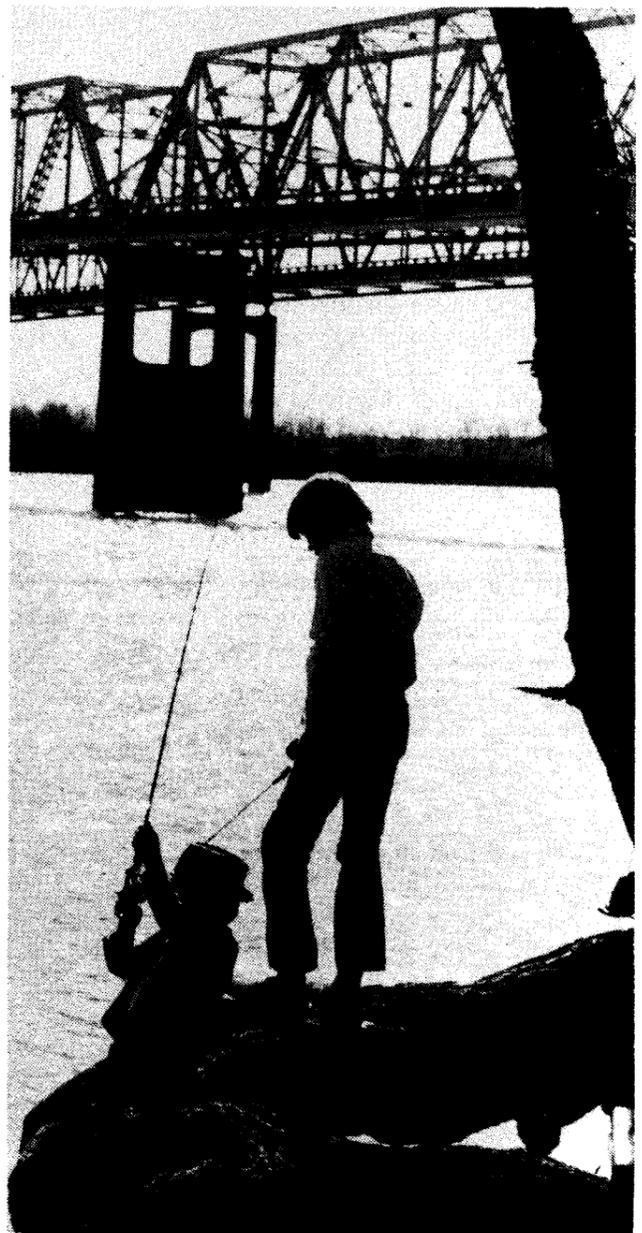
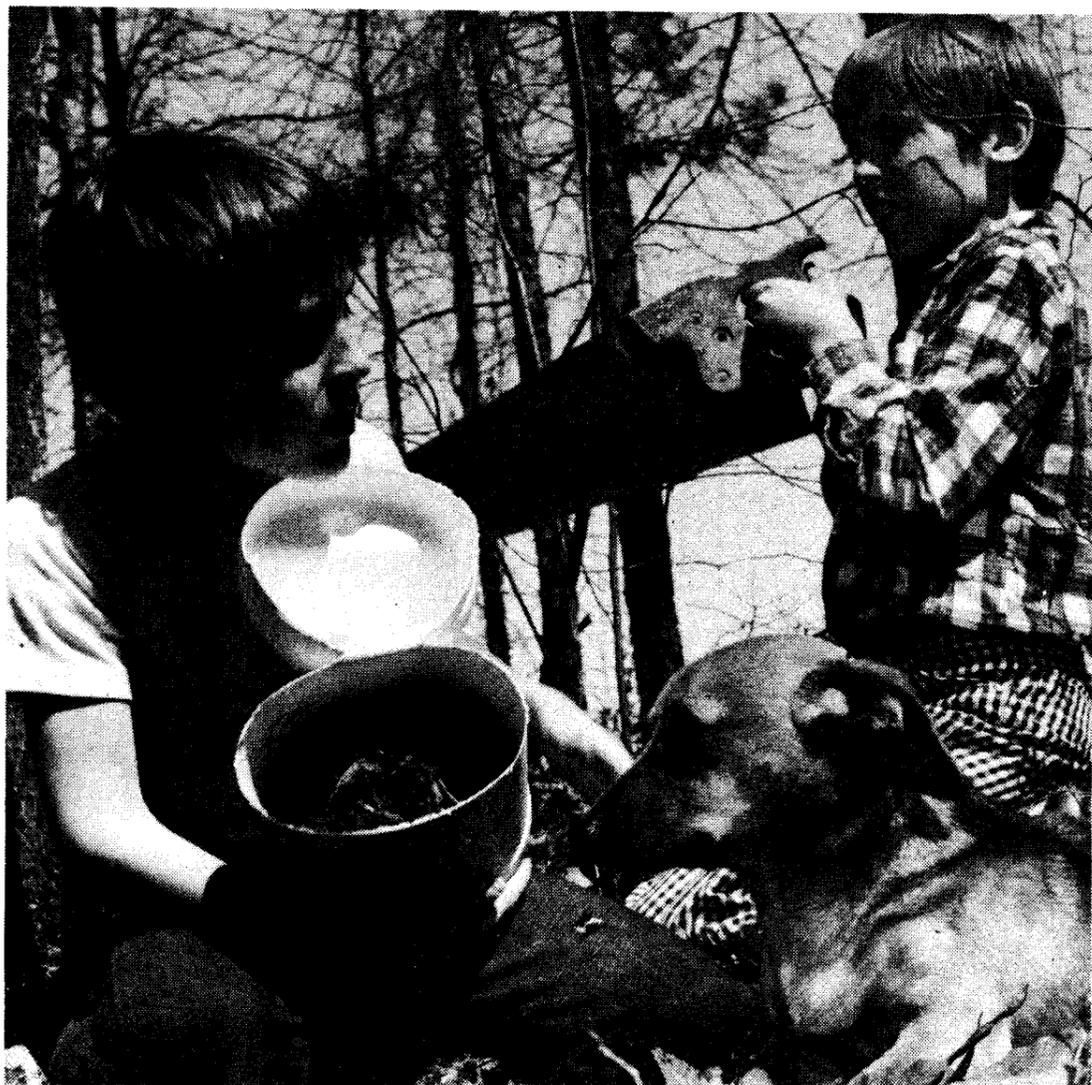


Spring is here



Photos By Don Godwin and Bill Kellar



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Not Even Computer Stops Bad Check Flow

Bad checks continue to be a problem at the Redstone PX despite new measures taken in the last few months.

A \$10 charge for returned checks was initiated in January and a computer linkup was established last fall to screen check writers.

PX Manager Don Emmons attributes most of the bad checks to "people who try to play pay days...they're cashing a check and hoping that it won't reach the bank until their pay check does."

Emmons claims that the number of bad checks written each month declined with the installation of a computer linkup with Army Air Force Exchange System (AAFES). Now when a check is written at any Exchange facility the customer's social security number and check amount are entered on an electronic keyboard and transmitted to a central computer point in Dallas.

The computer screens the inquiry against a bad check list, accumulates the check amount toward the allowable daily limit and sends the answer to the inquiring keyboard, thus identifying any customer that has passed a bad check or exceed the \$50 daily cash limit.

In the past, customers could cash a check at any of the PX facilities on post and there was no way to tell if the person had exceeded the daily amount of \$50.

Although the new system has stopped the person who wrote bad checks at several exchange facilities, 75-80 bad checks are still being written every month.

Redstone has a high percentage, 90 percent collection on bad checks. When a check is returned by the bank, the PX tries to notify the check writer by telephone. If they can't reach him they send him a form

letter. The person who wrote the bad check has 7 days to make the check good; seven days from the day the letter is sent out.

If the check is not redeemed within 7 days after notification, the individual's check cashing privileges will be suspended for six months. If two or more checks are returned, check cashing privileges will be suspended indefinitely.

Although the Redstone PX has not found

it necessary to use sterner procedures AAFES does prescribe the following policies:

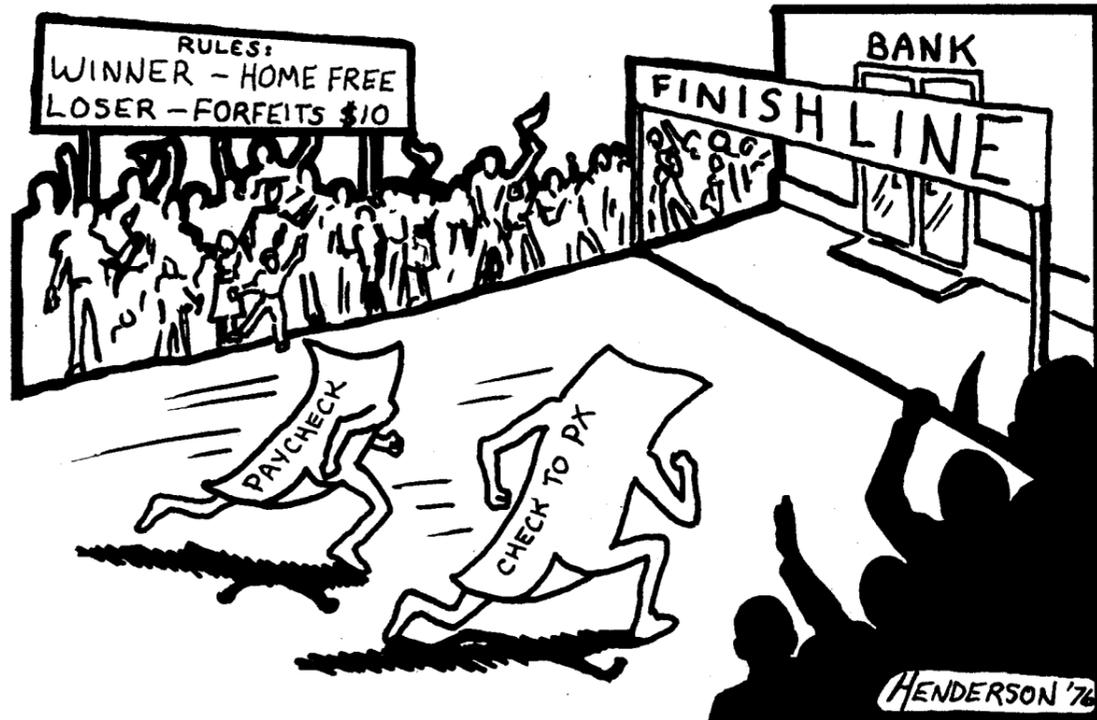
When a check is returned by the bank, a form letter is sent to the check writer to notify him that his check has been returned. A duplicate is sent to the maker's unit or company.

If restitution is not received within 7 days another copy of the dishonored check notification is sent to the customer and the

duplicate is sent to the installation commander with a request for collection assistance.

If voluntary restitution is not made in 21 days after original notification a military pay order may be processed or the matter may be referred to AAFES headquarters in Dallas for sterner collection measures.

If a social security number if fake or the individual has used false identification the investigation is turned over to the CID.



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Where we stand in the cold and rainy mist.

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I'm filled with the pride I live for day to day.

This is the moment I hold my head up high
I repeat those famous words, "For America I would die."

To the Star Spangled Banner, our National Song
To the United States Army to which I belong,

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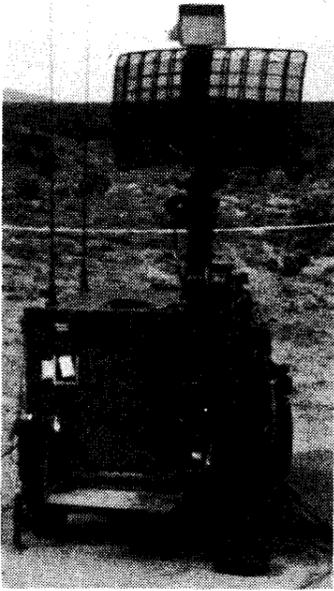
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Chaparral

Colonel Whittaker Manages Newest Project Office

Chaparral-FAAR is now officially a Project Office.

The Secretary of the Army recently approved the project charter elevating Chaparral-FAAR from provisional status. Chaparral is a heat seeking missile that defends against low flying enemy aircraft and FAAR (Forward Area Alerting Radar) is its early warning eyes.

Colonel Howard C. Whittaker is Project Manager for Chaparral-FAAR which has 55 people, 48 civilians and seven military, and

George Woodard is his civilian deputy. This office is located in Bldg. 7172.

Chaparral was deployed in 1969 but a major missile improvement program, plans for new production, and interest by foreign countries wanting to buy the air defense system caused MICCOM to pull Chaparral-FAAR out of the Special Items Management Office more than a year ago and appeal to higher headquarters for project office authorization.

"We're greatly increasing

Chaparral's intercept and kill capabilities," said Whittaker, "giving it a 360 degree intercept capability to reduce battlefield signature and provide more positive identification on incoming targets."

Older Chaparral missiles had no head-on intercept capability.

Earlier this month MICCOM awarded approximately \$21.2 million to Aeronutronic Ford Corporation covering initial production of the Improved Chaparral Missile, which features a new guidance section, an improved fuze and a new warhead.

Other improvements planned for Chaparral, an Army modification of the Navy's Sidewinder air to air missile, are a smokeless motor, an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system and an anti-glint canopy for the Chaparral self-propelled vehicle.

There are no planned improvements for FAAR, which also provides early detection for Redeye, the 20mm Vulcan gun, and will support Stinger when the new shoulder fired weapons is fielded. Deliveries from the second production bay are expected to begin in April.

Whittaker is a 1955 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, holds a

Master's in Education from Boston University, and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Prior to being named Chaparral-

FAAR Project Manager, he was acting Kuwait Project Manager.

Among overseas assignments, Whittaker has served in Korea, Europe and Vietnam.

Better Read The Fine Print

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Soldiers anticipating such a charter flight should carefully read and fully understand the contract

before signing up for the flight. Any questions should be directed to the local legal assistance officer before signing a contract.

Most charter organizations require a substantial deposit and prepayment of the full fare well in advance of the departure date. The terms of the contract stipulate if repayment is possible.

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WASHINGTON (ANF)—More than 231,000 DA civilian employees—or about 76 per cent of those eligible—are now represented by unions, according to a recent Civil Service Commission update. This is an increase of almost 10,000 from a year ago.

Union representation—which is not the same as union membership—means that a labor organization has exclusive bargaining rights for employees in a particular agency, activity or installation.

Actual DA civilian union membership is substantially less than the 76 per cent representation mark, according to union officials. A spokesman for a large government employee labor organization estimates its DA civilian union membership at about 35-40 per cent of those represented.

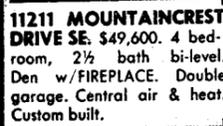
The number of bargaining units also increased—by 13 to 722—during the past year. Negotiated agreements increased also—by 47 to 558. Almost 200,000 employees are covered by labor-management negotiated agreements.



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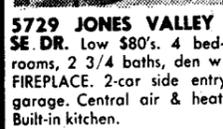
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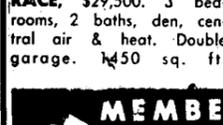
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Program Chief Second Woman Named For GS-15

Lois N. Spruiell, Acting Chief of the Program Management Office of the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center (BMDATC) has been promoted to the temporary grade of GS-15 making her one of the two highest ranking women in Government service in the Huntsville area.

As a GS-15 she joins Dr. Irene Roan of the Medical Department Activity, Redstone Arsenal, as the



LOIS N. SPRUIELL

two highest ranking women in civil service in the Huntsville area.

A veteran of 16 years, Mrs. Spruiell entered government service as a clerk-steno with the Department of Health, Education & Welfare, Social Security Administration in Birmingham in 1956.

Moving to Huntsville in 1962 she hired in as a clerk typist GS-3 for the Missile Command and a year later entered the Program Analyst area as a Program Assistant and was promoted to GS-5.

By 1967 Spruiell had become a Program Analyst and risen to the grade of GS-11 with the Missile Command. In 1968 she transferred to what is now known as the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center. During the period from 1968 to 1973, she advanced in her profession from a GS-11 to GS-14.

A native of Jasper, Alabama, Spruiell graduated from Walker County High School in 1955 and attended Walker Jr. College in 1960 and 61. Since coming to Huntsville, she has periodically attended UAH and is currently enrolled in the University of Oklahoma BLS Program.

Railroad Club Meets Thursday

The Redstone Division of the North Alabama Railroad Club will meet at the Huntsville City Municipal Building Thursday evening March 25.

The program for the evening will be a lecture on Train Marker Signals by Edward J. Cash.

All persons having an interest in railroading are invited to attend.

Grotto Changes Meeting Site

The Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society will have their monthly meeting at East Side Community Center, 310 Dallas N. East instead of Toftoy Hall.

Their next meeting will be April 7th at 7:30.

Everyone interested in caving are invited to attend.



General Ragano and Family

Roland Manager Gains Star

Colonel Frank Ragano, U.S. Roland Project Manager was promoted to Brigadier General last Wednesday. Brigadier General Grayson Tate, Jr., deputy MICOM Commander, pinned stars on the Pennsylvanian assisted by Mrs. Ragano.

Also present for the ceremony were the Ragano children, Joseph, Christina, David and John; the general's mother, Mrs. G.T. Ragano, and his brother, Patrick Ragano, both of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and a host of military and civilian friends.

Ragano just returned to Redstone, his second assignment here, succeeding Colonel Henry Magill who is retiring from active military duty. Ragano assumed his new duties March 10.

He first came here in 1973 as Project Manager for the 2.75 Rocket System and left in August 1975 to become Project Manager for the Cannon Artillery Weapons System at the Armament Command.

Roland, which he now manages, is the French-German developed missile selected as the Army's new all weather, short range air defense missile system. Hughes and Boeing will build the Army's version in this country and mount it on an American vehicle.

The 47-year-old Ragano is a graduate of Duquesne University with a bachelor's degree in social sciences and holds an MBS from Syracuse University. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and served on the faculties of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Army War College and has held the

position of Assistant Professional lecturer and management at the George Washington University.

He entered the Army in 1950 and served for a short time before he attended Officer's Candidate School and received his commission a year later.

Overseas tours have included Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with V Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

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Francis X. Lau

Funeral services for Lt. Col. (Ret.) Francis X. Lau, 53, who was assigned in project offices at MICOM before his retirement in 1968, were held Friday at the Redstone Post Chapel with Chaplain (Col.) William I. Wetzel officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery. Lau died Wednesday at his home.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maryjane Lau; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Young Huntsville, Mrs. Nancy Kloos of Washington, D.C.; and a son, David Lau of Florida.

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NOMINEES Ernest Petty (left) of the Stinger Project Office, and Elizabeth Watkins and James Stage of the Directorate for Management Information Systems, have received Department of Army certificates of achievement for their selection as MICOM's nomination for the AMC Systems Analysis award for 1975. They were members of systems analysis teams who contributed to the Army's capability to perform high quality dynamic combat effectiveness analyses in support of major Army research and development projects.

Rumsfeld Rebukes DOD Officials

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has publically rebuked two of his top civilian assistants in the latest of a series of incidents involving key DOD officials and acceptance of gratuities from contractors.

Last week Rumsfeld disciplined Dr. Malcolm Currie, 49, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, and J. William Middendorf, 51, Secretary of the Navy.

Currie, "severely reprimanded" by Rumsfeld agree to forfeit one month's salary (about \$3,200) and to reimburse Rockwell International Corp. at commercial rates for a weekend trip to the Bahamas.

Currie, who has been the DOD research chief for almost three years, spent the Labor Day

weekend last year at a residence in the Bahamas leased by Rockwell. Currie, his 13-year-old daughter, and a "guest" flew to the Bahamas and returned in a Rockwell plane.

Middendorf received a letter of admonition for participating in a goose hunt in January 1975. The event was held at a lodge leased by Rockwell in Maryland although Middendorf went as the guest of the Iranian ambassador and the Iranian naval attache.

A DOD spokesman, responding to press queries said:

"I think it would be judicious for anyone accepting any invitation that is in a position of decision making or otherwise within the Department of Defense to ascertain from who the invitation is coming, and secondly, who is paying the tab for that invitation."

In letters to both men last week, Rumsfeld said in part:

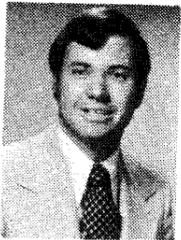
"I understand that there is no evidence of any improper influence as a result of the incidents."

About that B24s-bomb-Ploesti picture accompanying the Army history article in the Rocket March 10, and why a few readers must have surmised we were standing on our heads:

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Decision This Summer On October Pay Hike

Salary increases for October 1976 are projected to run between 3 and 5 percent for more than 1.4 million General Schedule employees, according to the Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 1977.

Under the Federal Comparability Act of 1970, however, the Budget estimates that the GS salary increases would have been 11.5 percent this October. This figure takes into consideration the 5 percent ceiling imposed last year and assumes that present economic trends continue.

President Gerald R. Ford will make a final decision on the need for the proposed pay limit late this

summer, after reviewing the economic and fiscal situation at that time and after reviewing the recommendations of the pay agent, the Federal Employees Pay Council, and the Advisory Committee on Federal Pay.

The 3 to 5 percent increase presumes that changes previously recommended by the President's Panel on Federal Compensation will be implemented. The Panel is headed by vice-president Rockefeller.

The Budget says its pay figures are rooted in the assumption that implementation will be made of those Panel recommendations,

which can be implemented by administrative action of the President.

The resulting estimated average increase in GS salaries would be 4.7 percent.

The Budget also says, "A full return to comparability is assumed for 1978." This is projected to be 8.6 percent in October 1977.

Approximately 530,000 Federal blue-collar workers, who received an average increase of 9.4 percent in 1975, are to receive an average increase of 3.4 percent this year.

In some areas, the Budget says, appropriate legislation will be submitted to Congress.

First will be a "refining" of the pay comparability principle by changing the 1970 law governing the General Schedule. The General Schedule would be divided into two separate pay systems with the setting of salaries for clerical and technical employees to be done on a regional basis.

Additional "legislation will be proposed to reform certain aspects of the law governing wage board rates in accordance with recom-

mendations of the President's 'Panel on Federal Compensation'."

Among other changes recommended by the Panel is a restructuring of the annual "pay comparability" survey conducted by the Department of Labor.

Another recommendation is to eliminate the virtually automatic aspect of within grade pay increases and make them solely dependent on merit as determined by supervisors.

The Budget calls for cutting about 10,500 full-time jobs with the largest cuts scheduled for the Department of Defense, HEW, and Treasury.

It also specifies that additional legislation will be sought to end the inclusion of the one-percent "kicker" now added to cost-of-living increases in Federal retirement annuities. The "kicker" is a one-percent bonus to compensate for the delay between the rise in the cost of living and actual receipt of the increase in annuities.

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Airline leave fares, scheduled to end March 31, have been extended an additional year.

Military reservation fares, in effect since the early '60s, allow servicemembers on leave and traveling at their own expense to buy reserved coach or economy seat tickets at a 25 per cent discount.

To qualify for the reduced fares, a servicemember must show a valid active duty ID when buying a ticket. Travelers also will be required to sign a statement that they are on authorized military leave-pass or within seven days of separation, and that travel is at their own expense. Travel in uniform is not required.

The airlines were unanimous in their agreement to extend the leave fares. The reduced fares put air travel within the reach of many servicemembers who might otherwise not be able to afford it. The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) conducted the negotiations with the airlines.



ARMY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—Brigadier General Grayson D. Tate, Mary A. Geisen, widow of Product Assurance's Joseph Geisen and daughter Mrs. Theresa Ann Leak examine the Secretary of the Army's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Acquisition. The award was presented posthumously to Joseph Geisen for his successful efforts to improve the method of processing secondary item procurement work directives.

Army Cutback Plans Awaited

WASHINGTON—The Navy announced March 17 proposed closings or consolidations affecting 74 of its activities and commands in the United States.

With final decisions some six months to a year off, the Navy said the actions could result in elimination of up to 1,300 civilian jobs and eventual shift of about 2,100 military spaces to other activities.

The Air Force announced two weeks ago similar actions that will impact some 10,000 military and civilian jobs. The Army has yet to announce cutback plans.

Major Navy activities being studied for reduction or closure include naval air stations at Key West, Memphis and Corpus Christi. In addition, the Navy hospital at Philadelphia may be closed, reduced or possibly turned over to the Veterans Administration.

Navy activities in the Port of New York are to be reduced. Some 45 local naval reserve training centers throughout the country are to be closed.

At the same time, the Defense Supply Agency said it was considering closure or reduction of the Defense Clothing Factory in Philadelphia which employs some 1,600 government civilians and the Army said it would reduce its operations at Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal by using contractors instead of military personnel and government civilians to handle cargo.

AT AUCTION

SALE NO. 1—SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AT 10:33 7/12 A.M.

SALE NO. 2—SATURDAY, MARCH 27 AT 2:03 6/19 P.M.

3 FINE PARCELS COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (2 BUILDINGS, VACANT LOT), BEAUTY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES OF THE LEMON TREE BEAUTY SALON LOCATED 502-508 11TH STREET AND ON HIGHWAY 20, DECATUR, ALABAMA, BELONGING TO MR. & MRS. SAMUEL L. McCLENDON.

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This fine building has central heat and air and is in excellent repair. It now rents for \$650 per month and has ample parking area in front and at side and cannot be faulted in any way. If you are looking for good investment property, be sure to check the possibilities of this one.

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TERMS: Real Estate—25% Down Sale Day, Balance On Or Before 30 Days Or With Deed; Beauty Equipment—Cash Sale Day.

SALE NO. 2

At 2:03 6/19 P.M. fine commercial property consisting of large building and adjoining lot will be sold on the premises on Highway 20 and Church Street across from Ingalls Ship Yards. This is one of the best locations you can find in Decatur, Alabama. The adjoining lot is triangular in shape and can only be used for parking (cannot be built on) and will be sold with the building. The building is of brick construction and can be used as service station, 7-11 market, grocery store or any business of this type. One portion of the building now houses Lakeview Restaurant and is rented on a 12 month lease at \$250 per month with an option to renew for five years. Other portion of the building is not rented at the present time. The building is in excellent condition, has electric heat and is air conditioned. (The air conditioners in the Lakeview Restaurant belong to the owners of the restaurant.)

Also to sell on the premises here is a vacant commercial lot which fronts 150' more or less on Church Street. This lot is level and has water, sewer and electricity available.

Highway 20 has one of the highest traffic counts in Decatur, so you could ask for no better location. This property is also just a short distance from Highway 31 and I-65. It is across from Ingalls Ship Yards, one of the largest in the country. One side of the building was built in 1971, the other in 1972; it has about 3300 sq. ft. The parking lot to be sold with the building fronts 187' more or less on Highway 20 and 160' more or less on Church Street. Property will be sold subject to present leases.

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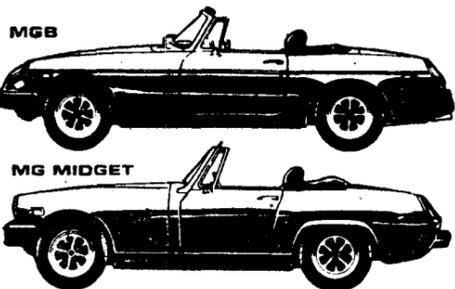
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It's Been A Scuffle To Get Ahead

History - like beauty - depends upon the eye of the beholder.

The history of Army missile operations at Redstone, for example, can be told in terms of weapons, or technology, or organizations, or people because it is all of those things.

During Black History month, several long term black civilian employees were asked for their views as people who have helped make history in an era of dramatic change caused by the coming of missile and rockets and quiet, but even more far reaching change in the relationships among people who worked here.

They share the pride of their coworkers in having been a part of what happened here. Asked what he considers his personal contribution to be, Claude Echols, a truck driver now, and before that a soldier, a fork lift operator and a laborer looks

"It has been institutional discrimination rather than person—that's the way it was—a system. There have been whites discriminated against because no one gave them an opportunity, a helping hand.

"We've made a lot of improvements because management is concerned and is doing something. We've had constraints due to cutbacks in personnel and budgeting that managers could do nothing about."

Gurley looks back and sees a lot of improvement, but he believes management should pay more attention to individuals, have more compassion for them. Everyone contributes to the overall mission, be it the man who holds the broom to sweep, or the engineer who develops new missile techniques. "If you take care of people, they'll take care of the Command," Gurley said.

"I'm glad when I see someone

"There aren't majorities and minorities in terms of one's career objectives —."

"I can confidently say that when I call a supervisor about a problem, I can always talk to that supervisor or go to see that person—I haven't been sluffed off."

Vaughn, whose 30 years of government service have involved work for several agencies, says he has run into individuals who were hostile to all blacks, but seldom sees such people these days.

"I was black long before it was fashionable to be black" he said. "There aren't majorities and minorities in terms of one's career objectives—those are myths in the sense that there is no organized group or effective leadership to bar your progress. I don't believe in generalities. It's individuals against situations. People can make up their minds where they want to go in their careers and accept the challenges. It's a challenge to blacks. I live from day to day and overcome problems as they arise. I'm proud of blacks who achieve because I know some of the obstacles they had to overcome. I have a lot of racial scars."

Vaughn says he's seen blacks promoted because they are black, and thinks that's a disgrace. "It creates a bad situation when someone is promoted for any reason other than merit, it hurts everyone. As for me, the more difficult it has been to get ahead, the better I feel as I know I've accomplished something.

He is proud of what he's accomplished. He said he has had all kinds of experiences—he's lived on a farm in Dallas County, lived in a big city ghetto, been a high school drop-out, and held all kinds of unskilled jobs.

"Success can be yours if you make up your mind. There are opportunities, but people just don't recognize them, and let them pass," he said. "As for me, I'm going to keep walking up steps as long as I'm breathing."

Claude Echols, a wage grade employee, drives a truck, and feels he has contributed to the Command mission by doing his best in whatever position he has held.

"I've never felt there was a deliberate effort to hold me back because I'm black. I get along well with people and have all during my 33 years counting my time working and three years in the Army", he said.

Willie Burks, a Facilities Engineer employee, said, "I take pride in my work, try to do my best, yet I'm not picked for sustained superior performance or outstanding awards while the fellow who works along beside me doing the same work, is picked. I've asked my supervisors how I can improve so I will qualify for the awards, but feel I haven't been given a fair chance. I do feel there's a brighter day ahead for blacks."

"I feel no one has contributed more to my country than I have."

back over 30 years and says, with quiet dignity:

"I've worked hard."

Working hard is a recurring theme in the conversations of these black people. Listen to them:

Leonard Gurley, a quality inspection specialist in RASA, put it this way:

"I've had 33 years of civil service and 33 years in the Army reserves—counting my sick leave, and serving in both capacities, I have 67 years of service at age 53. I feel no one has contributed more to my country than I have.

"I've held all types of jobs. I believe in working hard, although many times it has been a scuffle to get ahead.

"I'd be telling a lie if I said I'd never been discriminated against. Twenty-five years ago, there were only certain types of jobs given to blacks—and women. It has taken a lot of hard work to overcome obstacles—I remember segregated rest rooms and lunch rooms.

"My experience has been that somebody had to give me an opportunity to move into better jobs. I'm convinced a lot of our older black people could have held more responsible positions if they'd been given a chance. They could have contributed more—they're capable. But the same goes for women.

promoted, black or white, if they're qualified and deserve to move up. I don't expect favors because I'm black. I want to be treated as a person just like everyone else....I know some whites feel people are promoted because they're black. Personally, I believe in the merit system for everyone."

Both Gurley and Samuel Vaughn are concerned about the lack of black supervisors and managers. Their point is that if there were more blacks in staff meetings and responsible positions there would be better understanding throughout the Command—better communication about what is going on and greater visibility of equal opportunity in government service.

"Take a look at the directory chart," Vaughn said.—"the problem is obvious." He heads the Systems Design Programming and Integration Division in the Directorate for Management Information Systems.

First appointed an EEO counselor in 1963, Gurley recalls: "EEO was really a dirty word then. We've come a long way even though progress has seemed slow. As a counselor, I try to help people, black and white, and the best way to do it is to approach the problem through the chain of command.

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He thinks EEO has failed as has upward mobility. "Oh, it's accomplished awareness, but it's not a remedy," he said.

Vaughn regrets there isn't a better way to tell black people how to get federal jobs. He said that blacks in general, have little knowledge of procedures for getting on federal job registers, and those who do know are not moved to try for federal jobs because they have little expectation of being hired, based upon past experience.

Ludie Garrett, a secretary-steno in the Intelligence and Security section of Internal Security, says there's been no visible deliberate effort to hold her back because she's black. She says she has felt discrimination against her for job selection. She has been working at Redstone since 1957 except for five months when she resigned one time.

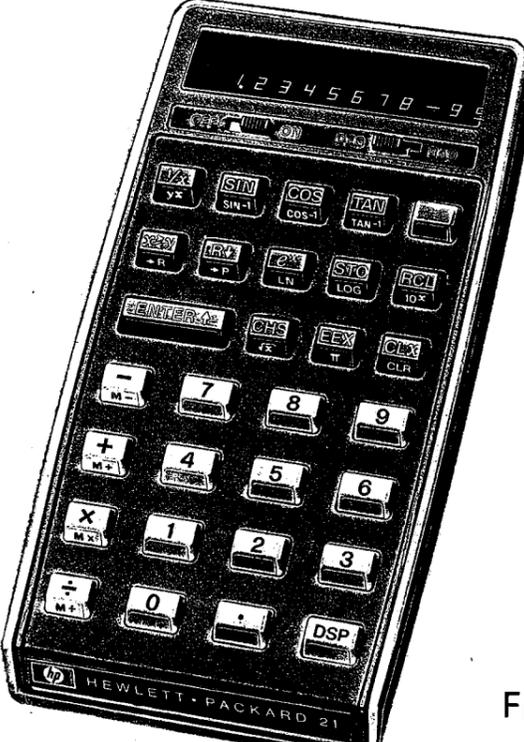
"I've seen blacks I know, advance, and I think there is a fine future for those who are qualified. I've always tried to be efficient at work—that's my contribution.

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Propose Reduced Rates For Long Term Per Diem

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Army has proposed a change which would reduce civilian employee per diem rates on long-term training assignments. The committee is expected to approve the proposal which could go into effect this summer.

If the change is implemented by DoD, civilians on training assignments of 120 days or more will receive per diem at 55 per cent of the allowed CONUS rate. Current CONUS civilian per diem ranges from \$33 to \$50.

The recommended changes came as a result of a study which concluded that the maximum rate was excessive since most long-term trainees rent an apartment instead of residing in more expensive motel facilities.

In some instances, the study showed, employees rented facilities in excess of individual requirements so family members could join them.

The change recommended by the Army was coordinated by the other services and sent to the DoD Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

Accountants Hear OMBE Manager

The regular monthly meeting of the Huntsville Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 25, at the Ramada Inn.

The guest speaker for the evening will be C. Loring Jetton, the Association's project manager for OMBE.

Guests are invited to attend the meeting. Reservations may be made with Charles Harper at 876-5975.

Gas Saving Tip

See that your brakes are adjusted correctly. Dragging brakes can rob gasoline economy. Be sure they are released properly.



PRAYER BREAKFAST—Chaplain Ford G'Segner (left) and Chaplain Harold Hannum (right) prepares food for the weekly prayer breakfast at the Chapel. The prayer breakfast program averages eighty people per week, and such breakfast goodies as eggs, ham, hot biscuits are served. (U.S. Army photo by SP 4 Jeanie Dennis).

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Early Wednesday Morning

The lights of the Post Chapel are aglow on Wednesday morning, as the chaplains and their assistants prepare for a very special occasion. The occasion—Wednesday morning prayer breakfast.

Every Wednesday morning, the chapel is the scene of a breakfast that draws together approximately 80 military and civilian personnel in spiritual fellowship.

Beginning with an attendance of only 14 people in November 1974, this figure recently rose to 134.

The Chaplains arrive at the chapel about 4:30 to prepare the food.

The program starts out with devotion, led by one of the chaplains.

The meal is served family style, with people seated around the table.

"It makes us feel good when my people attend," said Chaplain Ronald Rodeck, project officer for the breakfast. "Too many times people in the civilian community associate military people with drugs, alcohol and sex, and not with religion."

"The prayer breakfast is a good thing," said Colonel John Underwood, command of School Brigade. "It is commendable how young soldiers, both male and female spend a few minutes in spiritual fellowship."

Recently, a platoon of women from the 7th Student Company marched in the rain to attend this special occasion.

No Calls Brings Hot Line To End

The direct line phone into the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division, installed in July for use by employees who had questions on personnel matters, has been disconnected since it had little use.

Luther Adams, Civilian Personnel Officer, said at the time the phone was installed that employees could call in their questions which would be recorded and referred to the appropriate part of his organization for an answer.

The few calls that came in do not justify the expense of having the special phone, Adams said.

Soul Group Plays For Sunday Dance

The Electric Freeway will furnish music for a dance at the Recreation Center on Sunday evening, March 28.

This young group of Soul musicians will be making their second Redstone appearance. They are very popular with the younger set having played for dances at colleges and schools in Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Military personnel are urged to support the activities planned for their entertainment.

Local Firms Get Service Awards

Several hundred orders for goods and services to support Missile Command programs went to business concerns in Huntsville during February and came to a total of \$820,000.

Included were awards for minor construction projects, medical supplies, laundry for labs and clinics, machine rental and maintenance, building materials, food, safety glasses, printing, automotive repairs and paper, as well as laboratory equipment.

Orders to firms in nearby cities totaled approximately \$70,000.

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Education Opportunity In Area Almost Unlimited

Education buffs, check this out. Educational opportunities for the soldier at Redstone are many, and just as varied.

Colleges in the immediate community include Calhoun Junior College, Athens State College, University of Alabama in Huntsville, and Alabama A&M.

Calhoun and Athens State conduct resident courses through their extension programs at the Redstone Education Center. Courses conducted by Calhoun are conducted normally two nights per week for two hours each night. Athens State courses are conducted one night per week for 3½ hours. Announcements of these courses are made in advance by the Education Office through the Daily Bulletin.

Athens State College will offer courses in Money and Banking, Humanities, Business Statistics, Social Psychology, Financial Management, Economics, Business Policies and Business Law.

Calhoun Junior College offers courses in English Composition, Fundamentals of Speech, General Mathematics, History of Civilization, and Principles of Accounting.

DA Form 2171 (Request for Tuition Assistance) is required for tuition assistance and can be obtained at the Education Center, Bldg. 3484. The tuition assistance program provides soldiers an opportunity for off-duty college and vocational courses. The Army pays for 75 per cent of the course, the soldier pays the other 25 per cent and for his books. For example: a course at Athens College which is accredited for three semester hours at \$15.00 per semester hour will cost the student \$11.25. The government will pay the additional 33.75.

Tuition assistance could amount to a sizeable savings during a three-year enlistment. The soldier would pay about \$45 for a three-hour course if taken without tuition

assistance. However, with tuition assistance the soldier only pays \$11.25.

Another method is to utilize the Veteran's Administration (VA) benefits, which pays for the tuition in full. Which ever option is chosen, students will be required to pay for text books, laboratory and registration fees.

Off-duty education opportunities are part of the soldiers benefits. GI

Social Studies, Natural Science, Humanities and Mathematics.

In addition to the five basic CLEP tests, the program also offers a great range of specific subjects in which the soldier may be tested to accrue college credits. Some of these areas include Micro Biology, Clinical Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology and Human Growth and Development.

The Defense Activity for Non-

201 File and other pertinent documents are evaluated for potential college semester hour credits.

Athens State College representatives are at the Education Center each Wednesday from 10 to 12. Calhoun Junior College representatives are there Fridays from 8 to noon.

For those personnel who have not obtained a high school diploma, a comprehensive program is also available through the General Education Development (GED) test program. A request at the Education Center will immediately start you on the road to a high school diploma.

Correspondence courses relative to your military occupational specialty (MOS) and advanced MOS are available through the Office of Non-resident Instruction. An enrollee can accumulate career incentive points toward a promotion. Each unit orderly room has a catalog listing these courses. There is no cost for enrollment.

The military service has done a great deal of homework in the education area to assist an individual in rounding out his military career by helping him to accumulate promotion points, assisting him to obtain a college degree in a chosen discipline, and affording him the opportunity of learning more about the world.

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Education is one of the better appreciated benefits of being in the Army. Soldiers can get a head start on college, catch up on high school or get credit for vocational training and the dollar value of education benefits received while in uniform could easily amount to several thousand dollars.



WARD

March Soldier Of The Month

Private Teresa D. Ward, assigned to the 6th Student Company at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, has recently been named Post Soldier of the Month for March.

Selection for this honor was based on appearance, knowledge of military subjects, current events and world affairs. Ward received a week-end stay in the city, compliments of the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

The 22-year-old native of Blue Springs, Mo., is a Nuclear Weapons Maintenance student.

She entered the Army in October 1975, completed basic training at Ft. McClellan, and was assigned to the missile school in January of this year.



Points To Remember:

1. Visit the Education Center and talk to a counselor.
2. Gather documents of previous education.
3. Decide which discipline you wish to pursue.
4. MOST IMPORTANT, SIGN UP AND GET STARTED.

Bill educational benefits are part of military life. A soldier can attend classes during off-duty hours and the VA will generally pick up the tab.

The University of Alabama and Alabama A&M University offer courses to military personnel who want to pursue a degree. Individuals interested in attending these institutions should visit the Education Center (Bldg. 3484) for applications for enrollment.

In addition to the formal educational programs, there are numerous methods and additional programs whereby the soldier may receive college credits.

College credits can also be earned by taking the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). The Education Center administers these examinations upon request and without charge. Most colleges accept the credit if tests are successfully completed. The tests encompass English Literature,

Traditional Education Support (DANTES) provides testing services and correspondence programs for military members worldwide. If you feel you have the basic knowledge concerning a particular subject, you may take examination under DANTES Special Subject Tests Program. These subjects range from Economics, Forestry, Educational Psychology to Auto Mechanics. The Education Center will give the test upon request. The Center has on display a complete listing of the subject courses which are available.

Athens State College and Calhoun Junior College, in cooperation with the Redstone Education Center, send representatives to the Arsenal each week to evaluate previous credits earned by potential students. In other words, previous certificates of completion, diplomas (military and civilian),

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It seems that way now as the Rockets dropped two closely-contested games to Calhoun State College in a double-header Friday at Linton Field.

A pitching duel developed against Calhoun's Tim Abston and Redstone's Mike Arndt in the first game. However, five Rocket errors in the fourth and fifth innings allowed the War Hawks to come up with four runs and an eventual 4-1 win.

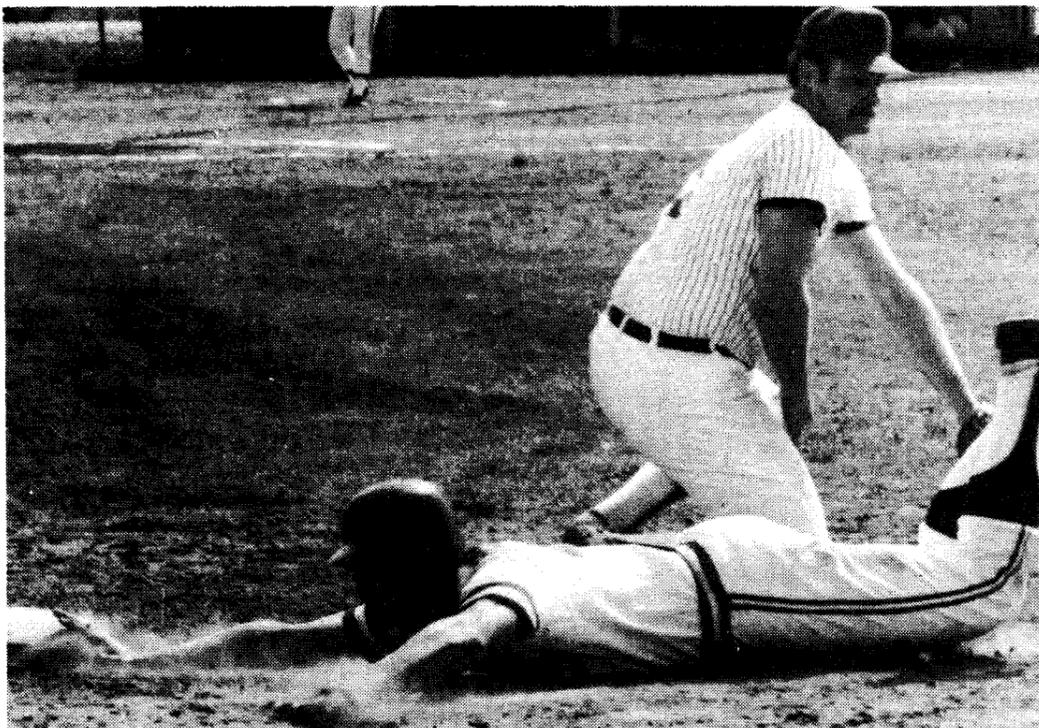
The War Hawks got on the scoreboard first in the fourth after hurler Arndt had limited Calhoun to one base hit through three innings. First baseman Keith Cullefer led off Calhoun's fourth; reaching first on an error when Redstone's Arndt and first baseman Ken Chance collided in an attempt at first for the put out. Jerry Sutherland slammed a double to left center to score

Chance and the War Hawks led 1-0. After two more errors, Arndt retired the side. The Rockets came back in the bottom half of the fourth to knot the game at 1-all, when Mike Spry hit a towering 360 foot homerun over the fence in right center.

What was mounting to be a real old-fashion donneybrook between the two pitchers, was halted in the fifth. With two outs, Scott Qualls reached first on an error for Calhoun—seventh Rocket miscue in the game. Qualls moved to third on John Wright's single. Cullefer stepped to the plate—hitless in his two previous attempts—and belted a homerun to left field, giving the War Hawks a three-run margin.

The Rockets came up with two more hits in the final three innings, but were unable to score. Spry was stranded in the sixth after socking a three-bagger, while Jeff Dixon was unable to score in the final stanza after cracking a double with one out.

Abston chalked up the win for Calhoun on a five-hitter. Wright



Redstone's Ken Chance Attempts Pick-off Play

Rocket Statistics

HITTING AND PITCHING

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	RBI	AVG.
Spry	3	10	4	5	0	2	2	1	0	4	.500
Johnson	3	9	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	0	.333
Dixon	2	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	.167
Chance	3	7	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	.143
Niepotter	3	10	1	1	1	0	0	2	5	1	.100
Manning	3	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	.100
Teppe	3	10	2	1	1	0	0	1	8	0	.100
Wiese	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	.000
DiForie	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000
Edminston	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Kenmore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Fillipucci	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Whitfield	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000
Poole	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000

Rockets	85	10	13	3	2	3	10	39	7		.153
Opponents	97	19	21	3	0	1	7	15	6		.216

Pitching	W	L	PCT.	IP	AB	R	H	BB	SO	ER	ERA
Edminston	0	2	.000	15	66	14	14	10	8	9	5.40
Arndt	0	1	.000	7	31	4	7	1	7	3	3.86
Rockets	0	3	.000	22	97	18	21	11	15	12	4.90
Opponents	3	0	1.000	23	85	10	13	10	39	9	3.52

aided Abston with two hits, including a double. Arndt went the distance for Redstone, allowing only four hits, but was tagged with the loss.

Calhoun 4 Rockets 3

In the second game, Redstone jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first. However, the advantage was short-lived as Calhoun scored four runs on five hits and five errors in the final two stanzas for a come-from-behind 4-3 victory.

Again it appeared that pitching was going to dominate the contest in the early going. Redstone's Steve Edmonston had a no-hitter through four innings, while Bruce Beteman had a one-hitter for Calhoun.

Bateman looked sharp in the first inning, striking out the first two batters, but that was as far as he got. Mike Spry stepped up and slammed a 390-foot homer over the center field fence to give Redstone a 1-0 advantage.

Redstone maintained their slim margin until the fifth when eight War Hawks came to bat. Before the uprising was quelled, Calhoun had taken a 3-1 lead on two base

hits, one walk and one error. Randy Sanders picked up two RBIs, scoring Wright, who reached base on a fielder's choice and Qualls, who singled earlier.

Redstone tied the game at 2-all in the sixth when Mike Spry singled and then stole second, and then scored on Ken Chance's 340-foot home run to left field.

Calhoun sewed the game up in the final inning. With one out, Cullefer singled and then went to third on Sanders base hit, after Edmonston got designated hitter Terry Asher out on strikes.

Errors, which cost Redstone a win in the first contest, was the blame for their defeat again. With two outs, Stuart Campbell reached base on throwing error by catcher Jim Niepotter. Cullefer, who started the action, then scored the winning run when Redstone's shortstop K. C. Manning booted a grounder.

Mike Randy picked up the win for the War Hawks in relief of Bateman, while Edmonston suffered the disappointing loss for Redstone after hurling a fine five-hitter.

Military Women To Compete In Huntsville Softball League

Tryouts are now being conducted for the Post women's softball team that will compete in the Huntsville Women's League and this year's Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Softball Tournament, tentatively scheduled at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Interested military women should attend a Apr. 1 meeting at 4

p.m. on Softball Field No. 5, adjacent to the enlisted swimming pool. The softball program, along with rules and regulations will be discussed, followed by tryouts.

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Coach Gore Concerned About Pitching Post Baseball Team Winless After Three Contests

By DAVE COWAN

Are you one of those poor guys who frequently trucks his way out to the ball park, hoping to see the home team perform some sort of minor miracle, and before you've even had time to crack the first peanut, your favorite pitcher has got the bases looking like the welfare office on pay day?

Probably, this guy who makes in a week what you do in a year is using his wind up about once an inning and is developing acute bursitis in his neck from twisting to examine all three bases before each pitch.

Not only is his performance disturbing to you, but it does nothing to brighten the day for his manager, either. Before he has time to make a frantic call to the bullpen, the floodgates have opened and the runs are adding up like the tape at the supermarket.

While the smoke clears, our shell-shocked skipper leans back against the bench and, with a far-off gaze, dreams of a pitching staff that can place a batter where he belongs—back in the dugout.

Lots of strikeouts and a low earned run average are impressive, but perhaps the best way to determine a pitcher's effectiveness is to examine how many base runners he allows, on the average, per inning.

Pitching is sometimes a sore spot for major league teams. Redstone Arsenal's baseball team faced similar problems as spring training

got underway last week at Linton Field.

Although baseball is only two years old at Redstone, the team is shaping up rapidly for a demanding exhibition season against such college squads as Calhoun (Decatur), Athens, Gadsden, St. Bernard (Cullman), A&M University (although not confirmed yet) and several teams at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

However, Rockets' coach Bill Gore is a troubled man these days. Already he's concerned over his pitching staff.

"We have no overpowering pitchers," said Gore. "All we can hope for is that they will keep the ball low so that batters will hit more grounders."

"I don't care what kind of stuff a guy has," says Gore, "as long as he's getting hitters out. What good is it to strike out the side when in between you've given up a couple of walks and four or five hits. I get a little upset when it looks like there's two infields out there."

In a baseball game Mar. 11 at Athens State College, the Bears outslugged Redstone for 11-6 win. The Rockets, however, had their moment of glory early in the contest. In the first inning, third baseman Mike Spry slammed a triple, scoring three runs, to give Redstone a 3-0 edge.

But, there was no joy in the Rockets' dugout after the first. Athens came up with three runs in the second to tie the game; added three more in the third and two runs in the seventh to wrap up the win.

"First game jitters," sighed Redstone's coach. "We made seven errors in crucial situations."

From a mirthful side of things Redstone scored six earned runs against four for Athens, while using an amazing 15 players during the contest.

Only one hurler is a returnee from last year's team. He's right-hander Mike Arndt, who according to Gore, throws a good curve ball and an off-speed pitch. Effective when he keeps the ball low, Arndt registered a 2-2 record for the post team last season.

According to Gore, Redstone's brightest hope lies in the arm of right-hander Steve Edmonston, who has a good fast ball and a roundhouse curve.

"We have seven hurlers on our pitching staff," said Gore. "From all of these, we would like to produce four starters—three right-handers and one left-hander."

Among Redstone's promising starters is left-handed Kelvin Poole, a former pitcher at the University of South Carolina.

Other repeaters include Jeff Dixon, catcher; Tony Difiore, second base; Mike Spry at third; and Jay Johnson in center field.

Redstone's coach says the strongest and most consistent hitter on the team is right-handed K.C. Manning from northwest Cincinnati—a city known in the past as a stronghold for classic high school baseball.

Other sluggers include first baseman Ralph Tepe, "explosive" Spry and right fielder Randy Wiese—already gaining fame as the "Hustler." Ken Chance, a 230-pound, 6-2 right-hander is the Designated Hitter (DH) and first base backup. Behind the plate will be Jim Niepatter, an exceptional fielder with a good arm, according to Gore.

"Problems always exist in baseball, but there is one obstacle Redstone will have to overcome," Gore said. "We have 18 players, and only nine can play at one given time. Most of them are of equal ability. However, the job that faces me presently is to keep harmony among them, especially the players who sit on the bench."

Gore stated that this problem has already shown up in their first exhibition ball game against Athens.

Last season, Restone was propelled by semi-pro Bob Hutcheson, who carried a .696 average—16 hits out of 23 trips to the plate. He led the club in doubles (3), triples (4), homeruns (1), runs scored (12), and runs batted in with 15.

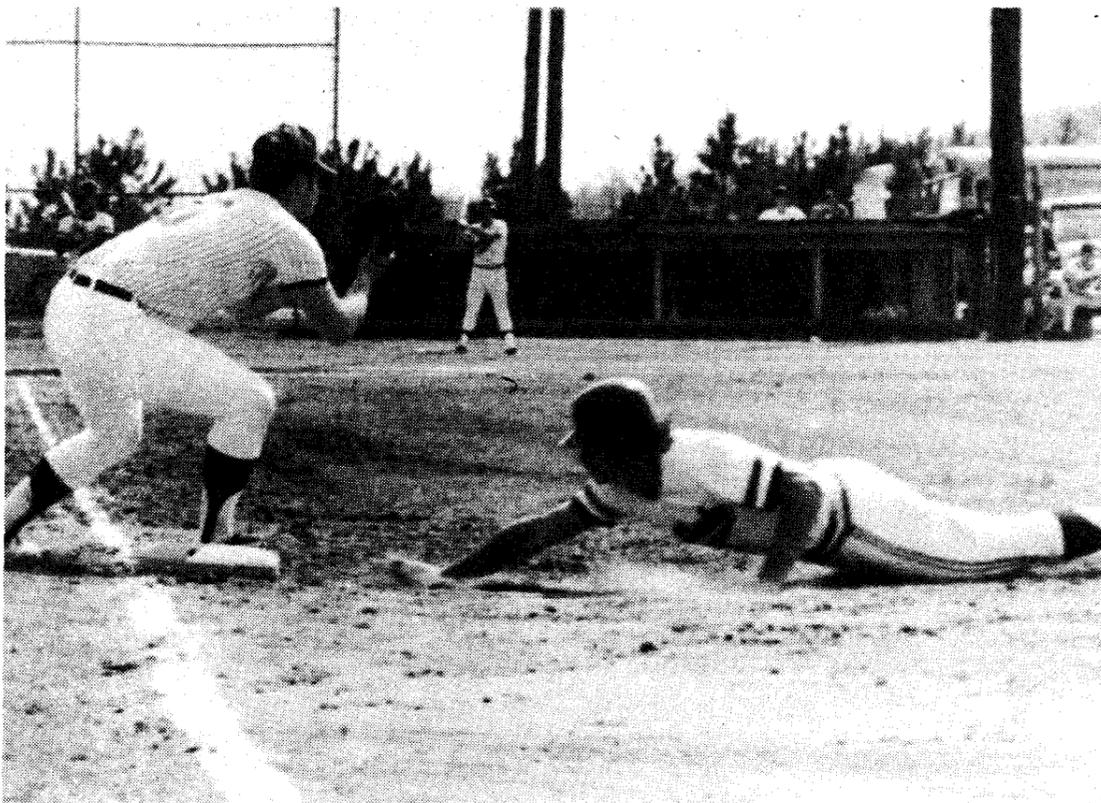
Hutcheson played baseball for South Alabama University in Mobile under the leadership of Eddie Stanky. Following the baseball season last year at Redstone, Hutcheson signed up with the Huntsville Independents—a semi-pro baseball club.

When Redstone's coach was asked if any player (s) could fill Hutcheson's shoes this season, he replied with the names of Manning and Wiese.

Gore believes hitting will have to compensate for Redstone's mediocre pitching.

"You win games by scoring more runs than the other team," Gore noted, "and it's tough for the other team to score if they're not getting to first base."

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AMC League

Standings	Pts.
Bombers	66 1/2
Spares	58 1/2
Alley Cats	51 1/2
Hughes TOW	51
King Pins	50 1/2
Fat Cats	49 1/2
T-Birds	49
Cadillacs	47 1/2
Lily Flagg	47
Sprinters	

Last Wednesday

Spares-4 — King Pins-0
 Hughes-3 — T-Birds-1
 Sprinters-3 — Lily Flagg-1
 Alley Cats-3 — Cadillacs-1
 Fat Cats-3 — Bombers-1
High Rollers
 Mike Reynolds, 544; Tom Johnson, 540
 (210); Jack Mann, 539; Reggie McInaney,
 529; Dave Blackwood, 528.

Wed. Officers

STANDINGS

Standings	WON
76'ers	66
Metracals	50
Swingers	48
Lucky Strikes	42
Readiness Group	42
Strikeouts	40
School Brigade	40
Pickups	38
Redrock Injunears	38
ExASPRators	34
Kuwait Keglers	34
Black Jacks	32
P&P Registers	28
Halo's	20

RESULTS

Redrock 6—ExASPRators 2
 76'ers 6—School Brigade 2
 Halo's 6—Readiness 2
 Metracals 6—Registers 2
 Strikeouts 6—Swingers 2
 Kuwait 4—Black Jacks 4
 Lucky Strikes 4—Pickups 4
IND. HONORS
 High Series: Jordan, 570 (220); Aldrup,
 563, (202); Bofenkamp, 542; Mix, 539
 (222); Ogozalek, 537 (201); Town, 536
 (203); Shuput, 533; Young, 529. Other
 high games: Hertzog, 208; Levasseur,
 208; Gojsza, 205; Sink, 204; Jackson,
 212; and Molepske, 203.

S&M League

Standings	W	L
Clowns	30	14
Outhouse Lounge	29	15
Barber-Coleman	27	17
Strikers	27	18
Misfits	26	24
Outcasts	20	24
The Doc's	18	26
Reba's	17	27
Three & Two	15	29
Huntsville Times	11	33

Last Week

Strikers-4 — Three-Two-0
 Misfits-4 — Barber-Coleman-0
 Clowns-4 — Rebas-0
 Outhouse-4 — Outcasts-0
 Times-2 — Docs-2
Honor Roll
 Les Westbrooks got off to a roaring 268
 start and added games of 172 and 202 for
 a big 642 count that sparked the Strikers
 to their clean sweep win.

Other High Scorers

Buck Wade, 567; Gary White, 551 (210);
 Neil Donaldson, 539 (212); Charles Parker,
 537; John Schleimer, 532 (211).

Huntsville's Best

BOWLER OF THE MONTH—
Jim Rausch captured the
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officer shot a 666 scratch
series on games of 257, 208,
and 201. Rausch set lifetime
highs for himself with the
opening game and series
pinfall while rolling in the
Wednesday Officer's League
at the Post Lanes.

Run For Your Life Underway

Rally Draws Large Attendance

Every person has a personal obligation to remain physically fit, but this cannot be achieved without proper exercise.

That was the general theme of Brig. Gen. Grayson D. Tate, Jr.'s message to more than 350 people last Wednesday at the Post Theatre. Tate, deputy commander of the Missile Command, explained the importance of physical fitness when introducing Redstone's new Run For Your Life Program.

The kick-off rally was attended by many commanders, enlisted personnel and civilians, who evidently felt the general was a believer of the old adage: "Practice what you preach."

Tate, who runs a mile at least five times a week, and has repeatedly stated he would enter the program, urged all military, civilian personnel and their families to voluntarily participate.

"The new self-improvement program," said Tate, "is based on Dr. Kenneth Cooper's aerobic theory of strengthening the cardiovascular system—the heart, lungs, and circulatory system—by gradually expanding their capacity to handle stress."

The general then discussed the three phases of the program. The first phase, the preparatory phase is for persons who have led a sedentary inactive life. Individuals who complete the preparatory phase, but cannot walk or run a mile in nine minutes without undue stress or becoming fatigued, enter the conditioning program.

Those who are conditioned runners and can run a mile in nine minutes or less without becoming tired will enter the sustaining phase.

"Recreation Services will initiate 'Run for your Life' and those who participate will be doing just that," said Tate. "The program is one of the easiest, most convenient, and inexpensive ways to get in shape and stay in shape."

He concluded by urging individuals to take the first stride and try running for their life by enrolling today.

Sports Director Ralph Santaliz followed Tate in explaining the program, policies and qualifications in its entirety. He emphasized the pre-enrollment requirement which is a physical examination at the Post Hospital

scheduled through the Sports Office.

The physical examination is broken into two categories. According to Santaliz, all military and civilians must have their applications authenticated by the Sports Office (Bldg 3474). Soldiers then go to the Troop Clinic, and civilians to the Occupational Health Clinic.

"No special equipment or facilities are required other than appropriate footwear," said Santaliz.

Run For Your Life Program can be adapted to any situation where known distances can be established. However, said Santaliz, "seven courses on the Arsenal, marked with Run For Your Life signs, have been established for the convenience of participants."

"Participants should warm up prior to running," the sports director added. "Warm-up exercises that require twisting, bending and stretching will increase the benefits derived from the program and reduce body stress."

Santaliz concluded, "The important factor to remember is that training, not straining, is the object of Run For Your Life."

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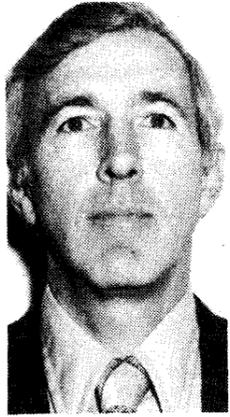
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President Ford in his letter to Johnson said, "As we wage this critical fight to control recession and inflation, it is heartening to learn of the vital contributions you are making to this task."



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The Recreation Center is sponsoring a Flea Market for military personnel and their families on Saturday, April 3, from 8 in the morning until 6.

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Free space in the big lounge of the Rec Center will be provided for persons interested in selling their wares. For further information call 6-4531.

The public is invited to purchase any of the items for sale at the Flea Market.

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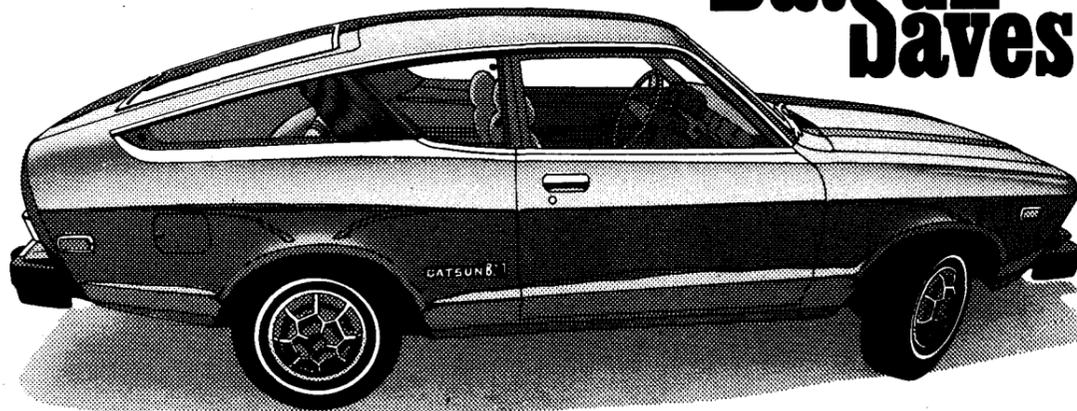
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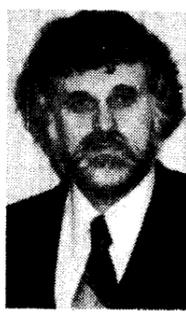
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Two groups of personnel at MICOM have been presented Department of Army certificates of achievement for their nomination as two of Command's selections for the Secretary of the Army's award for outstanding achievement in materiel acquisition.

James A. Cash, Donny R. Dreaden, R.C. Galyean, Jerry L. Marsh, Alton W. McAllister, Thomas R. Moore and Charles R. Raley made up the group from the Directorate for Management Information Systems. They were recognized for their "high degree of ingenuity and originality shown as members of the group that developed the Alpha Remote Terminal Interactive System (ARTIS)."

A group from the Stinger Project Office, which included H. Hoyt Harris, Jack W. Sanders, Dennis H. Vaughn, Adrian O. Watson, Paul A. Wisner, Lt. Col. Kenneth J. Knowles and Lt. Col. Richard C. Yezzi, were recognized for development of a Value Engineering program for Stinger.



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Fifty MICOM and four SAM-D employees applied for and were nominated to participate in the Materiel Acquisition and Readiness Executive Development (MARED) program that opened in February for individuals in grades 13, 14 and 15 who are in engineer and scientist, procurement, quality and reliability assurance, supply management and materiel maintenance management career fields.

The nominations were forwarded to DARCOM for final selection of candidates. Selections are ex-

pected to be completed by July 1. MARED offers competitive developmental training that could lead to executive positions in the materiel acquisition and readiness career field, and is designed to prepare talented individuals for future vacancies.

Participation in MARED does not assure promotion, but is intended to provide exceptionally well qualified individuals for filling key positions in the future.

MARED training can involve assignments in other geographic or organizational areas to broaden experience and expertise.

Those selected for participation in MARED will receive priority consideration for training where limited numbers may be included.

This is a continuing program and it is anticipated that it will be announced on an annual basis.

Non-participation or non-selection for the program will not be a consideration in referral and selection for promotion.

MARED is being administered at Redstone by the Training and Development Branch of the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division. For further information, call Delia Black at 876-5814.

FBI Takes Over Alleged Rape

The Federal Bureau of Investigation assumed jurisdiction last week (March 17) of the investigation of an alleged rape in the Redstone Arsenal Housing Area.

The Redstone Resident Agency of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command had been investigating since the incident on March 12. On March 16, the victim identified an individual she said raped her in her home. That individual was not a soldier.

Army authorities cannot arrest, charge or try persons not subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and, as a result, the case was turned over to the FBI.

A further course of action will be the determination of the U.S. Attorney in Birmingham after review of the FBI report.

Organization Day Program Studied

Food, games, and refreshments will all be a part of the festivities when the Missile and Munitions Center and School hosts their annual Organization Day.

The tentative date for Organization Day is June 16 in the quadrangel between the 6th and 7th Student Companies.

Inter-unit competition and entertainment for the military personnel of MMCS are currently being planned.

All military personnel in MMCS are encouraged to submit their suggestions for this event.

Interested personnel should contact Maj. Robertson at the office of the School Brigade S-3, by calling 876-7733 or 1534.

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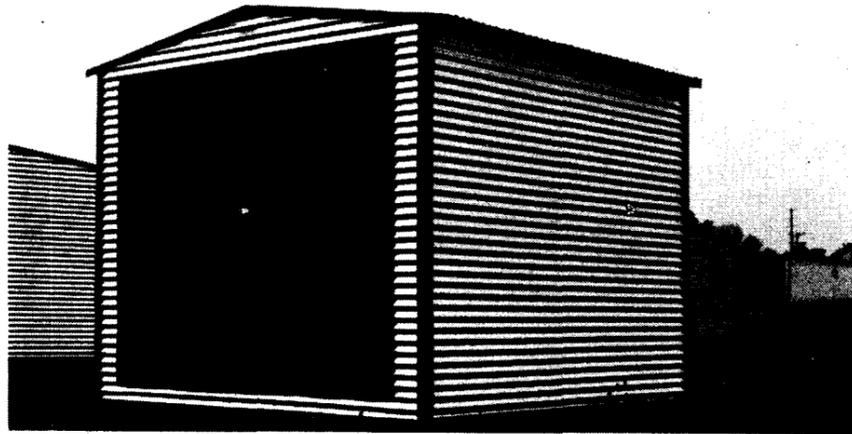
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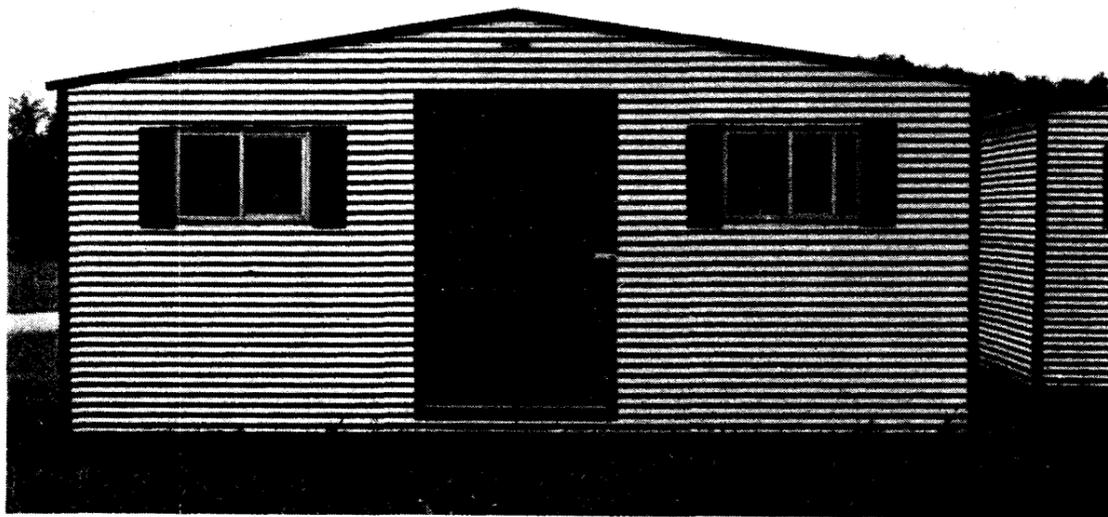
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