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## Blackbird Roost Placed Off-Limits

The starling-infested pine groves in the military housing area at Redstone Arsenal have been placed off limits and residents urged to stay out of the roosting sites. The precautionary action has been taken pending approval of a plan to re-locate the starlings away from human presence by thinning the groves.

In a letter Friday notifying military families of the plan and off limits action, Major General George E. Turnmeyer urged residents not to enter the pine groves and to keep their pets out too.

Organisms that can cause lung disease have been found in similarly infested areas. Soil samples from the two groves are being analyzed to see if the organisms are present. The organisms do not pose a danger to humans unless the contaminated soil is stirred up as might happen when someone walks inside the roost.

The soil tests take several weeks and may not be complete before the birds leave for spring migration. Preliminary results received Friday indicate the disease organisms are not present.

How and when the re-location plan will be carried out awaits the results of the soil tests and approval of the plan by Department of the Army. "We intend, in any case, to take out most of the trees to insure that the birds do not re-establish the roost if they return to this area in the fall," Turnmeyer said.

Decontamination will have to precede any work at the roost sites if laboratory analysis shows the soil has disease organisms. Decontamination will require spraying the ground in the roost before and after any trees are cut.

Washington level approval of the plan is required because of pending court cases involving the Army and other federal agencies. The court cases resulted from attempts to

control blackbird infestation at Ft. Campbell and elsewhere.

Turnmeyer said a go-ahead on the plan is expected shortly. No sudden or drastic action against the blackbirds is contemplated.

Thinning and re-location is considered the only realistic solution to the blackbird problem as it exists here. Turnmeyer explained: "Location of a major blackbird roost close to a housing area as the one we have represents a situation outside the experience of the Army and those experts we consulted. People and birds in such close proximity rule out many of the controls we have considered, even in the unlikely event it might be possible to get Army permission and the many other approvals required."

Residents will be notified before thinning of the groves begins and informed of the safeguards that will be used to protect their health and safety, Turnmeyer said.

# Solar Energy Expert Speaks To Engineers

A prominent administrator and researcher in the field of solar energy will help cap off Huntsville's celebration of National Engineer's Week.

Dr. Henry H. Marvin, Director of the Solar Energy Division, Energy Research and Development Administration will speak at the banquet at the Carriage Inn Friday evening.

Marvin is currently responsible for developing and introducing at the earliest possible time the various applications of solar energy.

The dinner is sponsored by Huntsville area engineering societies. Tickets may be purchased by calling any officer of a participating society or by contacting George M. McLaurine 895-5530; R. B. Smock, 876-2891; R. A. Trenkle, 536-9611; A. G. Orillion, 453-2620; or Bernard J. Schroer 895-6361.

The engineering societies of Huntsville and the University of Alabama are conducting a series of events this week to compliment the theme of National Engineering Week—"American Ingenuity: 200

Years of American Engineering."

Members of the Huntsville Chapter, Alabama Society of Professional Engineers are presenting career guidance sessions at city high schools and the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies is sponsoring employment workshops at Stone Junior High. The last of three free workshops, designed to aid in professional employment is scheduled for 7 tomorrow evening.

The UAH School of Science and Engineering will hold open house in the Research Institute building Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 until noon. There will be a variety of displays, projects and laboratory tours open to the public free of charge.

Checks from the A. E. Schuler Loan Fund Program, totaling \$6,000, will be presented at the banquet to increase scholarship funds at Alabama A&M, Auburn University and University of Alabama in Huntsville and to initiate new programs at Athens State College and University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa.

## VA Recruiting Former Medics

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Veterans Administration (VA) is hiring former military medical specialists for health care jobs. More than 800 recently discharged men and women have been hired by VA in the last 18 months; most are working as medical technicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurses assistants.

Some ex-military medics may be eligible for a Veterans Readjustment Appointment to civil service positions at grades up to GS-5 or equivalent without a regular civil service examination.

Soldiers interested in health care employment with VA should apply at the personnel office at the VA hospital of their choice.

# Secretaries Downgraded

More than 50 MICOM secretaries will get letters soon advising them that they are to be downgraded. For most, it means a cut of one grade with adjusted pay or saved pay for two years.

The positions involved had been scheduled for downgrade last August as a result of a ruling by the Atlanta Region of the Civil Service Commission. Action was suspended, however, when the Army—at MICOM's urging—appealed the Atlanta Region ruling to the Central Office of the Commission.

The Central Office recently denied the Army appeal and supported the original ruling by the Atlanta Region.

The decision turned on the Commission's findings regarding the scope of supervisor's administrative responsibilities of the

MICOM Commander. That is one of the determining factors in fixing the grade structure of secretaries within the command.

In its original finding, now sustained by the Central Office, the Atlanta Region ordered the level applied locally cut one level and directed adjustment of all other secretaries compatible with the decision.

MICOM cancelled letters of proposed downgrade issued to 62 secretaries last August to await a decision on the Army appeal. New letters will be out within the next few days, citing classification error as the reason for change to lower grade. In most instances the individual goes down with the job with 30 days notice unless there is an existing vacancy for which the individual can qualify.

## States Schedule Primary Elections

Military voters from Florida, Illinois and North Carolina should take steps now to vote in Presidential preference primaries to be held in these states during March.

Voters should contact their Voting Assistance Officer to pick up a Federal Post Card Application, commonly called FPCA or Standard Form 76, to mail to their state of residence to obtain an absentee ballot.

Voting assistance officers are Lt. Paul Hornak 876-3959(MMCS); Lt. Greg Jones 876-2286(MICOM) and

Lt. Maurice Buchanan 876-3791 (Special Troops and RASA).

Eligible Florida voters should send a completed FPCA to the Supervisor of Elections in the county of residence. Political party preference must be entered on the card in item 2.

Illinois will hold both state and presidential primaries on March 16. Eligible members of the armed forces are not required to register beforehand but should send a completed FPCA to the Board of Commissioners or County Clerk,

county of residence. Political party preference must be indicated. Both Presidential and State primaries will be mailed to each applicant.

In North Carolina eligible military voters may register and obtain ballots for all 1976 elections, including the March 23 Presidential Preference Primary by sending a completed FPCA to the Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, or to the Chairman, County Board of Elections, county of residence.

## The Rocket

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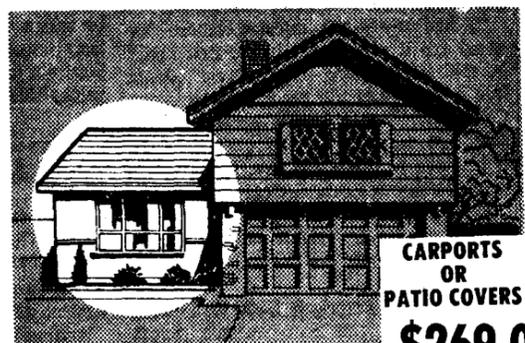
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# Full-Scale Development For SAM-D Gets Nod

The SAM-D Project Office here has received approval to resume full scale engineering development with the Army's newest air defense missile system.

Authorization to continue was officially granted in a letter to the Secretary of the Army last week from William P. Clements, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

"Approval is based on the successful proof-of-principle flight testing of SAM-D's Track-via-Missile (TVM) guidance," Clements said, "and the findings of studies which indicate SAM-D to be by most cost effective solution for our high and medium altitude air defense needs."

"I wish to congratulate the Army for a job well done."

Clements' memorandum arrived at Redstone about the same time the Army was concluding the final SAM-D firing, the 14th of the series, at White Sands Missile Range, N.W.

During the successful launch Thursday, the missile was tested through a series of high acceleration maneuvers to evaluate missile aerodynamics and

structural limits not previously tested.

The Army in 1972 originally scheduled 26 firings—10 control test vehicle and 16 proof-of-principle flight tests—to prove out and demonstrate SAM-D's new guidance system and advanced technology which would lead to more complex testing.

The test program was so successful, however, that the proof of principle test objectives were met in the first six firings. As a result, the number of scheduled firings was reduced from 16 to 14 and more difficult test conditions were initiated earlier than planned.

Conclusion of the flight test program brings the SAM-D record in 24 attempts to 21 complete successes and one partial success while accomplishing all test objectives.

Major General Charles F. Means, SAM-D Project Manager at Redstone Arsenal, expressed pride and admiration "...for the outstanding performance of the SAM-D government and contractor team over the past year and a half.

"The program faced major changes and challenges," Means said, "and in fact was literally on probation. But the team accomplished all program objectives in an unparalleled fashion and the remarks of the Deputy Secretary of Defense clearly support this conclusion."

Means said that contract negotiations for completion of the SAM-D engineering development program will begin in March.

In addition, the team has implemented a major cost reduction program and is studying the best technological approaches for SAM-D development with emphasis on reducing costs without sacrificing user requirements.

Means said that more advanced SAM-D tests will resume at White Sands later this year using the first tactical prototype of the SAM-D Fire Control Group.

The Demonstration Model Fire Control Group, used in all SAM-D tests thus far, is now being dismantled in preparation for delivery and installation of the tactical prototype hardware.

The Fire Control Group, with its phased array radar and digital processing capabilities, is the key to SAM-D's guidance system. In operation, the radar acquires, tracks and illuminates the target and, at the same time, tracks the missile in flight. Once the missile picks up radar energy reflected from the target and relays to the ground for digital processing, it can receive guidance commands from the ground and assist in the terminal intercept phase.

SAM-D, which will replace both Nike Hercules and Hawk air defense systems, is being developed for defense against aircraft of the 1980s and beyond. The highly mobile, all weather SAM-D is the only air defense weapon of its kind, and with its capabilities, under development in the free world.

Raytheon Company is SAM-D prime contractor and Martin Marietta Aerospace is principal subcontractor. Thiokol Chemical Corporation is subcontractor for the propulsion system.

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## Guard Call-Up Passes Senate

WASHINGTON (ANF)—A bill permitting the call-up of as many as 50,000 guardsmen and reservists for up to 90 days has passed the Senate and been forwarded to the House for further action.

The call-up would not require a formal declaration of war and would be used in situations short of national emergency.

In the past it was necessary for the President to declare a national emergency in order to call up Guard or Reserve units. If a national emergency was not in existence but Guard or Reserve units were needed to augment active forces, approval of state governors was needed for call-up of Guard units and Reserve units were asked to volunteer.

The bill will increase reliance on the reserve components while allowing the President more flexibility in responding to emergency situations. Following House action the bill will go to the President for signing.

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# Oratory Champ Enters State Contest

"This nation was built on the belief that all men are created equal. We all have the right to pursuit of happiness, liberty, justice and freedom, and with all this we should at least have the dignity or the sense to want to know what's going on in this nation—our home.

"Is true citizenship something to play around with?" asked 15-year-old Deborah Lindsey, who won first place in the county, district, and division levels of the American Legion-sponsored National High School Oratorical Contest recently.

The lines are part of the speech she delivered before the judges. "How can I express the importance of true citizenship?" she continued. "What true citizenship was must be obtained today."

Deborah, a ninth grader at Butler High School and daughter of Staff Sgt. and Mrs. George W. Lindsey, first competed at the school level. After winning there, she represented Butler in the county contest at Huntsville Utilities Auditorium Feb. 5 and 6 and again won first place.

"The judges were baffled," said Bruce Evans, Americanism officer of American Legion Post 176. "When Deborah began her presentation, the judges didn't know where she was coming from."

The National High School

Oratorical Contest tests students' knowledge of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights. Eight high schools were represented in the district contest, and four in the division.

The contest is conducted on seven levels: school, county, district, division, state, regional and national. First place winners of the regional level will enter national competition in Springfield, Ill.

"The contest was divided into two parts—oratory and extemporaneous feature," Deborah said.

Oratory consisted of the student's own presentation on a topic related to the Constitution. Deborah spoke on "Citizen Involvement in the Constitution."

The second part of the contest involved discussion of a question on the Constitution. Each student was given a question and sent out to review it for five minutes. Then each student made a three- to five-minute extemporaneous speech.

"We had to speak for not less than three minutes without any notes," she said, "and this isn't easy."

Deborah again proved her talent in the district contest in Cullman, Ala., Feb. 16. Last Friday night, she competed against three other district representatives in the Division level and won first place.

Her next stop is the state, which will be held in Birmingham.

"I enjoy speaking," she said. "It doesn't frighten me to get up in front of a crowd, because I've been speaking for church groups ever since I was small.

Last year, she made it as far as the finals in an Optimist Club contest. She is also a member of Butler's debating team and track team. The debate team won first place recently in a contest.

In her speech, Deborah stated that some of the duties of a citizen are voting on election day, being informed, and keeping the country clean.

She was presented a gold medal and a \$25 savings bond in the district contest and a \$50 savings bond in the division. Wendy Morris of Hazel Green High School, second place winner, was presented a bronze medal. Michael Wilkie, American Legion County commander for Madison County, made the presentations.

Deborah says that her goal is not to become the greatest orator, but to attend college and major in medicine.

"But for now," she said, "I just want to make it to Springfield, Ill., and win the national honors." With her talent and enthusiasm, she just might make it.



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## Redstone Back On Test Stand

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George C. Marshall Space Flight Center has borrowed the Redstone from the Missile Command to use at the old test stand now in the MSFC area. When MSFC finishes touching up the old stand, the complex will be just as it was in the days of the Redstone, Jupiter C and Mercury-Redstone programs.

Known as the Interim Test Stand at one time, the Army constructed it in 1953. It was used to test the Redstone missile. It was later modified to test the Jupiter C, the missile used to boost out nation's first satellite, Explorer I, into orbit.

A total of 364 firings were conducted at the stand during its active life from 1953 to 1961. It was transferred to MSFC in 1960.

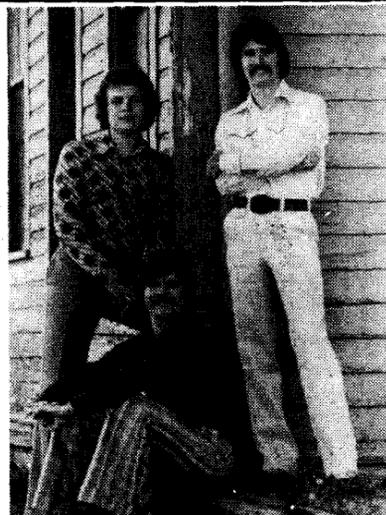
Visitors from across the United States will be looking at the old missile and stand during this bicentennial year. It will be marked with bicentennial signs as "Historic Redstone Test Site".

## FEW Hears Bank Manager

The regular monthly meeting of the North Alabama Chapter, Federally Employed Women, is set for Thursday evening, starting at 6:30 in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Open Mess.

Members and visitors are invited to attend and hear a talk on the "New Credit Law". The guest speaker will be Carol Rencher, manager of the Madison Branch of the Henderson National Bank.

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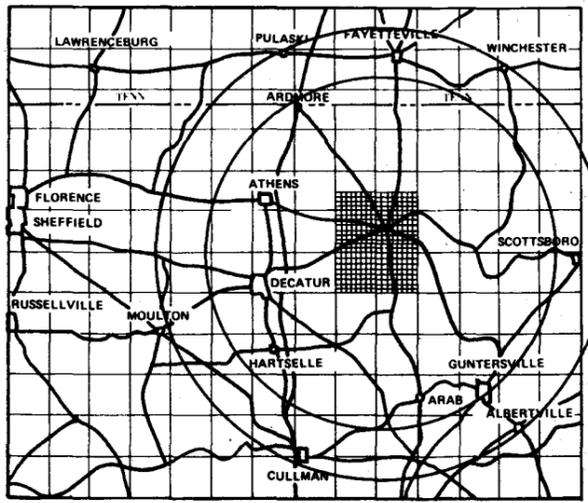
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**Paint Rock Tour Saturday**

Rock-hounds and lovers of Indian-lore will enjoy the tour to Paint Rock, planned by the Recreation Center for this weekend.

Paint Rock is noted for its unusual rock formations and Indian arrowheads. Many rocks found here were displayed at the Rock Show in the Mall.

The tour bus leaves the Rec. Center at 10 Saturday morning. Picnic lunch will be furnished.

**Railroaders Meet Thursday**

The Redstone Division of the North Alabama Railroad Club will meet in the Planning Commission meeting room of the Huntsville City Municipal Building at 7, Thursday, February 26.

The program for the evening will be a movie "Days of Steam on the L&N Railroad."

**ASM Hears Local Weather Caster**

The North Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Metals will observe Ladies Night when they meet at the Carriage Inn on Thursday evening for their regular monthly meeting.

The guest speaker for the evening will be the popular local

meteorologist, H.D. Bagley. Bagley's presentation is entitled, "The Role of High Quality Radar in Weather Analysis."

All interested persons are invited to attend. Reservations may be made with Haywood Dedman at 876-3464.



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WASHINGTON (ANF)—Most soldiers know what a less than average enlisted evaluation report (EER-SEER) may do to an Army career.

Usually, an EER-SEER accurately reflects a soldier's overall performance. But there are a few times when a report is not accurate nor indicative of performance—either because of an administrative error or injustice.

In such cases, EER-SEERs can be appealed.

Appealing an evaluation report because of administrative error means the rated soldier thinks a mistake has been made on the report—such as a rating by the wrong rater or an incorrect rating period.

Appealing a report for injustice is another matter. This contends

that the rater made an error in judgment or was unfair to the rated soldier.

If a soldier wants to appeal, the first thing to do is check Chapter 8, AR 600-200 to make sure there are grounds for appeal (the first sergeant or personnel officer can help).

### Grounds for Appeal

Assuming there are grounds for appeal, the soldier should submit a copy of the report that was given to him when he signed his EER-SEER—a true copy of his DA Forms 2 and 2-1, which can be obtained from the local personnel officer—and a verified copy of the EER-SEER rating scheme from the unit orderly room.

A stop at the local personnel office for a records check—and

other assistance—also should be at the top of the list.

If a soldier is making an appeal because of injustice he should have statements from personnel senior to him; sworn statements are preferred but aren't necessary. The reg suggests getting a commander's appraisal of the allegations and circumstances as the soldier presents them.

Once this is completed the soldier should send his appeal to the Commander, U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, ATTN: PCRC-RP, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249.

### Rated Soldier

Regardless of the type of appeal, remember:

— The appeal must originate

from the rated soldier. A commander can't initiate a soldier's appeal. A rater can neither reconsider nor change a previous rating. Once a report is accepted and scored by EREC, it can be changed only by the rated soldier's appeal.

— If the soldier appeals and loses, the paperwork becomes part of his permanent record. Promotion-selection boards can then review the soldier's side of the EER-SEER.

— There is a time frame in which an appeal can be made. For the old EERs (DA Forms 2166-4), an appeal can be made any time up to five years from the ending month of the report. For the new EER-SEER forms (DA Forms 2166-5 and 5A), it's two years from the time

the enlisted person signed it. If the soldier didn't sign it, two years from the date local personnel office certified it.

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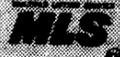
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One of the last current MICOM employees among those "Old Timers" who transferred to Redstone as Army civilian employees with the Ft. Bliss rocket and missile group almost 26 years ago, plans to retire near the end of February after approximately 30 years of working for the government.

Donald I. Graham, Jr. may be leaving his federal career with some nostalgia for the rocket and missile business he has found so interesting and challenging, but he has the satisfaction of recalling some of his worthwhile contributions to the program.

His early experience with civilian concerns gave him the background and expertise that led to his first jobs with the government. He had worked for the DuPont Company where his duties dealt with solid propellant and military high explosives, among other assignments.

"I was one of the few supervisors picked nationwide to join the original U.S. Plutonium Project at the Hanford Engineer Works of the Manhattan District," he said. He was also the safety and fire prevention director at the Kankakee Ordnance Works and Indiana Ordnance Plant No. 2.

"During the wartime period, I had a Presidential deferment, and was cited by the Secretary of War for developing and supervising programs that resulted in the safest military explosive plants in the U.S.," he said.

As a result of these experiences he was named a consultant to the Secretary of Commerce and his Department and the associated National Bureau of Standards.

Later he was asked to join the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, as a consultant on military explosives and ordnance

plant problems. While there he was asked by the Chief of Ordnance to join the fledgling guided missile efforts being formed at Ft. Bliss "to get them off on the right foot."

Graham recalls that he developed and designed the first liquid propellant fuel handlers suit, now standard with all three military services, originated the first standard Army Human Engineering clause, and had it incorporated in all Army rocket and missile contracts.

He also originated most of the safety practices now standard in the missile R&D areas.

He has been part of organizations formed for missile programs in their early stages including the office that eventually became the SAM-D Project.

When U.S. involvement in Vietnam intensified Southeast Asia plans, he was requested to head the Special Warfare Office in the MICOM R&D Directorate.

"I served as the primary contact point in R&D for all special warfare activities, near-term solutions to operational problems in Vietnam and other strategic areas," he said.

"In the process of soliciting ideas for solution of Vietnam problems, I started a suggestion program within R&D that resulted in 250 suggestions, many of them sent to General Westmoreland for his consideration, referral to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Development (ACSFOR) for evaluation and several letters of commendation from Westmoreland, ACSFOR, the AMC Commanding General, and the Civil Service Commission awards

board. Some of these suggestions have developed into on-going projects at MICOM.

now," he said. "I'm not looking for an 8 to 4:30 job, but I do intend to keep active and have volunteered to assist in several departments of Huntsville city and Madison County government elements, as well as other social service areas as in the past. He was founder and founding president of the Huntsville Boys Club.

Graham was born in Chicago, attended the University of Cincinnati and received a bachelors degree in civil engineering (with honors) from Northwestern University. He has done post-graduate work at American University in Washington, D.C. and the University of California. He has been listed in American Men of Science since 1949, is an associate fellow in the AIAA, and has been an active member of numerous professional societies.



Graham

His last MICOM assignment was as chief of the Technical Data Management Division, Systems Engineering Directorate, Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

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## Ex-DOD Official Speaks To ADPA

A former Assistant Secretary of Defense is the scheduled keynote speaker at a meeting of two American Defense Preparedness Association groups May 5-7 at the Hilton Hotel in San Diego.

Keynote speaker Barry J. Shillito, now president of Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical, will address the 18th annual meeting of ADPA's engineering data management and computer aided design technology sections.

Theme for the meeting is "76 Solutions—Format for the '80s?" and current efforts and their applicability to military requirements of the 1980s will be examined.

## Up With People At VBCC Saturday

Up With People cast will present a show in Huntsville's Von Braun Civic Center Arena on Saturday evening.

The event, starting at 8, features music of all varieties. It is presented by youth chosen from schools throughout the United States.

Tickets are \$2 and \$3 and are available at the Center, Belks' at Haysland Square, Penney's in the Mall and Parisian in Decatur.

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## Contract Awards Stay In Local Area

Missile Command awards to Huntsville firms for goods and services totaled approximately \$1.4 million during the past month, and one \$347,531 contract went to Abilities Development Center, a non-profit organization, in Huntsville, for production of TOW missile bag-shroud carrying straps and strap webbing.

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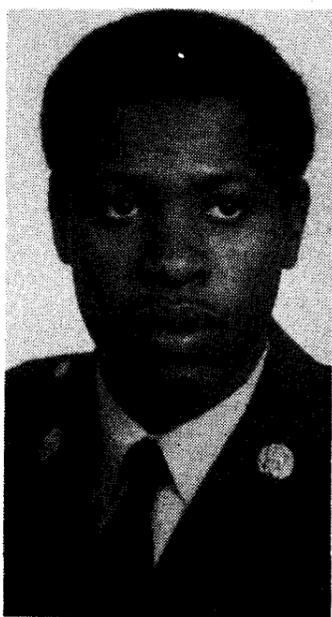
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SP5 DAVID POLK

## MMCS Instructor Tops Class At NCO Academy

A Redstone soldier recently took top honors at Ft. Campbell's Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. Specialist Five David Polk, an electronics instructor at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, graduated first in his class at the career school.

"It was a big challenge," says Polk. "I was really surprised how far I could push myself, and just how far I would go on only four hours sleep a night."

The academy trains top-notch NCO's in leadership administration and general subjects during a highly competitive four-week cycle.

"I really learned a lot about leadership that I didn't know before," Polk said. "I guess one of the biggest things that I learned

was that to be a good leader you have to treat your subordinates as individuals."

"I also realized that a good leader basically accomplishes the mission and looks out for the welfare of his subordinates. However, accomplishing the mission always comes first," he said.

"One of the brighter moments of the course came when we were going around post making on the

spot corrections of any personnel on the wear of his uniform by some wearing the Army uniform in- young NCO. correctly," he recalled. "We came "I really enjoyed what I learned, across one lieutenant who really and the experience. It was hard, didn't appreciate getting corrected but I appreciated the challenge."

### Cited For Work With Visitors

Pickens Gates, past president of the Huntsville-Madison County Council for International Visitors, was honored here yesterday for his work with that organization and the International area of Rotary.

Major General George E. Turnmeyer and Colonel Edwin A. Rudd presented Gates with mementos for his service to the Missile Command and the Missile and Munitions Center and School respectively.

Under leadership of Gates assistance to foreign visitors became community wide. He coordinated efforts of the large number of volunteers needed to help the visitors find their way in the new community.

In 1965 the system of helping became the present Council for International Visitors and received funding from local governments. The change to a formal organization brought about an ease of accomplishing the work. However, it did not eliminate the fact that volunteers still operate the organization and provide the assistance needed to meet, entertain and offer hospitality to the visitors from other nations.

The ever growing number of visitors creates a constant need for volunteer host families. Both military and civilian families are encouraged to participate.

### Local Soldier Top Instructor

A 29-year-old Huntsvillian has been selected Land Combat Division Instructor of the Quarter at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Staff Sgt. Calvin Holloway was named by a board of senior non-commissioned officers.

Holloway, who teaches Shillelagh missile repair, is the son of Mr. Ervin Holloway, and a 1964 graduate of Council Training High School.

Before entering the Army in August 1967, Holloway was a mechanic with Wilson and White Dodge, Huntsville. He completed basic training at Ft. Benning, and served in Vietnam. Last August, he assumed his current position after a tour with the 71st Ordnance Company in Germany.

### Scouts See Names Soar Into Space

The names of more than 250 Tennessee Valley Council Boy Scouts were launched from Cape Kennedy. They rode the Delta 3914 Vehicle as it placed an RCA SATCOM-A satellite in orbit.

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But with the unlikelihood of a modern-day Pied Piper appearing here, other solutions to the blackbird problem are being sought.

It is already apparent that there will be no immediate solution. For right now, the birds are safe. In addition to being well protected by the thickly grown pine groves they're roosting in, they have the advantage of protective coloring: Red, in tape form and winding all the way to Washington.

Post officials want to re-locate the birds by thinning the groves. They decided on this approach after weighing their options and concluding it's the only one they have. It, as well as any plan to control blackbirds, requires sanctioning at the Washington level before it can be carried out. The Army is exercising extreme caution in dealing with blackbirds because of law suits resulting from attempts to control them at Ft. Campbell last year.

Chemical control along the lines tried at Ft. Campbell and by state agencies in Kentucky and Tennessee was ruled out here for several reasons. One being that chances of getting approval to try it are virtually nil. Another is the proximity of the roost to homes and the problems dead birds and chemical residues would pose. A third reason for ruling out chemical control is its dubious effectiveness.

Tergitol, a sprayed substance which washes away protective oils and causes the birds to freeze to death given the right combination of rain and cold, has produced generally poor results in Kentucky where it has been used by both the Army and the state. It reportedly can be enormously effective if weather conditions are just right, but the result of

using it at Campbell was a law suit by animal protection groups and a reported 3 million of an estimated 25 million birds killed. The law suits led to a national ban on Tergitol use until early this month, when the President signed a measure permitting its use in cases where a certified health hazard exists, and then only in a limited geographic area.

In Tennessee, the state recently sprayed a roost with Fenthion, a poison chemically related to nerve gas. Few birds died. Attempts to drive blackbirds from roosts using noise, lights and distress calls also have had poor results.

The local bird plan, which has the approval of city and county officials, is to drive the birds away by bulldozing swaths through the roost. No birds would be killed. Post officials expect Washington to give a green light to the plan but it cannot be carried out until the results are in from laboratory tests being run on soil samples taken from the roost. The tests take several weeks and are to determine if organisms which can cause the lung disease histoplasmosis are present in the soil. Some blackbird roosts are known to harbor the organisms. If they are found in the Redstone soil samples, decontamination will have to precede thinning the roost. Fortunately, preliminary reports on the samples from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta indicate no histoplasmosis organisms are present. But should it turn out that the samples are contaminated, the relocation plan is expected to hit another snag. The decontaminating agent will have to be acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency. That could cause further delay.

The bulldozing treatment would be applied to 12 acres of pines bordering the housing area north of Goss Road just behind the Nursery, and another six acres just south of Goss. Some trees would be left standing.

With these sites thinned it is thought the birds will move away from the housing areas, if still here or, establish a roost elsewhere should they return in the fall.

There is no precise count on the number of birds infesting the groves, but it is

estimated to be several million. The sensation of seeing them leave or settle into the roost is awesome. At daybreak, and again just before sunset, wave after black, rippling, screeching wave of birds darkens the sky.

The sensations are not all visual. The smell is awful. Residents say it gets so bad sometimes that families pile into cars and drive away. It is especially bad when it rains. Millions of wet birds in the roost give off a wet-dog odor that hangs over the whole area. When the sun comes out the smell changes to that of a chicken yard.

Residents complain of the stink permeating their homes and even the clothes they wear. "If it gets too hot you can't open a window or door without that smell getting in the house", said a resident.

Apart from the odious smell, the residents complain of droppings showering everything. Inside the roost the forest floor is so bespattered with droppings that it looks like snow is on the ground. The birds' incessant, discordant screeching grates on people.

Some parents have misgivings about letting their children play outside. The roost site was placed off limits last week.

At least one resident prefers the birds to having the pine grove bulldozed. "It's taken a long time for those trees to grow and I'd hate to see them cut down, especially if there is an alternative way to control the birds. Also I wonder if anyone has considered what ecological role the birds may play", she said. "We've put up with the birds this long and I for one am willing to put up with them a little longer. They'll be leaving soon", she added.

The residents say blackbirds have wintered in the area for the past couple of years, but never in the numbers that are there now. The great blackbird influx has been blamed on the severe winter which has driven them south from colder climates, and mild winters over the preceding few years which have kept them from freezing or dying of natural causes in normal numbers.

The blackbird flocks—blackbird is used loosely—probably contain about 99 per cent starlings with a few grackles, true

blackbirds and other birds thrown in.

The starling is believed to be the most numerous bird in the country. They were introduced to the United States from Europe in the late 19th century by well-meaning but shortsighted Eugene Schefflin, whose high-minded intention was to acquaint Americans with all the birds mentioned by Shakespeare. In 1890, he released 80 starlings in New York's Central Park, a year later imported and released 40 more. From these have come all the starlings in America.

The urbanization of this century that has been a bane to most birds has been a boon to the starling. The way the bird's lifestyle has become intertwined with that of modern man is astonishing and not a little disturbing.

The starling eats wherever there's an easy meal. He's loathe to grub for food, preferring to let someone else expose it for him. There was a time when he depended on grazing livestock for this task. But he's found that he fares far better by casting his lot with man: the homeowner who mows his lawn, the farmer who plows and sows his fields and feeds his animals, the sanitation man who runs the city dump.

The starling has been likened to today's commuter, whose habits the bird mimics. As the commuter's day begins, so does the starling's.

As commuters descend on their places of work, the starling descends on its feedlots. A day's work or foraging completed, both return home to suburbia or preferable its outer fringes where the starling is more likely to find the thick pine groves it finds so alluring.

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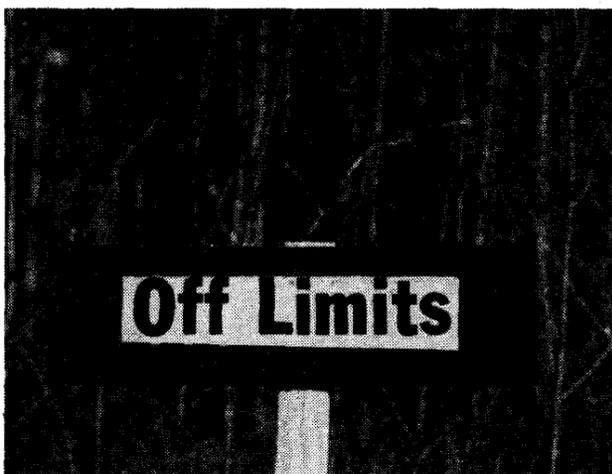
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Droppings and dead birds litter the roost area, as in photo of starling which fell to rest on a be-spattered pine log.



Sign Posted at Roost

Photos by Bill Kellar

# 'Histo'

Histoplasmosis, that new addition to the lexicon of most Redstone Arsenal residents, is commonly but wrongly thought to be caused by germs present in either blackbirds, their droppings, or both.

Actually the lung disease, often called "histo" for short, is caused by a common soil organism.

The organism is harmless in its normal state but long exposure to a powerful fertilizer such as bird droppings can cause the organism to assume a vegetative state. When this happens the organism begins to grow from a single spore into a mold-like material made up of microscopic sacs containing many spores. If a sac is broken, as might happen if the soil is disturbed by walking or digging in it, the spores are released and if inhaled into the lungs can cause histoplasmosis.

The disease is not bird-borne — the organism is not present in either the birds or their droppings — nor can the disease be passed from one person to another.

Both symptoms and consequences of the disease are varied. It can be severe, but normally is somewhat like a common cold or mild respiratory ailment. It presents more of a danger to babies and old or diseased people whose bodies cannot cope with it in the manner a healthy body can.

The disease organism is most likely to be found in areas that have had a heavy blackbird infestation for at least three years.

A report received Monday from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta said no disease organisms were found in a laboratory analysis of soil samples from the roost here.

Lieutenant Tom Allen, Redstone environmental sciences officer, said that even when the disease organisms are present in soil they do not present a danger to humans as long as the soil is not disturbed.

The blackbird roosts here have been placed off limits pending Washington level approval of a plan to thin the roosts and force the birds to re-locate.

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# 4th, 8th Vie For Post Basketball Crown

By Dave Cowan

The 4th and 8th student companies, who captured their respective divisions during the intramural basketball regular season, lead in post playoffs which got underway last week at the old post gym.

The two squads, after 10 games, remained undefeated in the double-elimination tournament. Hanging on with slim hopes were Meddac and the 291st MP's with a win and a loss each. The 6th SC, 7th SC, Company C and MICOM dropped two games and were eliminated earlier in the week.

Prior to the opening round of the playoffs, four teams in the Eastern conference had to settle their differences in a special match to determine respective positions for post competition.

Company C and Meddac clashed for second and third spots and the medics won out over the C's, 57-43. Meddac jumped off to a 28-18 halftime lead and easily maintained the advantage in the final stanza for the win. Dick Boozer sank 14, Randy Hoerth 13, and Bruce Highberger 12 for the medics. Charlie Miller netted 25 and Tim Niewierowski chalked up eight for the letter company.

The Marines took on the 7th SC to determine fourth place. The Students, after leading 27-12 at halftime, made a couple of clutch baskets in the waning seconds to edge the Leathernecks, 45-42.

Noel Beaver and James Clayton paced the Students to their win with 18 and 12 points respectively. V.E. Browning and F. Brathwaite had 13 tallies each for the Marines.

### Wednesday

On the opening night of post playoffs, the 8th SC stunned the 291st MP's, 69-58; the 6th SC clipped Company C, 59-52; MICOM whipped Meddac, 55-47; and the 4th SC hammered the 7th, 52-43.

The 291st MP's almost pulled off an upset against the 8th SC in the first contest. The cops stayed neck and neck with the students, exchanging leads a dozen times, before the 8th went out front 39-31 at halftime.

MP's Willie Rice and Ray Bernal continued their sharp outside shooting in the final half to keep the

cops close. But then Student Bruce Williams took over, doing what the MP's were doing best—shooting from the outside—to pull the win out for the 8th.

Williams ended up with 24 points, followed by teammate Mike a 52-43 win.

The 4th jumped off to a 26-11

the playoffs. The 8th took control of the game early, taking a 27-18 halftime lead. The 6th fought back Robinson with 22. Rice and Bernal led the cops with 18 and 16 points respectively.

The 6th Students' speed and bench strength proved to be the winning edge as they downed

to tie the game more than two dozen times in the final period, before Williams sank the clinching basket for the 8th.

Bruce Williams chalked up 22 points for the 8th's second win. Burke Arrington and Maurice Williams led the 6th with 12 and 10 tallies as the student company fell to a 1-1 record.

The 4th Students racked up their second win, dismissing MICOM 63-49. The final score failed to show the closeness of the game as the Students went to the locker room at halftime with a 34-32 advantage. In the final half, both teams played even par until the last three minutes when the 4th began to "snowbird" the missilemen with layups.

Lewis Lockett and Ken Chance led the Students to victory with 21 and 19 points. Bennie Gordon and Gary Meece had 17 and 16 for MICOM

### Friday

Two games were played Friday night. The 291st MP's eliminated

MICOM, 72-49; and Meddac ousted the 6th Students in a 57-55 thriller.

Willie Rice and Richard Mitchell came out smoking for the 291st MP's in their 72-49 win over MICOM. The twosome sank 23 points in the first half to give the cops 33-27 halftime lead. After smoking in the first half, both players caught fire in the final stanza, netting 33 biggies, to propel their team to the win and eliminate the missilemen from the tournament.

Rice ended the game with 31 points. Mitchell came in a close second with 27 for the MP's. Bennie Gordon hit 20 for MICOM.

In a wild and woolly contest, Meddac eliminated the 6th Students, 57-55, in overtime. Both teams deadlocked at 49-all at the end of regulation time.

Bruce Highberger led the medics with 20, followed by Charlie Hardin with 11 and Randy Hoerth with 15. Burke Arrington and Maurice Williams sank 22 and 16 points respectively in a heart-breaking loss for the 6th.

## Individual Scoring

Name/Unit	G	FG	FT	TP	Avg.
Rice, 291st MP's	11	133	37	303	27.5
Brinkley, 7th SC	14	134	53	321	22.9
Lockett, 4th SC	14	119	35	273	19.5
Miller, Company C	15	116	52	284	18.9
Bains, 8th SC	11	89	10	188	17.1
Gordon, MICOM	14	103	13	219	15.6
Griffin, Company A	11	66	32	164	14.9
Highberger, Meddac	14	81	22	184	13.1
Meece, MICOM	14	77	15	169	1.1
Robinson, M., 8th SC	12	63	15	141	11.8

halftime lead. The 7th came back in the final stanza to outscore perennial champs 32-26, but it was too little too late. Herb Adams led the 4th Students with 18. Noel Beaver hit 14, Jim Clayton 11, and Jim Bristol 10, for the 7th.

### Thursday

Company C loss to the 291st MP's, 51-45; Meddac dumped the 7th SC, 39-33; the 8th nipped the 6th SC, 45-43; and the 4th SC walloped MICOM, 63-49.

In the first round of the losers bracket Thursday night, the 291st MP's defeated Company C, 51-43, eliminating the letter company from the playoffs. Domineering the boards, the cops easily won over the C's with Willie Rice and Richard Nitchell supplying the punch with 22 and 14 points respectively. For the C's, Charlie Miller banged in 18 and Tim Niewierowski had nine.

Meddac kept their hopes alive by eliminating the 7th SC, 39-33. The Students opened with cold hands, but then had to hold on for the win as the Students came back in the final stanza to outscore them 24-15.

Randy Hoerth and Bruce Highberger had 11 and 10 for the Medics, while Noel Beaver sank 16 for the 7th.

Bruce Williams sank a bucket in the closing seconds to lift the 8th Students to a 45-43 win over the 6th in the most exciting game yet in

Company C, 59-52. The 6th's fast-break offense enabled their star shooters, Burke Arrington and Larry Gopher, to score repeated layups unmolested.

Charlie Miller and Tim Niewierowski kept the letter company in the game with 30 and 19 points respectively. Arrington hit 16 and Gopher sank 13 for the winning Students.

It was a nip and tuck affair between MICOM and Meddac in the third contest. MICOM's outside shooting, led by Gary Meece and Rubin Robinson, gave the missilemen a 32-28 halftime advantage.

Randy Hoerth forced the ball inside during the final half, scoring numerous easy buckets to keep the medics in the game, but a couple key baskets by Gary Meece and Rubin Robinson gave MICOM the win.

Meece finished with 19 biggies and Robinson 16. Hoerth and Bruce Highberger netted 18 and 10 points respectively for Meddac.

In the final game Wednesday, the western champs 4th SC used their height advantage to subdue the short but agile 7th Students for

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## City Champs

### Arsenal Women On Winning Five

The Shelby Pinpoints walked away with top honors in the team event recently in the Huntsville Women's Association City Tournament at Parkway Lanes.

The five-woman squad toppled the maples like matchsticks in registering a 2981 handicap total and a scratch series of 2536. June Mongiat led the team with 550 pins, followed by Ann Hosey with a 522, Doris Burke 518, Mary Wilson 509, and Hedy Helmar 437.

Four members of the squad were from Redstone.



**WINNING TANDEM — (Seated), L-R, Ann Hosey and June Mongiat; (standing) Doris Burke, Hedy Helmer and Mary Wilson.**

# Run For Your Life Program

By Dave Cowan

This year, for the first time, Recreation Services will introduce the Army's Run For Your Life sports program.

Endorsed by Missile Command Deputy Commander Brigadier General Grayson D. Tate Jr., the program is patterned on progressive distance running based on the aerobics theory.

Run For Your Life focuses on strengthening the cardiovascular system (heart, lungs, and blood vessels) by gradually expanding their capacity to handle stress.

Presently running is one of several exercises in the Army's Physical Training program, but Run For Your Life allows a person to run at his own pace, with incentive awards for accomplishments.

The program is open to all Redstone military personnel, dependents and civilians. Brig. Gen. Tate is one individual who plans on participating.

"Numerous individuals can be seen each day running on post, but what we need is an organized program with incentive awards," said the

## Presidential Sports Awards

Another voluntary physical fitness program for soldiers, their dependents, and civilians encompasses 39 events, running perhaps the simplest of them. The Presidential Sports Awards Program encourages participation in such events as fencing, equitation, back packing, pentathlon and racketball.

It also recognizes players of basketball, golf, bowling, and volleyball, among the popular sports.

Emblems, pins and certificates are issued from the national program office in New York to amateur athletes who meet qualifications. Standards differ for each event, but generally require 50 hours of participation in a four month period.

Players keep their own log books, submit \$3 on completion of qualifications, and are awarded a four-color patch, a lapel pin and a

certificate signed by President Ford.

The program is viewed by the Army as directly supporting physical fitness among soldiers. "Organized athletics contributes greatly to combat readiness," said Ralph Santaliz, Redstone's sports director.

Santaliz' staff is gearing up to assist soldiers and dependents with administrative details. These persons may use post athletic facilities to complete program requirements.

Army civilians may participate in the program also, but must do so at community recreation facilities, Santaliz said. "Restone's facilities are only authorized for military use," Santaliz noted.

A free personal log book and qualifying standards are available from Presidential Sports Award, P.O. Box 129, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

general. "Soldiers should be fit, and this applies to all grades."

Tate believes the program would be a big step forward in making persons here more physically fit.

Tate plays tennis and golf, and jogs four or five days a week during good weather or five to seven minutes inside when conditions are poor.

Courses designated as Run For Your Life areas at Redstone Arsenal.

Course	Area
No. 1	PT field on Patton Road.
No. 2	NASA athletic fields—Rideout Road
No. 3	Parking lot across from Bldg. 3474, around Honest John, Road Runner and Hermes streets.
No. 4	Skinner Drive around Babe Ruth Field on Goss Road.
No. 5	Wesson Circle near officers quarters.
No. 6	Corner of Crozier Drive and backside of Nike Street.
No. 7	Starts at Nike, then around Jupiter, Lacrosse and Hermes streets.
No. 8	Around football field on Goss Road.

"With the type of mission Redstone has, I'm not interested in persons running five miles a day," Tate said. "One or two miles daily would be adequate."

Although Run For Your Life can be organized by units as a team event, individual effort produces the best results. The program consists of three phases: preparatory, conditioning and sustaining.

The preparatory phase is for beginners. They walk instead of run. This group may include office workers, clerks, administrators, instructors or persons overweight or recently ill, anyone who has led a sedentary life.

After a vigorous preparatory program, individuals who can run or walk a mile in 8½ minutes (men under 40), 9½ minutes (men over 40 and women under 40), or 10½ minutes (women over 40) without unreasonable stress or fatigue enter the conditioning phase. The goal is to progress slowly through the conditioning phase, running a minimum of seven to 10 miles a week within the time and distance allocated.

Persons who become conditioned runners enter the sustaining and final phase of the program. These runners should meet all distance and time requirements without becoming tired, then maintain these goals throughout the program.

According to Redstone Athletic Director Ralph Santaliz, eight courses—five one-mile and three one-quarter mile tracks—have been established and marked as Run For Your Life areas on the Arsenal.

Due to the strenuous nature of the Run For Your Life program, participants must consult their physician before beginning. All persons 30 years and older must have a medical clearance, which includes a check of blood pressure, weight, chest X-ray and electrocardiograph.

All active duty soldiers and civilians participating may receive their checkup at dispensary level.

Interested persons must fill out a Run For Your Life application and send it to Run For Your Life, Sports and Athletic Training, Recreation Services Branch, Bldg. 3491.

Mileage certificates and patches will be awarded to persons completing 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 750, 1000, 2500, 5000, 7500, and 10,000 miles.

## Golf, Tennis Forming

The Athletic Branch of Recreational Services is now forming teams for golf and tennis for the 1976 TRADOC championships this summer.

Interested male and female soldiers can contact the

athletic director in Bldg. 3474 or call 876-2943. Teams will

compete against various clubs and universities in the immediate area in preparation for championship games.

# Bowling Results

## Wednesday Officers

Standings	Won
76'ers	48
Swingers	40
Metrcals	34
School Brigade	32
Pickups	30
Strikeouts	28
Readiness Group	26
ExASPRators	24
Black Jacks	24
P&P Registers	24
Kuwait Keglers	24
Lucky Strikes	22
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Halo's	8

**Results**  
Swingers 8 — Registers 0  
76'ers 8 — Metrcals 0  
Sch. Bde. 8 — ExASPRators 0  
Redrock 8 — Halo's 0  
Black Jacks 6 — Pickups 2  
Kuwait 4 — Strikeouts 4

**Ind. Honors**  
High Series: Nix, 584 (218); Jones, 544;  
Jordan 543; Bofenkamp, 539; Bryan, 536;  
Townley, 532 (213); Melochick, 531 (213);  
Hopper, 530; Miller, 529; Hertzog, 522.  
High Average: Ray Townley, 176.

## Friday Mixed

Standings	Won
Alley Kats	56
Black Velvets	55
Odd Balls	55
Four Pins	55
Four Big'ens	54 1/2
The Wieners	52
The Ha-ad Its	52
Damifino	51
Lucky Strikes	50
Nutcrackers	48

**Weekly Highs**  
Steve Smith, 577 (207-200); Frank Atkinson, 536 (205); Mary Doss, 506; Sally Gerhauser, 501.  
High Games: Ron Price, 212; Ivan Robertson, 206; Rickie Smith, 203.

**Season Highs**  
High Series (Hdcp.): Ron Price, 724; Jesse Hawthorne, 678; Gary Addams, 676; (women) Barbara Adams, 661; Jackie Cooper, 651; Mary Wilson, 646.

High Games (Hdcp): Johnny Lanier, 281; Ron Price, 280; Jim Shupe, 270; (women) Barbara Adams, 254; Boots Smith, 247; Donna McDonough, 238.

High Averages: Jesse Hawthorne, 174; and Mary Wilson, 164.

## AMC League

Standings	Pts.
Bombers	58 1/2
Spares	48 1/2
Cadillacs	44 1/2
Fat Cats	44
Lily Flagg	43
Alley Cats	42 1/2
King Pins	40
Hughes TOW	40
T-Birds	38 1/2
Sprinters	38

**Last Wednesday**  
Fat Cats-4 — Alley Cats-0  
Hughes-4 — Sprinters-0  
King Pins-4 — T-Birds-0  
Bombers-2 — Cadillac-2  
Spares-2 — Lily Flagg-2

**High Rollers**  
J. C. Whitworth, 569 (213); Danny Koklas, 568; Dick Gore, 556; Dave Cowan, 556; Bob Brand, 555 (212); Dave Pentecost, 554; Cort Shepherd, 552; Johnny Helland, 549; Art Frederick, 541.

## S&M League

Standings	W	L
Barber-Coleman	23	5
Clowns	17	11
Outcasts	17	11
Misfits	14	14
Outhouse Lounge	14	14
Three & Two	13	15
The Doc's	12	16
Reba's	11	17
Strikers	11	17
Huntsville Times	8	20

**Last Week**  
Outcasts-4 — Three-Two-0  
Clowns-4 — Strikers-0  
Outhouse-4 — Reba's-0  
Doc's-3 — Misfits-1  
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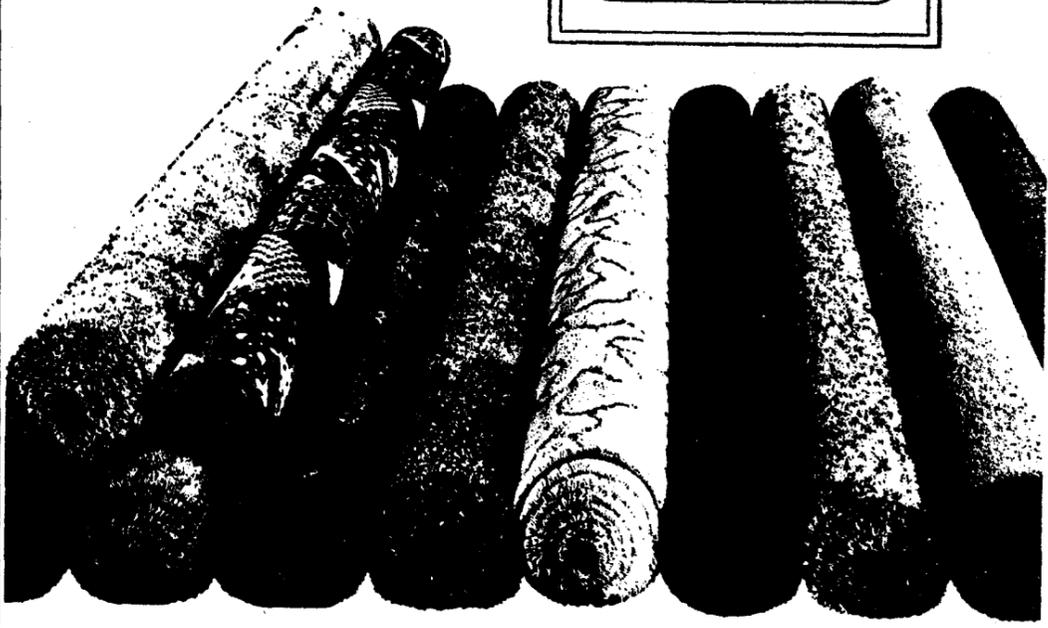
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No discount is currently being offered by National on subcompact cars which are available to travelers at a flat rate of \$13.95 a day with no mileage charge.

Although SimCom is a nationwide program, a few rental locations do not participate in the new agreement discounts according to MTMC.

DoD personnel traveling on official business should consider all factors, including direct and indirect expenses, before renting a car, MTMC officials say.

## CSC Reports Minority Gains In Jobs

Minority employment in full-time Federal jobs increased by 11,716 during the 12-month period ending November 30, 1974, according to a report by the Civil Service Commission. The minority gains accounted for 25.7 percent of the net increase of 45,544 Federal jobs.

Overall, minorities comprised 21 percent (511,151) of the full-time Federal civilian work force of 2,432,314 surveyed.

The Commission report showed numerical increases for each of the four minority groups included in the survey, with Blacks holding 389,357 or 16 percent of all full-time Federal jobs in November 1974 (up 5,658 jobs over the 1973 figure); Spanish Surnamed Americans, 79,546 or 3.3 percent (up 3,195); American Indians, 20,682 or .9 percent (up 1,937); and Oriental Americans, 21,566 or .9 percent (up 926).

The minority gains reported continue a trend of greater minority representation in the

Federal work force in recent years under the impetus of Executive Order 11478 of 1969 and the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. Under the Act, the CSC has responsibility for leadership of the Government-wide equal employment opportunity (EEO) effort and for publishing periodic progress reports.

Minority representation increased in the middle and upper grade groupings of the "white-collar" General Schedule and similar pay plans, with the largest percentage increases showing at top levels.

At the GS-14 through 15 grade levels, for example, minorities represented 5.3 percent of total employment at those levels, up by

0.4 percentage points over the 1973 level. They gained 421 jobs to 4,179.

At the GS-16 through 18 grade levels, minority representation also increased by 0.4 to 4.2 percent or 227 jobs.

The number and percentage of leader and supervisory positions held by minorities also increased, as did minority representation in the higher pay brackets of "other pay systems."

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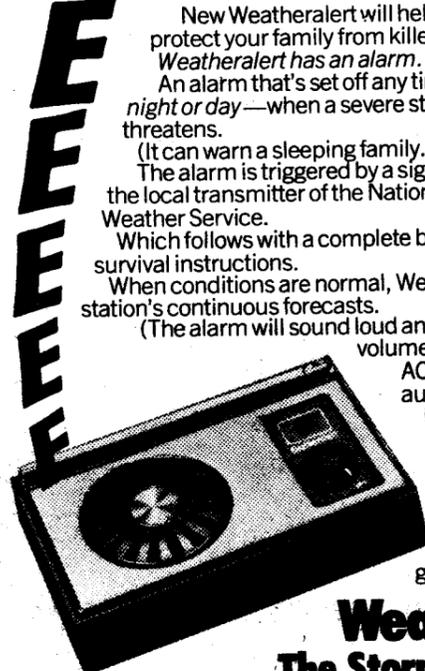
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# Gamble Surprises Germans In Africa

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Then small boats came alongside, soldiers of the first waves shouldered their packs and 11 months after Pearl Harbor, the American army took the long road back.

The first steps were hesitant. Descending backwards hand over hand in pitch darkness, 40 feet down a cargo net into a tossing boat is not made easier wearing a 60-pound pack and a slung weapon. A few fell. Some shattered limbs as they dropped like stones into the boats. Others vanished in the water.

Leaders of this untested army came to North Africa reluctantly. In the American generals' view, the way to Berlin lay straight across the English Channel, not in some "sideshow" in the Mediterranean, but the opinions of their British allies had prevailed. Convinced that a cross channel attack could not succeed in 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt had accepted North Africa as a compromise in his deter-

mination to get American troops into the European battle.

In the darkness before dawn on November 8, 1942, the first of 107,000 American and British soldiers swarmed onto the beaches near Algiers, Oran and Casablanca. Elsewhere that same day, Germans and Russians tore at one another in the ruins of Stalingrad, the German Afrika Korps stumbled westward away from its defeat in Egypt, and U.S. Marines fought Japanese for Guadalcanal.

**French Defenders**

The allies hoped that the 14 ill-equipped French divisions in North Africa would not fight, a hope that died at first light. Fire fights erupted near the beaches and French batteries ranged on the ships off shore. No matter what they thought of Germans, the French in North Africa had given their oath to the Vichy Government that ruled occupied France in uneasy truce with its German conquerors.

So men who would soon join hands, shot at one another on November 8. Algiers fell in a day, Oran in two, but the fighting went on at Casablanca for another day before

the French sorted out their loyalties and decided to join the allies. It was well they did. This first amphibious landing by U.S. troops since the Spanish American War had not gone well. The landing craft had been inadequate for the task. Tanks and other heavy equipment could not be brought in over the beaches, had instead to wait until assault troops seized ports and piers where ships could be off loaded. There had been confusion on the beaches. Prolonged resistance would have meant disaster.

The invasion was an audacious gamble and although it did not go smoothly, it surprised the Germans. In three days the allies controlled more than 1,000 miles of coastline. In three weeks they had 185,000 men, 20,000 vehicles and 200,000 tons of supplies ashore and columns thrusting east for Tunisia racing the Germans. The cost had been 860 killed or missing, 1,000 wounded.

The enemy poured some 150,000 troops from Sicily and Italy into Tunisia to reinforce the Afrika Korps at the end of its long retreat. The allies poured in more, hurrying men, weapons and supplies

forward by truck convoys and the rickety railroad that ran back 1,000 miles to the ports taken in the invasion.

**Paid by the Yard**

It took the Americans, British and French attacking eastward and the British Eighth Army moving northward until May 1943 to root out the Germans and their Italian allies. They had to pay for every yard. Fighting over a broken, arid land of frigid nights and days filled with blowing sand and dust, the U.S. Army learned the hard lessons that separate the quick from the dead in battle. Much of this hard won knowledge came as a shock. All of it carried a high price.

Newspapers from home assured Americans the German soldiers were mindless robots. They learned instead while taking a bad licking at Kasserine Pass that their enemies were resolute, resourceful professionals, battle wise as grey wolves.

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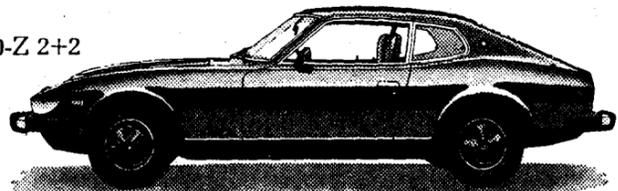
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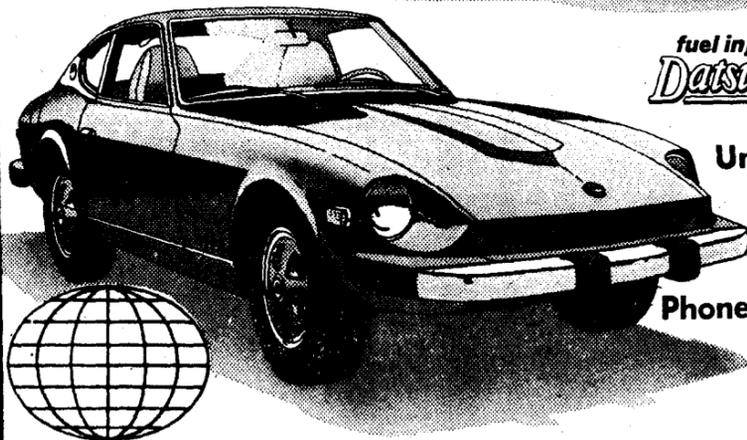
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American tanks were think skinned. One in particular, the Grant, its main gun in casemate mount on the side of the hull rather than in a revolving turret, proved almost useless in a fight with German armor. So did the puny American 37mm anti-tank gun.

Much had been expected of the American halftracks mounting 75mm guns to fight tanks. A lightly armored truck with rear wheels replaced by tracks, the vehicles quickly were nicknamed "Purple Heart Boxes." Asked if the bullets of strafing German planes went clear through, one halftrack crewman replied bitterly: "No, they come in one side and then rattle around in here."

At first, Americans often did not read maps or use a compass correctly, lacked other basic skills of a combat soldier. When infantry did not advance quickly enough behind a covering barrage, defenders recovered, got back in their holes and shot them. Instead of digging in on the forward slope, Americans who took a hill often stayed on the crest, only to be plastered by artillery.

### Lot to Learn

Neophyte GI tank crews dashed about at soul stirring speeds, raising dust clouds that could be seen by every enemy artillery observer for miles until they noticed German tanks never moved unless they had to, then tiptoed from one piece of cover to the next.

It was the first and only time in World War II and the only time since that American soldiers fought without total air superiority, but in the early days in Tunisia, GI's knew the animal terror that grips a man face down in a shallow ditch while death rains from the sky.

The British thought their allies inexperienced and poorly led. The Germans noted the Americans fought by the book, two thirds committed in any attack, one

third held in reserve. "Mom and Apple Pie" answers from prisoners amazed Germans who asked the Americans why they fought and concluded they lacked motivation.

The leadership problems could be remedied. Combat is a great sifter and Tunisia was the American Army's sieve. Leaders at all levels who lacked the intangibles that make some men winners in battle were weeded out. The "Mom and Apple Pie" amateurs who outlived the mistakes of January and February herded 275,000 Germans and Italians into captivity at the end of the North African campaign in May.

Seeing friends killed has a way of turning newly minted soldiers into wary, determined veterans. The GIs were quick to learn.

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## Soldier Guilty on Possession Charge

Sp 5 Wesley C. Radsick of the 95th Service Company, MICOM Special Troops, was found guilty of possession of marijuana and hashish during a special court martial trial here last week.

He was sentenced to reduction in rank to PFC, forfeiture of \$100 a month from his pay for three months, restriction to the Arsenal for 60 days, and to perform extra duties for 45 days.

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# Job Satisfaction Survey Set For MICOM

Some MICOM employees will be asked how they like their jobs as part of a survey being conducted throughout DARCOM to determine job satisfaction as compared with national norms in government and industry.

Officials from the DARCOM Comptroller Office who are running the survey say that MICOM has been selected as one of the subcommands for the program, but no details or dates for the survey at Redstone have been announced.

Known as the Job Descriptive Index Survey, the technique was

used to measure levels of worker satisfaction among all personnel in DARCOM headquarters. Results released indicate employees there are generally dissatisfied with their work and chances of promotion, but find their pay adequate and are satisfied with the quality of their supervisors and co-workers.

DARCOM personnel rated promotion opportunities "very low", with more men than women registering dissatisfaction. Officials considered this surprising since average grades for women are still significantly lower than for men despite emphasis given

equal employment opportunity and upward mobility programs.

Employee satisfaction with adequacy of pay at DARCOM was very near the national norm as were percentages of those generally expressing satisfaction with the quality of their supervisors and co-workers.

Satisfaction with their work among 573 DARCOM employees ran "low" and "very low," while 376 rated their jobs in the "high" and "very high" satisfaction range. The number who rated their jobs in the lower ranges is about 14 percent above national norms. According to information

released from DARCOM, a differential of 10 percent is considered sufficiently significant for management concern.

DARCOM officials feel that the lower ratings in work satisfaction and promotion opportunities may be due to personnel turbulence arising from announcements of reorganization, decreasing budgets, and rumored reductions in force.

Levels of worker satisfaction measured by the survey are in five major job areas: pay, promotion, work, co-workers and supervision.

## Former Manpower Chief Dies

Funeral services were held last Friday for Don England, 47, a former MICOM employee who transferred to the Army Communications Command at Ft. Huachuca in August, 1974. He died Wednesday morning from complications following heart surgery at a Tucson, Ariz. hospital.

At the time of his death, he was chief of the Manpower and Forces Division in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development at the Communications Command, a position similar to the one he had held at MICOM.

A native of Mattoon, Ill., England had 21 years federal service. He came to Redstone in 1960 and stayed until accepting a position in Europe in 1966. He returned in 1971, remaining until his transfer to Huachuca.

Survivors include his wife of Sierra Vista, Ariz., a daughter, Judy, Washington, D.C. and a son, Steve, a student at Middle Tennessee University.

## Eifler Reviews Bicentennial

Charles W. Eifler (Lt. Gen., ret.) will review Huntsville's Bicentennial events calendar at the MMCS Officers' Wives brunch tomorrow in the Hawk Room of the Officers' Open Mess.

Eifler, who was MMCS commandant from 1959 to 1961, is chairman of the Huntsville Bicentennial Committee.

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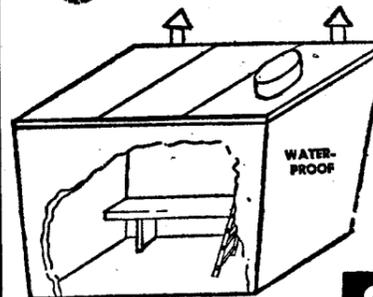


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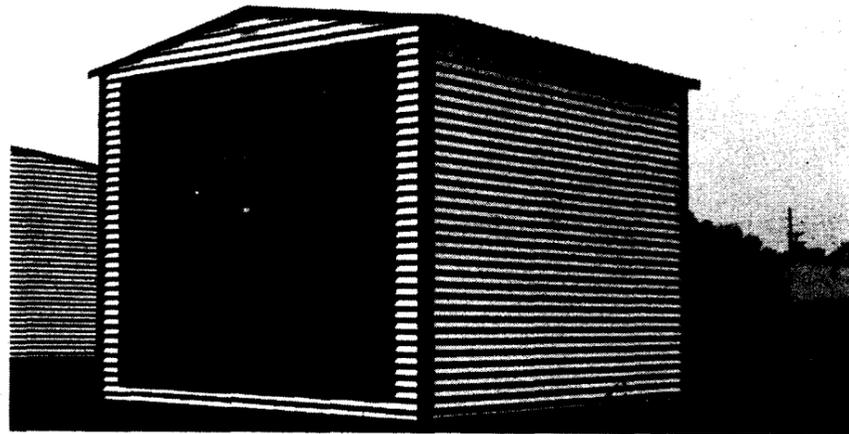
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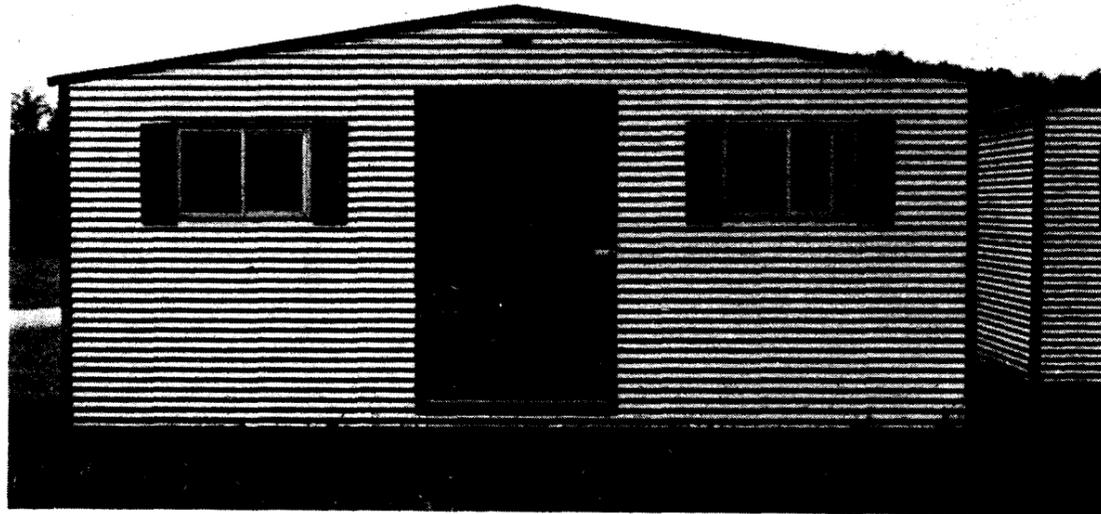
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