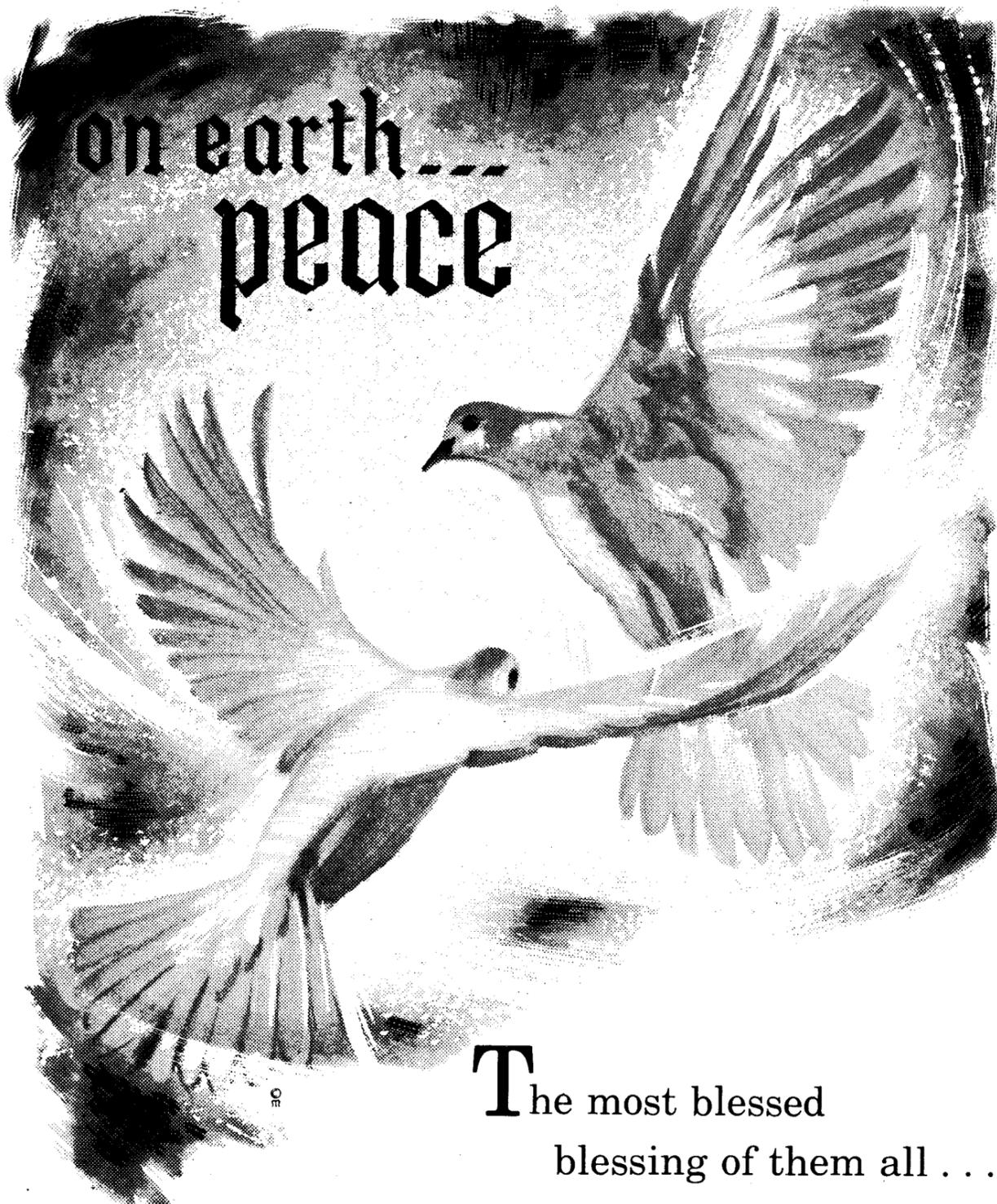
DA promotion/selection boards for soldiers to the top three enlisted grades and the command sergeants major board have been

performing the QMP process in these grades concurrent with the boards' promotion/selection action.

Since the revised QMP went into effect in May 1974, 3,700 soldiers have been barred from reenlistment. Of these 2,127 are either

separating or retiring and 436 have improved their performance enough to have the bar reenlistment lifted.

About 2.5 per cent of those who have had their records screened under QMP have been denied reenlistment.



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PFC SWAIM — Checks Out Company

Since the tornado of April 1974, a vast renovation program has been underway in troop billets at Redstone. More office space has been added to the downstairs area, rooms have been restructured for two persons from the old six-man quarters, and dayrooms have been enlarged to include reading and music rooms, TV lounges and recreation facilities.

While most of the work is nearly completed here, one company has continued its own renovating efforts.

The unit is Company C at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Recently, the company's first sergeant, Raymond L. Lebeau, was seen after duty hours hustling through the billets. Several curious onlookers asked about a peculiar, woodpecker-like

noise that infested the building for nearly an hour.

"Oh, that noise," said Lebeau. "It's only me. I've been hanging up pictures to make the barracks more homey for the soldiers."

So far the first sergeant has been able to place ten paintings around the office area, including three in the laundry room. His efforts are indeed eye-catching.

Ten more pictures are scheduled for the dayroom. Any persons interested in donating pictures, with or without frames, may contact the first sergeant at 876-1307.

Meantime, the unit fund council has gotten into the act. According to Captain Rex R. Mills, company commander, the council approved a \$337 purchase of five three-speed

bicycles (three men's and two women's).

Mills said anyone assigned to Company C may use the bikes. "A register book will be maintained in the Orderly Room during working hours, while the staff duty NCO will handle the book during the evenings," Mills added.

"Persons may draw keys to unlock the bikes and do as they please with them," he said.

While fun may be derived from the two-wheelers, Mills believes that soldiers might use them to help maintain physical fitness.

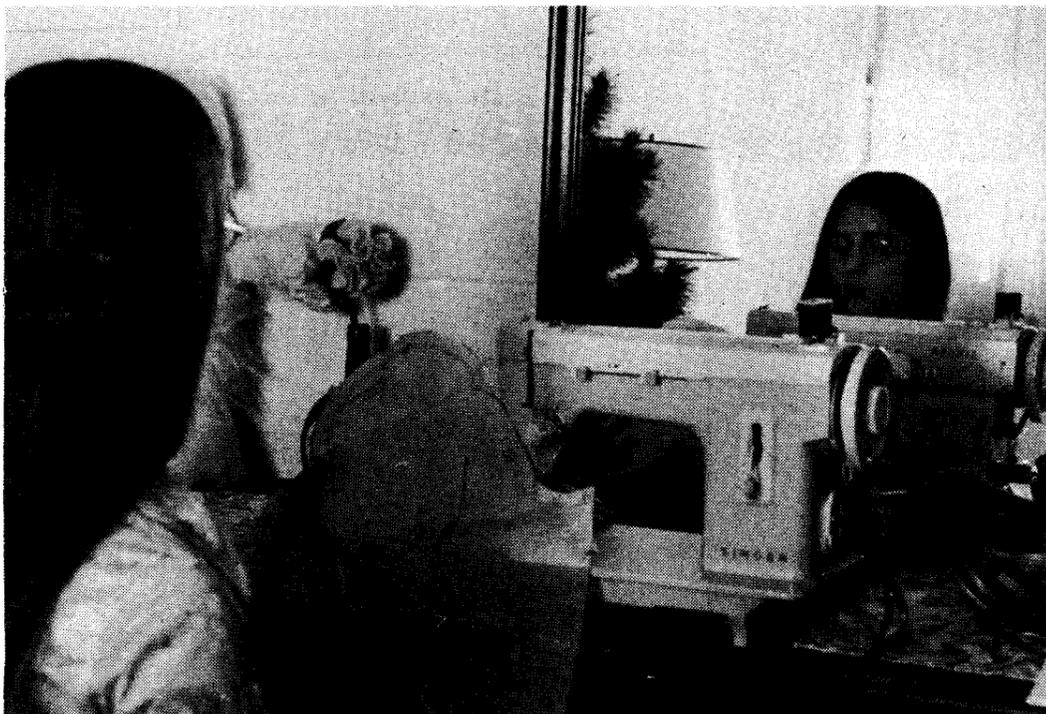
At a cost of \$138, two new sewing machines were approved by the council for use in the billets. One will be placed in the men's dormitory and one in the women's dormitory.

Bicentennial

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

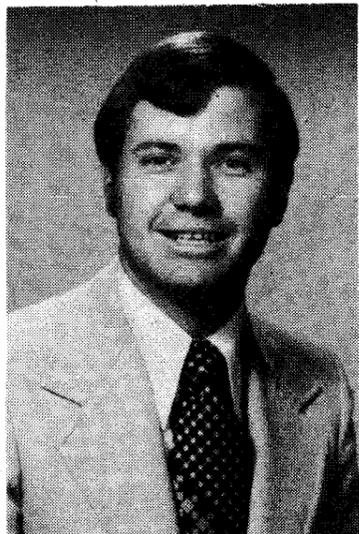
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STITCHING — PFC Mays and mirror image

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For some years the Chicago Daily News printed on its front page each Christmas Eve a cartoon by the Nobel Prize winner, Vaughn Shoemaker.

It showed beneath a beautifully decorated Christmas tree an unopened package which was labeled "Eternal Life." The title of the cartoon was "The Untaken Gift." John 3:16 was quoted in the cartoon. The fact is that almost two-thousand years ago God sent His Son into the world, born of a virgin, born in a stable, and was immediately worshipped as the Son of God by humble shepherds and renown wise men. Jesus was born to die, so that you and I might have life more abundantly. In His goodness God gave Christ to the world, and now offers "Eternal Life" to all who receive it.

But this package must be received and opened if it is to be yours.

A hospital chaplain relates the story of a sorrowful wife who stood outside a psychopathic ward in a hospital. Her husband, a patient in the hospital, was with her. He looked vacantly into space as she pleaded, "John, here's a Christmas present for you. Take it John, and look at it." John made no move. Again the plea was made. "John dear, all of us at home thought you would like your present so much. Look at it John. Isn't it nice?" The loving, urging, voice failed to reach John's mind. He was powerless to grasp the meaning of a Christmas gift.

Millions in the world today are like John. They refuse God's great gift of love—the Saviour. There is this difference, however, between that mentally sick man and those who refuse God's gift: he didn't knowingly refuse the gift offered to him, but many people deliberately and knowingly refuse the gift of God—the Saviour and Eternal Life.

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Record Update Now Automatic

Activity career program managers at MICOM have been advised that all participants in the Executive Development Program can enter a designation in their MICOM talent bank coded to automatically update their records in the Department of the Army or other higher headquarters.

Previously, there has been no means of determining on automated records whether or not an employee is participating in the Program which includes all MICOM executives and potential executives.

Detailed instructions for entering the appropriate designation in the talent bank are covered in the correspondence sent to the activity career program managers.

The managers may obtain further information about the Executive Development Program from Delia Black at 876-5814, and information on talent bank updating may be obtained from Millie Balch at 876-1588, in the Civilian Personnel Division.



AFGE HELPS NEEDY FAMILIES—Members of Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees, have collected food and cash to help two needy families at Christmas time. Leonard Gurley is chairman of the committee making the collection, and Pauline Shappley, is one of the hard working committee members.

DOD Revises Standards Of Conduct Directives

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Department of Defense "Standards of Conduct" directive has been revised to close some potential conflict of interest loopholes.

The directive previously had allowed the exchange of certain social amenities between DoD personnel and Defense contractors. The changes prohibit such relationships as well as barring transactions with relatives who work for Defense contractors.

The provisions which are no longer allowed are:

- Customary exchange of social amenities between personal friends and relatives when motivated by such relationships and extended on a personal basis.
- Transactions between and among relatives which are personal and consistent with the

relationship. The revised directive expands the number of military and civilian personnel required to submit statements of employment and financial interest. The following are now required to submit financial statements:

- All DoD civilians paid at the level of grades GS-16 to 18
 - All officers of general rank
 - Commanders and deputy commanders of major installations, activities and operations as determined by the respective secretaries of the military departments and directors of Defense agencies.
- The changes strengthen the directives so there should be no question as to DoD's policy on acceptance of gratuities or other questionable transactions.

SS Tax Increased

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Senior NCOs, officers and DA civilians not covered by the Civil Service retirement program, earning more than \$14,100 annually will be paying up to \$70.20 more in Social Security taxes during 1976.

Social Security taxes will be levied on the first \$15,300 of earnings, up from this year's \$14,100 taxable wage base.

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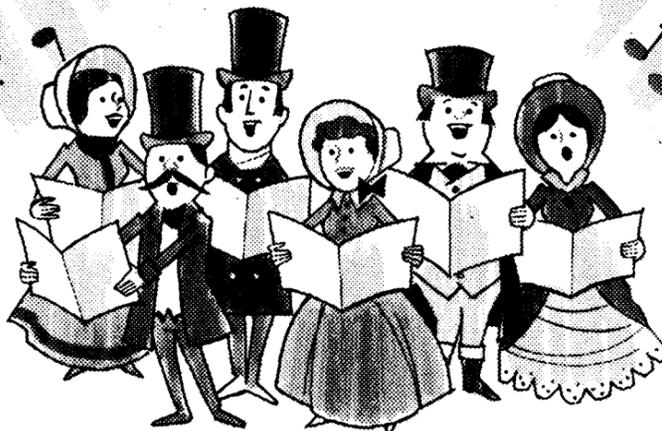
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Guards Brighten Season For Others

Company A of the civilian Security Police force at MICOM is collecting donations to buy food for two needy families at Christmas.

According to Lonnie Burch, of the company one needy family has been designated and a committee is investigating others suggested to them to establish the need for assistance. Committee members are John Isom, Elmer Roper and Larry Rhodes. They will buy food and deliver it to families selected.

Burch and Sidney Mills of the company are collecting the cash donations.

Company A is headquartered in Bldg. 3453, phone 876-4195. Their captain is Ed Singleton, and the assistant is Thomas Townson.



Jimmy Applehopper will celebrate Christmas alone.

But he will have fineries. Members of the Electronics Procedures Branch, Metrology & Calibration Center, have given him a full Christmas setting shown in the accompanying photo where he poses atop his tree.

Applehopper, who has now survived in his adopted home for 2½ times his normal life cycle, will have goodies left to him for the big day.

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Special Recognition Won By 24 MICOM Civilians

The MICOM Commander, Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, awarded 30-year certificates and pins to 19 employees last week, and certificates to five who had ac-

cumulated more than 2,000 hours of sick leave.

While making the awards, the General said he felt that these individuals deserve special recognition as it is they who have contributed significantly to the success of programs at Redstone.

Employees with 30 years of service and their organizations were: Paul Barney, Elmer Cyr and Clay W. Hix, Maintenance; Erwin J. Bannecke, Gerald A. Millsaps and Lista D. Martin, Materiel Management; William W. Brown, Murray D. Troup and Theo D. Turner, RASA; Harold L. Carper, Oliver Jackson and Lowell L. Merrell, Product Assurance; and John P. Hallowes, James H. Henderson, Charles L. Northrop and Norman M. Shapiro, MRDEL.

Also, Thurman C. Burns, Management Information Systems; Robert C. Thompson, formerly with MIA; now retired; and Frederick M. Yates, Procurement and Production.

Sick leave certificates went to Horton L. Boone with 2,009 hours; and Virginia G. Chandler, with 2,502 hours, RASA; William R. Blackard with 2,234 hours, from Personnel, Training and Force Development; William S. Makowsky with 2,032 hours, from Maintenance; and Robert R. Orr with 2,016 hours from Metrology and Calibration.

Kolankiewicz Rites

A funeral service for Colonel Charles F. Kolankiewicz (USA Ret.) was held Thursday at the Post Chapel with Chaplain William I. Wetzel officiating. Burial followed Friday in Arlington National Cemetery with military honors.

He died last Monday apparently of a heart attack. He was 58.

Kolankiewicz, who had retired from the Army little more than a year ago, was Special Assistant for Project Management to the Commander of the Missile Command. He came to Redstone in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Helen Kolankiewicz of Huntsville; a son, Charles M. Kolankiewicz, of Memphis, Tenn.; a brother, Matthew Kolankiewicz of Old Tappan, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Zdaniewski.

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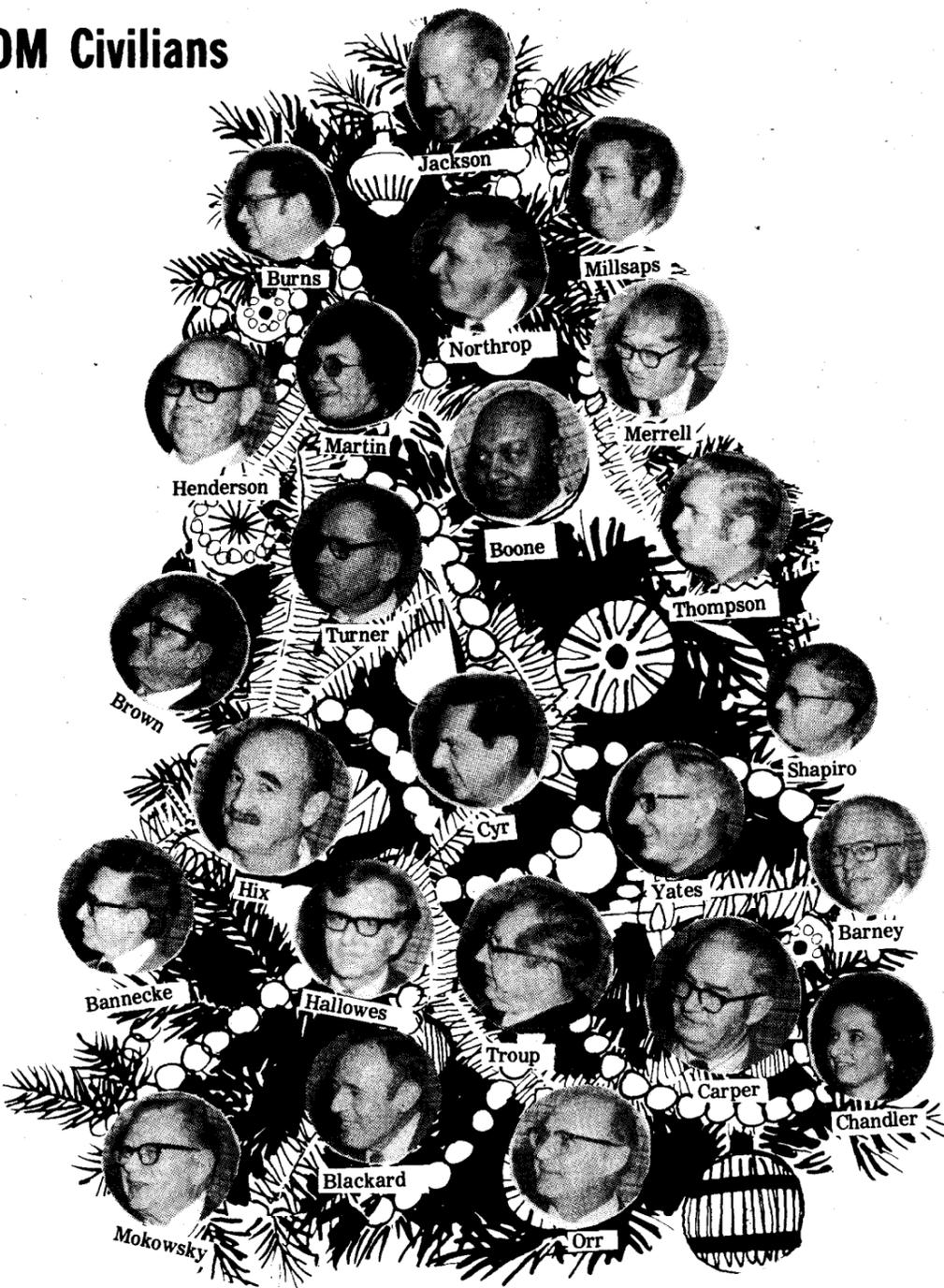
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Soldiers must estimate on their moving application the weight of professional items to be shipped.

They also must separate professional items from other

property so that it will be packed and weighed separately.

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Medics Climb Following Student Slipup

The East's division-leading Company C slipped down a notch on the Intramural Basketball League ladder last week as three 6th Student Company sharpshooters hit double figures in a 54-42 victory.

John Hewitt headed the Tuesday attack by the Western champs netting 16 points. At his heels was Jim Whitfield with 15—eight of them in the third quarter as he spearheaded a 24-point scoring drive for the win—and Larry Gopher with 10.

The Students and Meddac are the only teams remaining in the league with zeros in the loss column, but the medics didn't have to sweat to achieve a third win. The 95th Calibrators handed it to them with a Monday forfeit.

Monday

A 50-33 romp by the 4th SC over the 7th Students, a 48-38 win for MICOM over Company A and a lifeless forfeit by the 95th to Meddac rounded out Monday's slate.

The 4th sprinted forward with a 26-point first-quarter performance against the 7th SC and never lost ground, as Dan Finey and Lewis Lockett collected 12 and 10 respectively in the contest. Battling a strong 4th defense, the 7th managed just 10 points in the opening round, two of them on free throws.

Mike Brinkley captained the losing effort with 16, but even he couldn't inspire the squad to take advantage of a weak 4th second quarter. Brinkley got one of two free throws he took, and that was it until the second half. Lockett pushed the 4th ahead with the only field goal in quarter two.

Both squads exploded after halftime, but again the steam-rolling 4th came out tops, 24-18, and cruised to victory.

A 15-point showing by Wardrick Griffin wasn't good enough to overcome a 13-point first-quarter advantage that MICOM built up on the way to the win. Griffin's A Company teammates lacked the depth of their opponents, who managed to put all but three of 10 men on the scoreboard.

Gary Meece claimed 14 points and Glenn Hitt got 13 to blast the missilemen into the lead.

Tuesday

The 6th SC monopolized the court Tuesday night in a 54-42 win over Company C. Scoring clustered, for both squads, in the first and third quarters.

On the losing end was the game's top scorer, Ron Mitchell, who racked up 20 points. Charlie Miller and David Swain both contributed seven.

Another Mitchell—Richard—seemed to be dueling with teammate Willie Rice in their game against the 8th Students. Scoring 20 and 22 respectively, they can't be blamed for the heart-breaking 53-52 loss their team, the 291st MP's, suffered at the hands of the transients.

The 8th, led by Bernard Bains' 15 points and good showings by nearly everyone else, got the jump on the cops from the start and held onto their lead.

There was no doubt about who controlled the court when the Marines took on last-place Company B and whipped them, 55-37. William Watson of the Leathernecks plowed in 28, and team-

mate Mike Campbell got 10.

Though the B's were snapping at the Marines' heels in the opening round—the score was 24-30—there was no equaling the domineering Watson, who scored steadily in all but the final quarter. And by then, it didn't matter anyhow.

Wednesday

The 6th SC had a hurricane on their hands in the person of opposing player Willie Rice in a match against the 291st MP's Wednesday—Rice tallied a whopping 44 points—but the Students endured it and won, 64-60. John Hewitt of the 6th generated a little breeze of his own and scored 20, and with the aid of a 17-point show by Jim Whitfield and a 15-pointer by Maurice Williams, he deflected what looked like a sure MP victory.

Rice came close to carrying the cops all by himself. The least he scored in any quarter was eight in the second, and after a breather at the half he streaked back with 14. Jerry Moore, netting 10, provided support, though it wasn't enough.

Bernard Bains was another player whose stellar performance came to nothing Wednesday, as after 33 big ones his 8th SC squad dropped an 85-81 contest to MICOM.

Bains ruled the first and third quarters, tallying 18 and 14 respectively, and had the formidable assistance of David Ramey's 16 and Steve Walls' 14 for the game, but it was no soap against the well-fortified MICOM. Four missilemen made double figures and one of them, Gary Meece, collected 20.

The remaining trio were Bernie Gordon with 15, Glenn Hitt

with 12 and Maurice Buchanan with 11.

Company B finished on the short end again, 64-30, this time against the 4th SC, in a scrap highlighted by Lewis Lockett's 18-point showing. Lockett guided a hard-playing Student contingent through sparkling first and

third quarters with Tom Talbert adding his 13 and Ken Chance his seven.

Thomas Riggins totaled nine and Mickey Pence netted eight in the B's unsuccessful effort.

MICOM Smears Tigers Stripes

The MICOM missile maidens scared the Redstone Tigers out of their stripes in a no-contest 30-6 blitz in Wac basketball at the old post gym recently.

Gladys Johns engineered the MICOM victory with a nine-point showing against a rudderless Tiger squad. Also contributing were Carol Bissinger and Catherine Wade, both with six, and

Janice Riddle with five.

The Tigers had to scamper to keep from underfoot as MICOM netted 15 in the first quarter against the opponents' 4. Cindy Siegman, who led the losers with four points, was the only Tiger scorer after the opening stanza. Dorena Costa was the other Tiger to make the scoreboard. She got two points.

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Meddac	3	0
Company C	2	1
Marines	1	2
8th SC	1	2
Company A	1	2
7th SC	0	3

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6th SC	3	0
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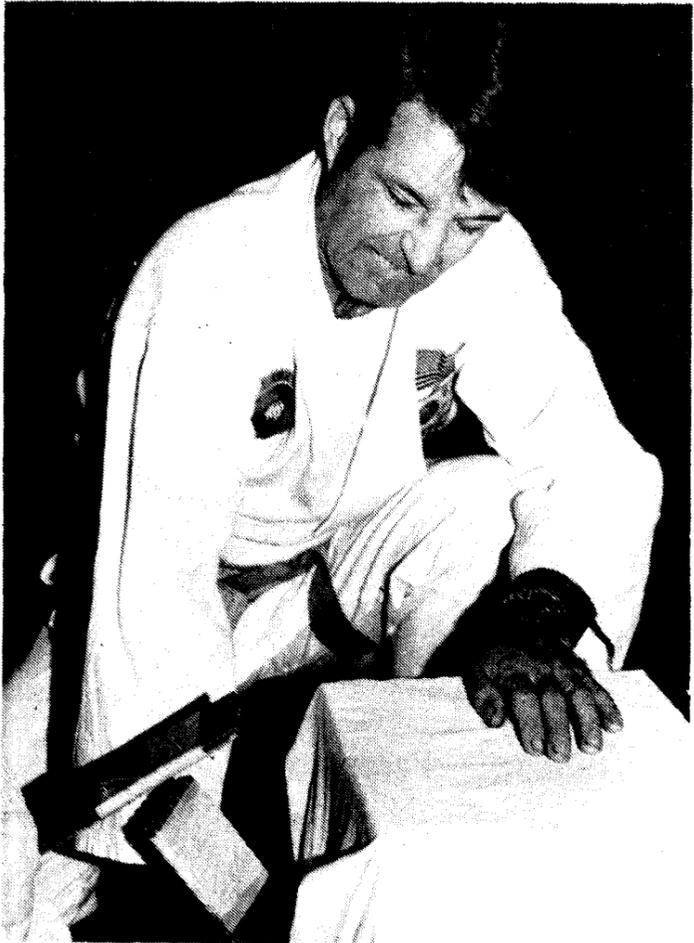
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It all started when Roberts saw a movie featuring the late Bruce Lee, a master of the martial arts . . . he was so impressed that he decided to learn more about it.

During a tour of duty in Thailand, Roberts started studying karate. He took instructions 16 hours a week and when he had gained some knowledge of the Thailand methods he branched out into Okinawan and Korean karate.

In addition to karate, Roberts became interested in Kung-Fu and Oriental philosophy.

"I found that peace and contentment came with the merging of the body and mind. The martial arts are not merely self-defense techniques to make invincible weapons of the hands and feet, they also involve the mental processes. Martial arts are a formulated means by which a person can attain, through diligent practice, a high level of physical proficiency, a tranquil, yet superior mental discipline, and a measurable degree of spiritual enlightenment. They are a uniquely structured art

form as well as a sport designed to develop within the practitioner the principles of sound moral character," Roberts said.

Practice makes perfect and Roberts practices three nights a week two hours per night, in the post gym. He practices the art of falling, perfects his kicking and chopping techniques on the punching bag and builds his muscular coordination on the rowing machine.

According to Roberts, "Kung-Fu depends on chi-energy, the universal life force within each person. Mental determination and power must be developed before physical prowess can be activated. The two must meet in unison for perfection.

While the martial arts are a big

part of his life, Roberts is interested in Oriental philosophy, primarily the teachings of Confucius and Buddha. He is studying their works and hopes eventually to learn more of Oriental culture including the art of acupuncture.

Roberts feels that participation in martial arts has affected his life both spiritually and physically. He would like to see some style of martial arts taught in all high schools. In fact he would like to see a course for girls which would help them defend themselves in case of attack.

But most of all he would like everyone to experience the spiritual and physical satisfaction he has acquired through his practice of the martial arts.

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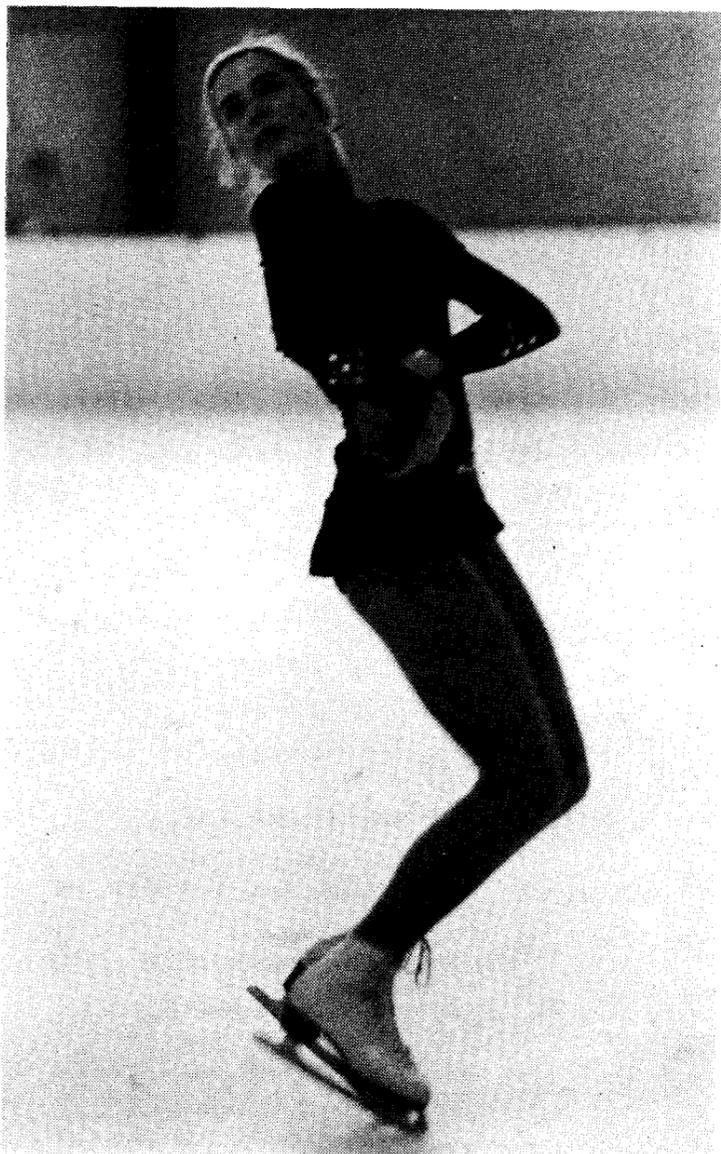
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Lifelong Dream To Skate In Olympics



Next Stop Innsbruck . . . Editha Dotson

A MICOM employee's daughter may be the next Peggy Fleming of the '76 Winter Olympics.

At least that's what Ray Dotson, a systems analyst with the Systems Analysis Office is hoping.

His daughter, Editha, age 16 will be competing in the U. S. National Figure Skating Championship at Colorado Springs in January. If the willowy skater places in the top 3 of the nationals she will be selected to be a member of the U. S. Skating team and will compete in the world championships and the Olympics.

Unless the Alabama native breaks a leg, the chances are very good that she will qualify for the Olympics.

Editha has already won the Senior Ladies crown of the Southwestern Regional Figure Skating Championship at Tulsa, in November and placed in the sectionals at Denver earlier this month.

When Editha competes for a berth on the U.S. Team in January she will be skating against 11 other girls from the United States. Three will be the top winners of last year's nationals, the others will have placed first, second or third in the Eastern, Midwestern or Western sectionals.

Editha is training with the Colorado Skating Club in Denver under the direction of Carlo Fassi. The present ladies champion, Dorothy Hamill is also coached by Fassi.

Mother Marianne, a former Miss Belgium; and sister Manuela, a competitive figure skater in her own right; are staying in Denver with Editha to give support for the nationals.

The Huntsvillian spends an average of five hours a day, six days a week on the ice. She practices her "figures" during her

patch time in the morning. The afternoon is devoted to free style and jumps.

The Johnson High junior's title winning free-style dance blends ballet and Spanish dancing with difficult athletic feats. Marianne Dotson helped with the choreography. Judith Pointer and Loyd Tygett of the Community Ballet Association taught Editha the Spanish Dance as well as traditional ballet movements.

Editha started skating when she was eight years old at the Ice Palace in Huntsville. When she was 10, the young skater competed in the Great Lakes Figure Skating Championships

in Bowling Green, Ohio and won. That gave her the incentive to want to compete in national competition.

Coaching by a professional began when Editha was 11. The eager skater started spending her summers at the Troy Skating Club in Ohio, switching last year to Fassi's Denver School.

Levels of competition became harder as the native Alabamian strived for the ultimate level of skating senior ladies division.

Editha has already won the juvenile ladies division and has been a novice ladies' silver medalist in previous years.

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During Bicentennial . . .

Bearded Soldiers Could Boost Morale

A soldier at the Missile and Munitions Center and School believes he knows how the Army can play a part in the nation's birthday celebration. In fact, his idea dates back to before the nation was founded, to the days of the Continental Army.

Staff Sergeant Nick O. Brandon, a Chaparral-Vulcan instructor in the Land Combat Division at the school, has suggested that the Army allow soldiers to wear beards during the bicentennial year.

"This measure would increase the enthusiasm and the morale of those in uniform and at the same time remind them of their tradition as U.S. fighting men," said Brandon.

"It's about time that something is done to raise the morale and esprit de corps among the soldiers in the Army," Brandon stated.

According to Brandon, recent cutbacks in medical and dental benefits, the loss of proficiency pay and the gloomy outlook on appropriated funds for commissaries, have caused morale to slump.

The Scottsboro native says that growing beards would be a symbolic tribute to those that died so that the country could become a

sovereign nation.

"This would be only for the bicentennial and not a permanent policy," said Brandon. "Of course, regulations would have to be established governing the wearing of beards, but those of the Navy could be adopted for the short period of time requested."

"Growing of beards isn't intended as a protest against the Army," he said. "It's intended to be constructive; adding en-

thusiasm to the daily routine job of a serviceman."

How successful Brandon will be in his quest for beards remains to be seen, since the idea has raised the eyebrows of many senior officers and noncommissioned officers.

But he's determined to see it through. To help his idea bear fruit, he has sent a letter to the Commander-in-Chief, Gerald R. Ford.

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