

Commanders Here For Conference

DARCOM's top commanders finish a three day conference here today that has brought most of the Army's top weapons experts to Redstone.

The event, the DARCOM Spring Commanders' Conference, also included most Army project managers. MICOM last hosted the conference in April 1974.

DARCOM's top commanders generally hold such sessions twice each year.

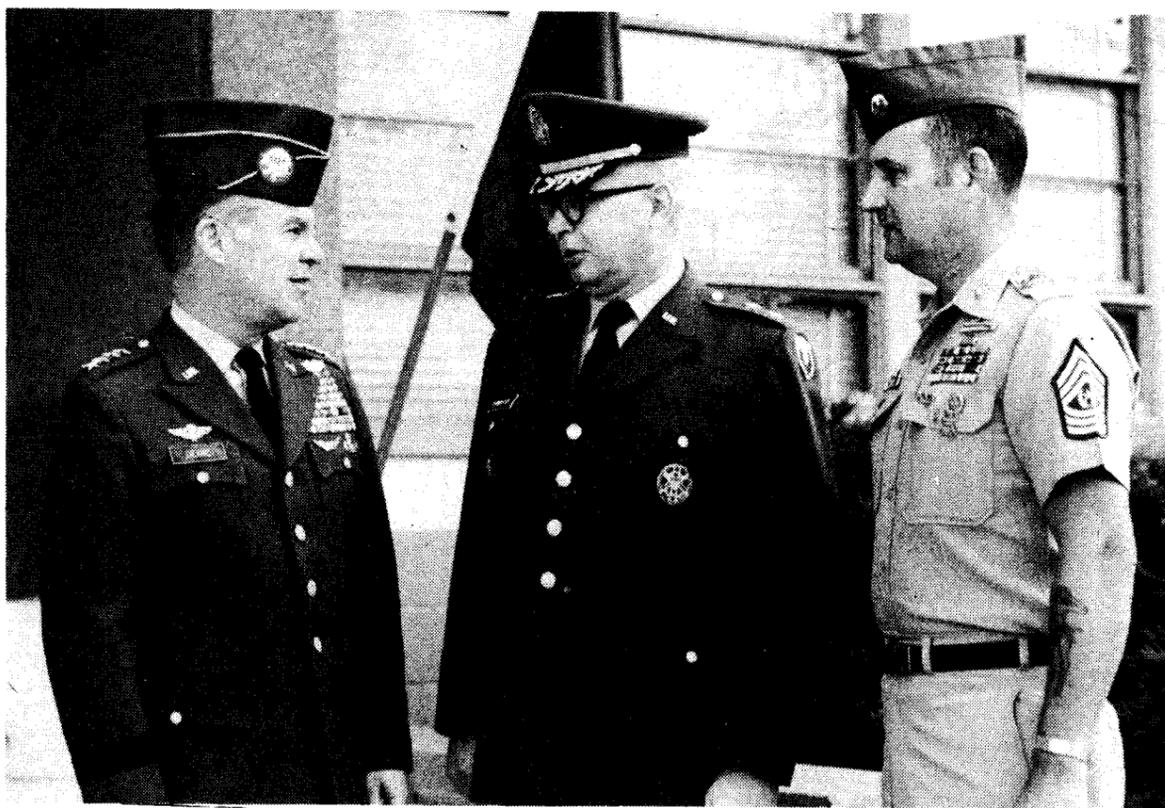
Those attending this one have included General John R. Deane, Jr., DARCOM Commander; his two principal deputies: LTG Eugene J. D'Ambrosio and LTG George Sammet Jr. and DARCOM major subordinate commanders.

Edward A. Miller, Assistant Secretary of the Army (R&D) spoke at a banquet Monday night. Classified working sessions of the conference were held in MICOM headquarters.

Monday afternoon, General Deane was the reviewing officer for the May retirement parade.

DARCOM major subordinate commanders attending included: MG Albert B. Crawford Jr., ECOM; MG Eivind H. Johansen, AVSCOM; MG Bennett L. Lewis, ARMCOM; MG Chester M. McKeen, Jr., TACOM; MG Patrick W. Powers, TECOM; and MG George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM.

Among project managers present were MG Robert J. Baer, XM-1 Tank; MG Charles F. Means, Patriot missile system; MG Robert J. Malley, Munitions Production Base Modernization and Expansion; MG Jerry B. Lauer, UTTAS helicopter; BG William J. Hillsman, Army Tactical Data Systems; BG Frank P. Ragano, U. S. Roland.



WELCOME—General John R. Deane Jr., DARCOM Commander, exchanges greetings with Major General George E. Turnmeyer and Command Sergeant Major Leroy A. Arceneaux on arriving here for the Commanders' Conference.

The Rocket

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Doubled Control May Double The Savings

A large percentage of the electrical load in another 75 buildings here is scheduled to come under computer con-

trol this summer in a second phase of the energy management system Facilities Engineer is developing.

Also being brought into the system are natural gas demand monitoring, and automatic remote control of valves regulating steam flow from boiler plants to heating units.

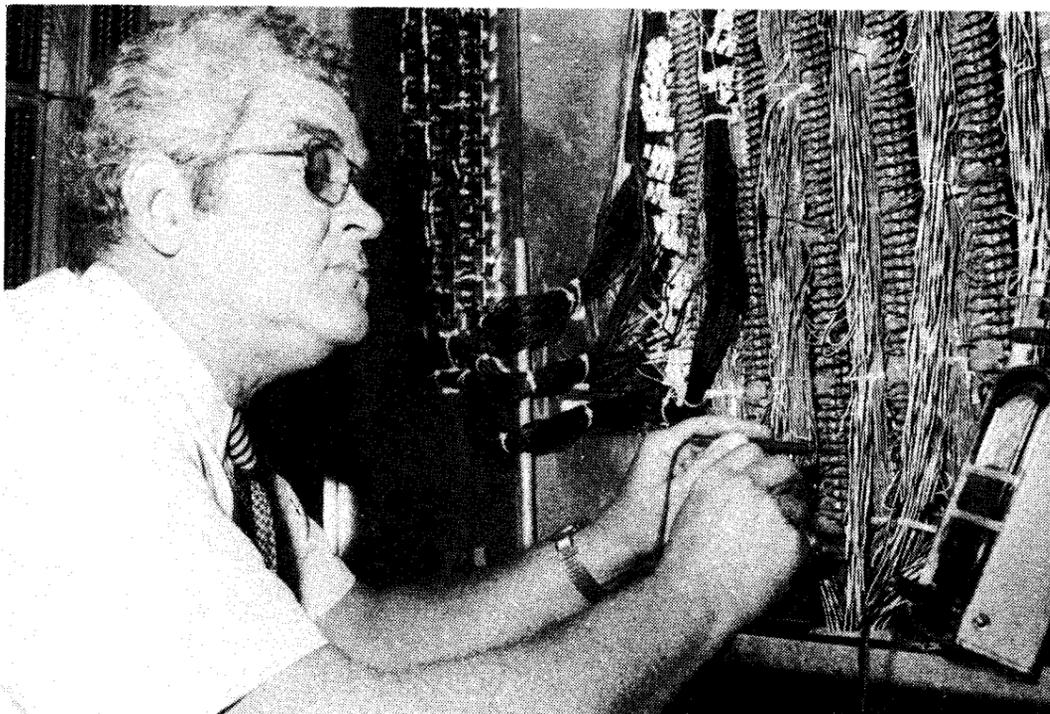
The second phase will bring to 200 the number of buildings here with computer controlled electricity consumption. They represent about 30 per cent of the installation's total electrical load.

Since the first phase of the system went into operation late last summer, monthly savings on electricity consumption and cost have averaged more than 10 per cent. Greater savings will result with the second phase in operation, since it nearly doubles the percentage of electrical load under computer control. Savings as high as 20 per cent are anticipated.

In nine months the computer has achieved dollar savings ranging from \$4,000 in the coldest month to nearly \$60,000 in the hottest, according to printouts of control actions.

The computer controls electricity consumption by holding it to pre-set levels by sequentially turning off air conditioning or heating units for very brief periods. Control strategy is based on time of day, outside temperature and other factors. The air handling units are

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ALMOST READY—Arthur Barnette checks out new circuitry for the energy management system's second phase. (Photo by Keller)

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Hawk Oldtimers

The Hawk Project Office will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first Hawk guided flight on June 22.

Anyone involved with Hawk during the early days, or anyone who knows someone who was, is asked to contact Wayne Jordan at 876-2083.

ANSWERS

(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)

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Q. How long will the surviving spouse continue to receive the survivor annuity?

A. A survivor annuity continues for life, unless the spouse remarries prior to age 60.

Q. Are survivor annuities adjusted for cost-of-living increases?

A. Yes. They are adjusted whenever the annuities of retirees are adjusted for cost-of-living increases.

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The Department of the Army has chosen the proper name "Patriot" for its new air defense system intended to replace both Hawk and Nike Hercules missile weapons.

During early research and development, the system has been known simply by the acronym, SAM-D (Surface to Air Missile Development).

The new name becomes effective immediately.

"Official Army approval of a proper name is further evidence of the Army's commitment to develop and eventually deploy the Patriot system," said Major General Charles F. Means, Patriot Project Manager.

The Army assigns popular names to major equipment and weapons once approved for engineering development or deployment. Patriot was authorized to resume full scale engineering development in February 1976.

Pershings Shot From McGregor Range

West German Air Force units last week fired two Pershings, their fourth missile launch in two weeks, from McGregor Range near El Paso onto White Sands Missile Range.

Seventh U. S. Army soldiers from Europe will fire four—two

from McGregor and two from Fort Wingate, N. M.—before the current spring series ends in June.

The two rounds by the Germans brings the total number of Pershing firing to 331 since the program began in 1960.

Cashier's Hours

Effective June 1, the cashier's hours in Building 3619 will be 8 a.m. to 3:30.

Emergency payments will be made at the main Finance and Accounting office in Building 8027 from 3:30 until 4:15.

Raytheon Shutdown

The plant facilities of Raytheon's Missile System Division on the Arsenal will be closed for vacations during the period, July 12 through 23.

Redstone activities having dealings with Raytheon should take cognizance of this vacation shutdown. Only a very limited staff of personnel will be available at the Raytheon office during the two-week period.

Recycling Reg Soon

New requirements for resources recovery and recycling are included in a Defense directive scheduled for publication this month. The requirements are tough, said an Army official familiar with its content.

The new directive is expected to levy specific recovery and recycling requirements on installations based on their total solid waste tonnages.

It will be implemented at Army level by a revision to AR 200-1.

Ice-Breakers

"Community Growth" will be the theme for next Wednesday's meeting of the Redstone Toastmistress Club at the Officers Open Mess.

Three new members officially joined Club ranks by giving their ice-breaker speeches at the May 19 session with Wanda Griggs named best speaker among the newcomers.

Also speaking for the first time were Gay Chaney and Betty Dugger.

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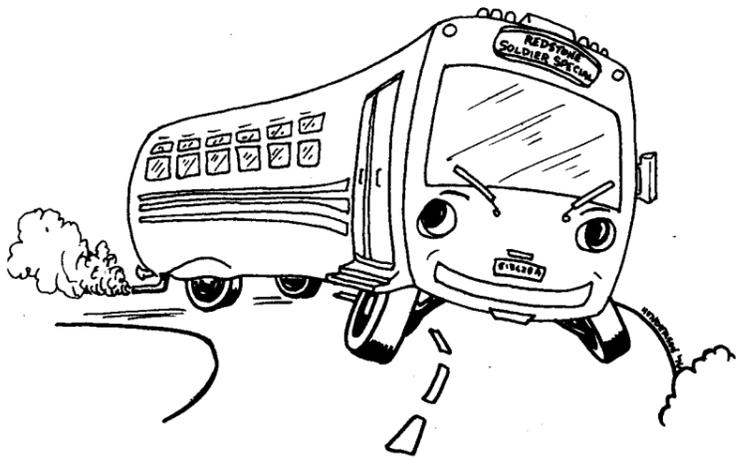
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Bus Easier To Use

Passenger pickup and discharge points designed to make the new downtown bus system easier to use were put in effect over the weekend.

The points have been established at the south entrances of The Mall and Dunnivant's Mall, and at the east entrance of Parkway City Mall. (See map). Additional stops are on Jordan Lane at the Governor's, Holmes and University intersections. On request the bus driver will also stop to let passengers off at other points along the 18 mile route through city shopping districts.

Under a low-fare arrangement worked out with Huntsville Transit

Co., the Chamber of Commerce Armed Forces Committee under Al Bryan and Robert Adams and a group of local merchants, the Army recently turned the bus run over to the transit company for a month-long trial period. Most of the operating cost during the trial is being paid by merchants in The Mall and in Parkway City and Dunnivant's Malls.

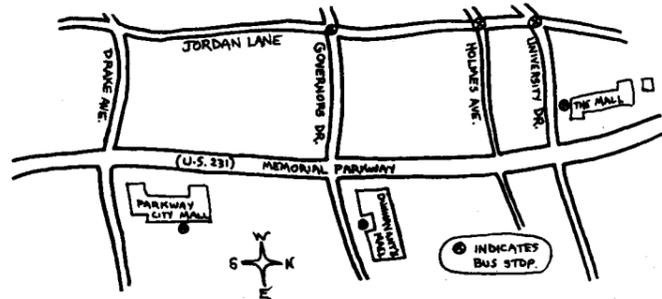
Friday and Saturday the bus carried 170 passengers, up from 115 the weekend before. At the end of the trial period a decision will be made as to whether there is sufficient passenger interest to continue operating the downtown bus.

Stops

The bus will run from 5-9 p.m. on Fridays and paydays and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. It leaves the Recreation Center (Bldg. 3711) on the hour with stops along Jordan Lane at Governors

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An American in Saudi Arabia is highly visible and there is no way to keep a low profile, according to Loyal Blackwood who spent 18 months as chief legal advisor to the U. S. Army General serving as Project manager for SANG (Saudi Arabia National Guard) modernization.

Blackwood, an attorney in the MICOM Legal Office, had some preconceived ideas about what he would find when he accepted the temporary overseas assignment presented as one for a person with a sense of adventure, who didn't mind living in a hot country.

"I thought it would be more like 'Lawrence of Arabia' ", he said as he described what he saw and felt, in clear, well-chosen words.

"We were in Riyadh, the political capitol of Saudi Arabia, a city with modern buildings and paved streets. It was some distance to the undulating sand dunes one visualizes where travelers traditionally get lost—foot prints in the sand and all that.

"There were three groups of American military in Riyadh—SANG, the Corps of Engineers, and MAAG personnel."

Blackwood said his position was one of unparalleled opportunity, rich in rewards, yet risk filled.

"We walked a tight rope in that anything we did that could have offended the Saudis might severely damage U.S. -Saudi relations. It was an intense, high-pressure situation with big stakes, and as meaningful as anything I've ever done. We stood out as representatives of the U. S.

"I experienced warmth from the people I worked with and occasional mild hostility from Arabs on the streets and roads.

"The Saudis, backed by their vast wealth, had plenty of clout, and if they wanted a Westerner to leave, they were not hesitant to issue a persona non grata letter. Anyone getting a PNG letter left immediately," he said. "No questions."

"I'd like to mention as a priority item in my comments that our project was entirely financed by the Saudis. It was a \$372,000,000 (initial) program. The Saudis paid for everything, not a penny of U. S.



taxpayers money went into the project. They paid our salaries, for living quarters, offices, utilities, travel, transportation of household goods, military pay and retirement plus surcharges of a percentage above those to include any other expense.

"We were engaged in modernization of several regiments of the Saudi Arabia National Guard, a force made up entirely of Beduian tribesmen who love the desert and dislike the cities. Their National Guard is a full time force, not weekend warriors. It is commanded by the number three man in the kingdom, the deputy crown prince, Prince Abdullah."

Blackwood said that Saudi women wear layers of black tunics and double or triple veils that conceal them almost entirely.

Mrs. Blackwood was therefore,

an object of curiosity. "She tried to dress in something that came to the neck and down to the wrists and ankles when she went out," her husband said. "She was still greeted with harassing stares, even when I was with her.

"I was a guest in a Saudi home only once, and then only the husband entertained. The lady of the house was never seen, and it is even impolite to inquire about her. We did have dinner with families from other Arab countries and with them enjoyed a typical Western social evening. They included citizens of Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt.

"The Saudi men like to sit over a cup of coffee and philosophize about religion and politics. Unlike Americans who discuss religion, politics, and sex, the latter was never mentioned. No Saudi male

made even a vaguely sex-related remark to me during the entire time I was here.

"Our daughters visited us during the summer, and when we were in the market place one day, a young Saudi running by swiftly, pinched one of my daughters. I suppose that made his day. He quickly melted into the teeming crowds.

"Always on the streets were older men who are religious police. They carry long canes they aren't hesitant to use on shop keepers who fail to close up soon enough for prayers, held five times a day.

"One day when my daughters were out with my driver, some men were following them, as were the religious police. According to the driver's translation, the police were telling the men, 'Go away you sinful men, quit lusting after these American girls. Go away and leave them along.'"

Western children attended the Riyadh International School, but no Saudi children went there without special permission from the King. "They didn't want their children taught or influenced by us infidels," Blackwood pointed out.

"Crime is not one of their problems. Justice is swift and meted out on Friday afternoon in what Westerners call 'Read Choppers Square.' We went by there one day and saw the left foot and right hand of a thief hanging from a 'No parking' sign (in English). The appellant system is practically non-existent and the ACLU would not find much business in Saudi Arabia."

He said highway travel was difficult as the kingdom was not prepared to accommodate it, with sheep, camels and goats roaming at will. Then too, the Saudi drivers weren't very disciplined. "I think they felt the car was an extension of a camel. Say 'whoa' to a camel and it stops. They stepped on the brakes to 'whoa' but didn't realize the cars would go on for several hundred feet. There were many accidents," Blackwood remembers.

"The number of cars seemed to double every month since there is so much wealth. Their favorites are the Mercedes 280s, the Pontiac and Datsun pick-up truck."

"We saw one of the most unusual sights in the world—Hadj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. Muslims flowed in by the millions on foot, by bus, on camel and by chartered jet. They're dressed all in white, usually toweling. The airport at Jeddah is the focal point since the Saudis have so much money and can bring in the faithful by jet. It's a remarkable sight—saw thousands of people on the aprons and runways waiting to board jets with tail insignia from every country in the world, after Hadj was over."

Blackwood's tour was cut short by his mother's fatal illness. He was glad to see the green trees, grass and even the plowed fields around Huntsville when he returned, but said he'd go back to Saudi Arabia, if asked to, after a suitable time to recover from 18 dry, hot, austere, pressure-cooker months.

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Multi-Nation Herc Pact Promises Large Savings

A cooperative engineering program among countries having Nike Hercules batteries and the U.S. Army, is resulting in an expected savings of more than \$8 million over a three year period. The program, covered in a Value Engineering proposal, has been audited and approved.

The U.S. has only half of the deployed Hercules batteries, yet pays \$4.5 million annually for an engineering program to support the system.

Two MICOM representatives, Lieutenant Colonel S. S. Canja, and Jimmie Sandlin both from the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory,

developed a program whereby the countries would each pay a pro rata share of the engineering costs based on the value of their equipment.

Canja and Sandlin proposed the program to a conference of NATO officials and to high-ranking officials in Spain, Taiwan, and Japan.

"Hercules is important to the defense of these countries and all readily agreed to help foot the bill for their share of the engineering program. It gives them a feeling of security that they will be able to keep their systems operating.

"We also have an agreement that the countries will pay for

design changes—say a couple of them get together and request a change in design, they pay the entire cost of development and production. Then if other countries adopt the change also, they pay their share, thus reimbursing those who first made the request."

"Changes made are mainly in components that have improved with advancement of technology—Hercules was deployed in 1958, and there have been many advances since then. The newer components cut down substantially on maintenance of the system," according to Sandlin.

The U. S. retains ownership of the designs and could go into production if there is ever a need.

Terms of the cooperative engineering program provide that if a country buys more systems or decreases the amount they have, their share of the cost will be adjusted accordingly.

Sandlin said that an additional benefit to the participating countries is a monthly report that goes to each country, covering the Hercules engineering program.

"An outgrowth of the program is a request from NATO for an engineering study which they will fully fund and in the sale of 19 HIPAR's to Germany. "We had them in storage—the radar for Hercules—so the sale saves the U. S. storage costs," Sandlin said.

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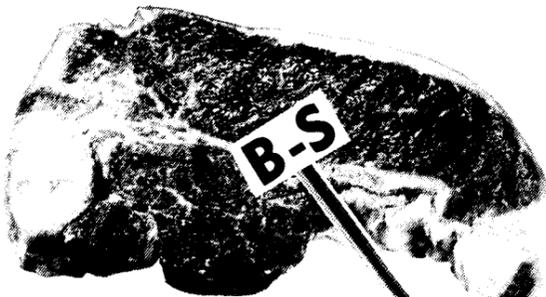
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In the most recent test with SLUFAE (Surface Launched Unit, Fuel Air Explosive), the Army ripple fired five rockets with live warheads into a field containing live mines and quickly cleared a path through the field.

Tests are continuing at the Virginia fort.

SLUFAE, being developed as a quick response, all weather, day or night system, consists of a 30 tube armored launcher mounted on the M548 tracked vehicle.

MICOM is developing the launcher, shipping container and fire control equipment for the system. The Mobility Equipment Research and Development Center at Fort Belvoir, Va., manages the program and Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, Calif., is developing the rocket motor and round.

Prior to the actual firing, the team emplaced the launcher and simulated a 30 round ripple while demonstrating the system's extremely short reaction time. And one phase of the test included demonstrations of both the launcher container and ground handling equipment.

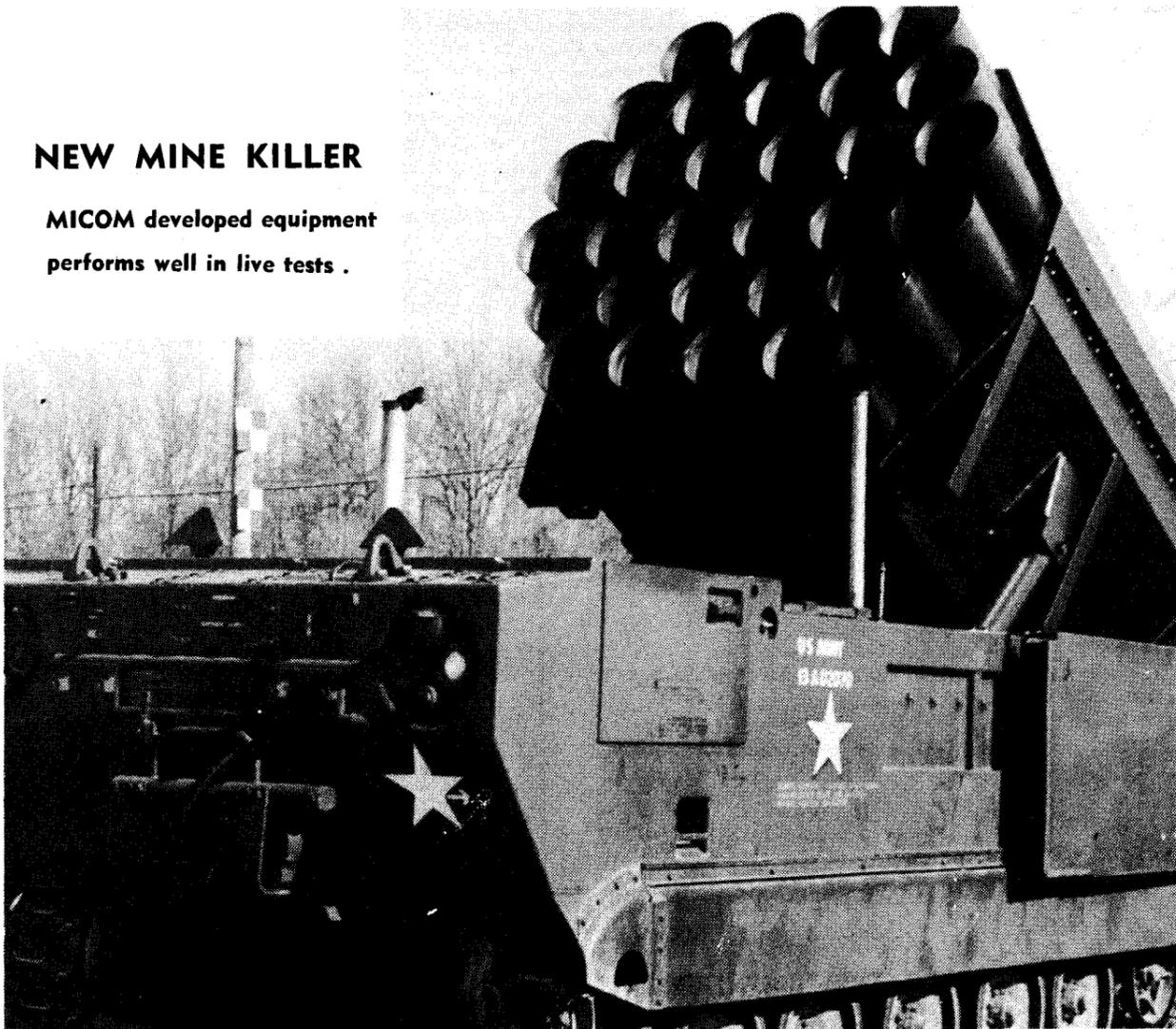
MICOM representatives for the test were Jim Eubanks and Bill Laird, both of the Ground Equipment and Materials Directorate. Others involved in the program include John Womble, Launcher/Container Program Manager in the Advanced Systems Concepts Office; Boyd Neblett, Jack Wade, Billy Campbell and Ed DeBona of GE&MD; John Aufdehar and Terry Farris of Test and Evaluation Directorate.

SLUFAE, which will enable combat

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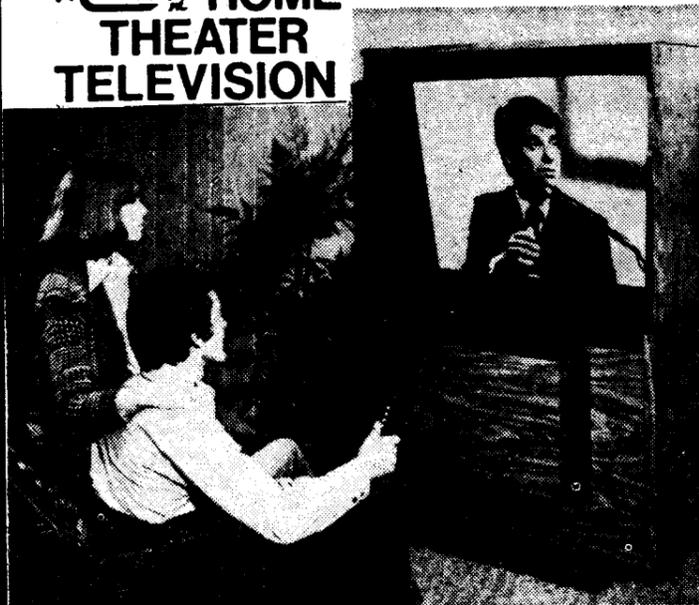
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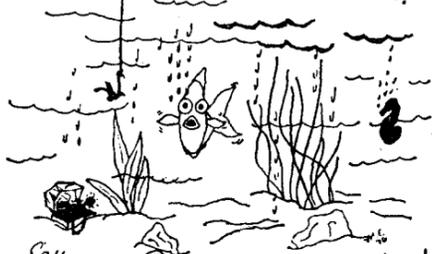
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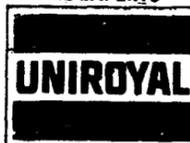
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MICOM Teams Get Medals

Almost three years ago, two MICOM teams were presented the Secretary of the Army's annual award for outstanding achievement in materiel acquisition, but the engraved medals to accompany the award were still under development.

Recently the medals arrived at MICOM and were presented to Col. Robert Huntzinger, John Wlodarski and Ward Jensen of the TOW Project Office, and to John Muller and William Blades, from Procurement and Production and Richard Edmonds, now retired.

The TOW team was cited for managing a Value Engineering program that resulted in successful development of the weapon system, and those from P&P were recognized as members of a "Should Cost" team.



Huntzinger



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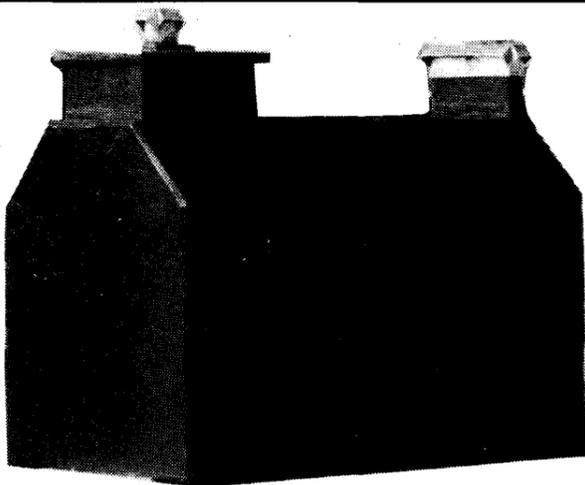
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AUSA Speaker

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Prior to his appointment as assistant secretary last November, Miller was President of the Optical Systems Division of ITEK Corporation.

He is responsible for the establishment of Army research and development objectives and for the appraisal of performance in the R&D effort.

Tickets for the June 3 meeting are \$6.00 per person and can be obtained by calling Bill Turney at



Miller

895-3410 or Stacy Davenport at 876-7135.

Military personnel attending the meeting are requested to wear dress blue uniforms with four-inch ties.

BMDSCOM Leads In AUSA Drive

BMDSCOM is leading the pack in the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army '76 membership drive.

BMDSCOM has recruited 156 percent of its assigned goal for the annual drive.

MICOM is still leading with the most new members and renewals, a total of 478, or 78 percent of their goal.

MMCS is running third with 34 new members and 52 renewals.

AUSA will be conducting its '76 membership drive through June 30th. Individuals interested in joining the Association of the United States Army and who have not been contacted should call Ernie Young at 876-4223.



GROUNDBREAKING — Colonel Donald J. Styer (center) and Colonel James M. Feltis shovel the dirt in a traditional groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dental Clinic. Brigadier General John W. White (left) Regional Health Services Commander, gives advice to the Dental Services and MED-DAC Directors. The Dental Clinic Groundbreaking Ceremony was one part of a two fold ceremony in which the new Troop Health Clinic was opened.

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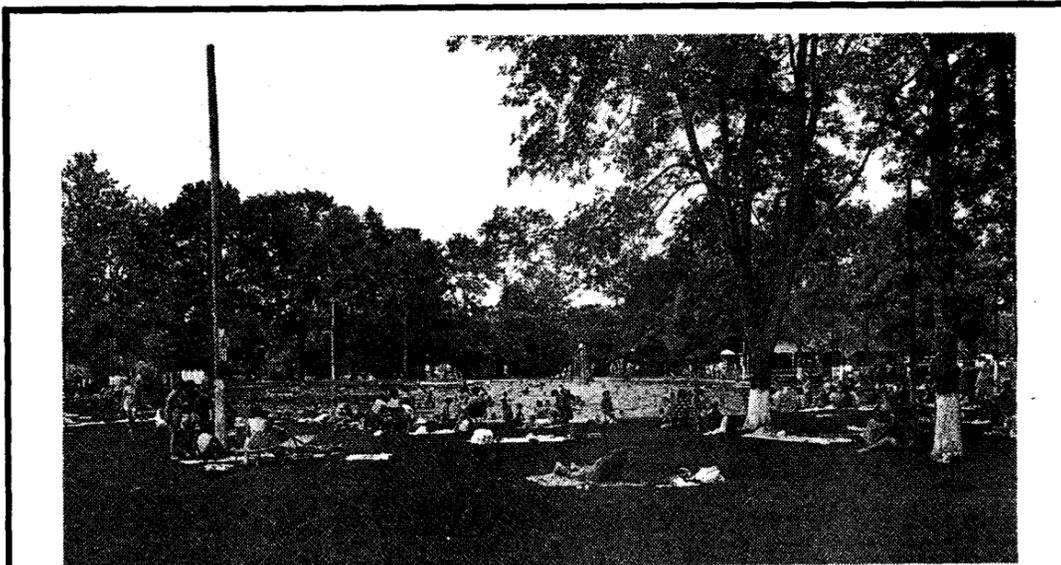
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Wives See Sites

A discussion of Cholesterol Crystals and their use in detecting blood clots and cancer was one of the highlights of the DARCOM Commanders wives tour at Redstone on Monday.

Four DARCOM Commanders wives — Mrs. Edward A. Miller, Mrs. Harold B. Gibson, Mrs. Chester M. McKeen and Mrs. Charlesy R. Smith accompanied their husbands to Redstone for the three day conference.

Monday was a busy day for the ladies with tours of the U. S. Army Missile Research Development and Engineering Laboratory and the new Bicentennial

Chapel filling most of the morning.

A trip to Mooresville, 20 miles west of Huntsville was made Monday afternoon. Mooresville a typical 1840 village is one of the last towns in North Alabama to remain virtually unchanged by the twentieth century.

Tours of the Twickenham District in Huntsville and Guntersville Dam were planned for Tuesday with the last scheduled tour of the three day conference being a trip to the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center on Wednesday morning.



COMMANDER'S WIVES TOUR—Mrs. George E. Turnmeyer (left) and Mrs. Edward A. Miller visit the Advanced Simulation Center during the Commander's Conference at Redstone. Mrs. Miller accompanied her husband the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development for the three day conference of DARCOM Commanders.



ONE OF A KIND—Jim Newman explains how the Advanced Simulation Center works to Mrs. Chester M. McKeen, whose husband is the Commanding General of the Tank Automotive Command at Warren, Michigan, and Mrs. Harold B. Gibson whose husband is the Director of Readiness at DARCOM.



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Early Army Uniforms Impractical

(Editor's note: This is the first of a five-part series on the origin and evolution of the Army uniform)

By Dave Cowan

Now that we have crossed the threshold marking the 200th birthday of the Army, the circumstances surrounding the successful fight for freedom may be understood by tracing our military heritage, military clothing in particular, from our early militia up to today's Army.

Military uniforms, as we know them, can be traced back only to the last 300 years. As far back as the Old Roman Empire, soldiers adopted the civilian dress of the period and were distinguished only by their helmets, body armor, shields and weapons.

Soldiers of the 13th century donned a loose, sleeveless surcoat, worn over a knee-length mail shirt.

Under Richard the Second, English soldiers wore the red cross of St. George on their white canvas surcoats to identify them in battle during the 14th century.

Perhaps, many don't realize the purpose of a military uniform. However, it stands to reason that the primary purpose of the uniform was to distinguish between friend and foe. Another consideration in the early days was purely one of economics.

For example, in Europe, the colonel was responsible for clothing his regiment. Therefore, it was cheaper to buy material in bulk.

Cromwell, in his organization of the New Model Army in the 17th century, first recognized the value of uniforms in promoting unit pride.

The 18th century is regarded as the harbinger in establishing a fitted style to distinguish military personnel from civilians. Looking towards the American scene, colonial soldiers dressed in a wide variety of uniforms, mostly variations worn by their European counterparts with influences from the Indians.

FRONTIERSMAN

In the earlier expansion days of our country, Frontiersmen wore fringed deerskin or linen hunting shirts—often reaching to the knees with one or more capes. A broad leather belt, which carried a knife or hatchet, held the shirt together since it was open down the front and without buttons. This outfit, topped with a three-cornered hat, was used until 1975 by mounted and foot troops.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

During the Revolution, attempts to adopt one type of uniform were unsuccessful. The result of such actions was troops dressed in blue, brown and gray, with various colors for lapels, cuffs and collars.

In 1776, Congress authorized Washington to raise an army by direct enlistment and to prescribe

a uniform. The British uniform of the Whigs served as a model.

CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF NONUSEFULNESS

The uniform, consisting of a dark-blue coat with tails, a three-cornered hat, buff vest and breeches, and leggings was kept until 1810.

Oddly enough, the cocked hat was the outgrowth of brimmed hats worn by wealthy men, who, trying to outdo their fellow men, increased the size of their brims. The size of the brims became so enormous it became necessary to join the brims, getting what is known as the cocked hats.

The 1776 uniform was a classic example of impracticality. The high, stiff collar was uncomfortable and the crossed belts hampered breathing. Coat tails caught on bushes, breeches were very tight, while leggings made hiking difficult.

As for the three-cornered hat, it was hard to keep on; it provided minimal protection from sun, rain, wind or snow and soon lost its shape.

In 1779, a uniform of white wool or linen coveralls replaced the buckskin. The new clothing consisted of light-blue, open waistcoats with red, blue, white or buff facings. The color depended upon the geographical origin of the troops.



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years.

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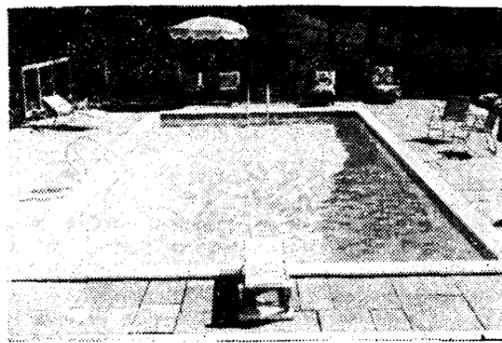
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Bed-stricken Waddell had Idea He could Fly like Birds

By Dave Cowan

During the past several months, the World of Sports column has concentrated on baseball: statistics, renowned heroes—from the past to the present—as well as humor and individual records.

However, it seems an article on baseball humor has received more responses from fans than any other article written. Maybe, in the tension-packed society in which we live today, humor has it place like some of the following isolated antics in baseball.

One of the all-time great entertainers—during and after a ball game—was manager Casey Stengel, a cool, witty individual. Although his legendary managing stands out the most, he still possesses a gift of humor. In one game, he doffed his cap to the cheers of the crowd and a bird flew out of his hair and circled the field.

There are others. One time Cuccinello loped into third base standing up and was called out. He didn't attempt a slide, he explained to his manager, because he was afraid he might bust some cigars in his pocket.

Art Shires responded to the boos from the bleachers one day by turning to the crowd and shouting, "Good! That's all right. Go ahead. I get excited, too, when I see a great ball player."

Once a Washington Senators' player sent a screaming drive into the left-field stands. The umpire dashed over to the left-field line to judge the ball. As a woman was being carried from the bleachers, the arbiter asked Coach Altrock whether the woman had been hit.

"No!" answered Nick so all the stands could hear. "You called that one right and the woman passed out from shock."

Although these stories must stand for what they are, isolated antics, some zanies have been noted for consistent lunacy. Rube Waddell, Babe Herman, Dizzy Dean and Goofy Gomez wrote baseball's funny sheets for years.

They played baseball and screwball, but it's hard to tell which role has endeared them the most.

needed. He mowed them down in the second game like sand-lot kids and streaked from the ball park.

Rejoicing over the two victories, Waddell and his teammate, Ossie Schreck, went out for a big evening on the town. After hitting all the high spots, the two men returned to their hotel and continued the celebration with their other teammates.

Waddell woke up the next morning in the hospital with a fierce hangover and encased in rolls of bandages. Hovering over the bed was his pal, Ossie.

"Oh-h," groaned Waddell. "How did I get here? Last I remember, we was up in our rooms having a few drinks with the boys. What happened?"

"Don'cha remember?" said Schreck. "Long about midnight you suddenly got the idea you could fly. A couple of the boys said you was nuts, so you got mad and said you'd show'em. Next thing I knew, you had the window open and out you hopped—flappin' your arms, just like a bird."

"Holy cow!" howled Waddell. "I could have been killed. Why didn'cha stop me?"

"What!" exclaimed Schreck. "And lose the hundred bucks I bet you could do it?"

There was one more episode between Rube and Ossie. In those days to save money, the club often arranged for Waddell and Schreck to sleep in the same bed. Schreck had a habit of munching soda-crackers before going to sleep.

One day, Rube stormed into Connie Mack's office and said he was not going to sign his next contract. Since Waddell was the team's mainstay, Mack was ready to make some concessions.

"What's up, Rube?" said Mack. "You want more money?"

"Naw, the dough's O.K.," Waddell said. "But I don't sign no more contracts unless it says in there someplace that that roommate of mine don't eat no more crackers in bed."

Well, Mack saw it Waddell's way and Schreck's contract prohibited him from eating in bed.

The Incredible Hoiman

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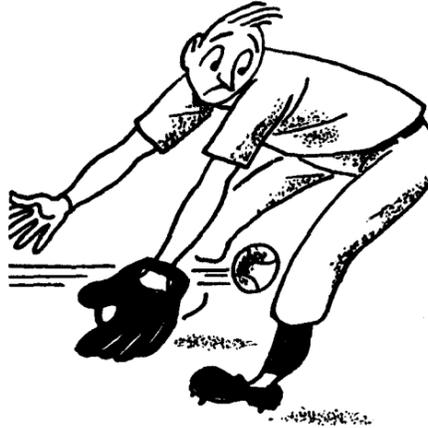
One afternoon in a crucial series, George Edward Waddell (Rube) pitched and won the first game of a double-header for the old Athletics. Manager Connie Mack promised him a day off if he won the second contest. That was all the bait Rube

but not a fielder, you can't stay in baseball? Babe Herman did. The Babe was a murderous hitter. In the field, it was murder, too.

Herman started as a first baseman. He was called the incredible Hoiman, the pride of Flatbush, and the dean of the Daffiness Boys.

Kyle Crichton in Collier's magazine once wrote, "Whenever the opponents got two men on base and Babe got hold of the ball, the players in both dugouts dropped behind the concrete and hid, fans in all parts of the field covered in fright, and the groundkeepers hastily locked the gates to keep the ball in the park."

Herman was no fielder. However, the Babe's bat had to be kept in the line-up, so



manager Wilbert Robinson sent Herman to greener pastures—the outfield. As an outfielder, Herman didn't change the error of his ways, but he did change the way of his errors.

No one could possibly have dreamed of how many different ways there were of missing a fly ball. But Herman showed them. It was always a toss-up whether he would drop the ball or the ball would drop him.

Herman always denied the story that he was once hit on top of the head by a pop-fly.

"Why," he once told a news reporter, "if a ball ever hit me on the head, I'd just hang up my glove and quit baseball."

"How about your shoulder. Would that still go," said the writer.

"Oh, no!" Herman said. "The shoulder don't count—only the head."

One year during post-season activities, Herman told reporters, "You know, a rich friend of mine invited me to go with him on a trip around the world, but I told him I'd rather go somewhere else."

The Card From Arkansas

When Dizzy Dean first came to the majors, he used to leave his teammates dumbfounded with his brash conceit. Dean regarded himself as the best pitcher that ever lived.

Some might say he was. Although his big-league career lasted only five years, the masterful hurler recorded 133 wins against 66 losses. Dean averaged close to 25 victories a season.

When the fans weren't laughing at Dizzy, they were at his brother, Paul. On one occasion, old Diz was hit in the head by a line drive. The ball careened off his noggin into the outfield. Dean lay unconscious on the field.

When the elder Dean came to, he said to brother Paul, "Say, there ain't gonna be no lump on my head, is there?" "Shucks, no," said Paul. "It was only a glancing blow."

Dizzy Dean was fined once for missing a midnight curfew. Dean drew a \$400 fine,

while three others received a \$200 penalty. Diz stormed into manager Franke Frisch's office and complained.

"After all," he said, "it ain't like I was doin' somethin' different than those other three guys. But you just fined them \$200 and you threw a \$400 fine at me. It just ain't right."

"Why, Diz," quipped Frisch, "you're not the same as those other guys. You're the star of this ball team. You're the great Dizzy Dean. Everything about you has got to be bigger and better than anybody else. And that goes for the fines, too."

With a gleaming face, Dean said, "Danged if you're not right, Frank." Dizzy was convinced and went off beaming.

Gay, Gifted, and Goofy

Left Gomez was a real aviation bug. They say everytime he saw an airplane he would stop at what he was doing and just stare.

During the last game of the 1937 World Series, the Yankee star was working carefully to the Giant batters. In the fifth inning, an airplane flew low over the Polo Grounds. Gomez forgot about the game and watched the aircraft until it passed out of sight.

When Gomez reached the dugout after the inning was over, manager Joe McCarthy angrily greeted him. "Why, you blankety-blank screwball," McCarthy said. "Keep your mind on the game. With you day-dreaming like that, I'm surprised they didn't knock the ball out of the park."

Gomez replied, "Izzatso?" "I had ahold of the ball all the time I was watching the plane, didn't I? How could they knock it out of the park?"

A few days later, an airplane flew overhead doing hair-raising stunts. McCarthy saw it all. When he saw Lefty that afternoon, he said, "You should have been around this afternoon. You missed a real crackpot flier. He was doing the worst lunatic stunts."

"You mean that bright red biplane?" asked Gomez. "That's the one," said McCarthy. "It would have taught you a lesson. I hope you saw it."

"Well, not exactly," replied Gomez. "I was in it."

However, Vernon Gomez was far more than a goof ball. He was a great pitcher. Pitching 13 years for the Yanks, Gomez won 198 games. He also hurled in four World Series, winning all six games he pitched.

In departing, here's an eye-catcher for the readers who read the umpire article.

George Moriarty was calling strikes and balls behind the plate during a major-league game. A big-league rookie stepped up to bat and watched a fast one go by. "Stri-i-ke one," shouted Moriarty.

The batter just glanced at the ump. The next pitch was another strike. This time the rookie turned to the man in blue: "Just for my information, sir, how do you spell your name?" he asked.

Caught off guard Moriarty spelled his name. "That's what I thought, sir," said the youngster as he stepped back into the batter's box. "That's Moriarty with only one i."

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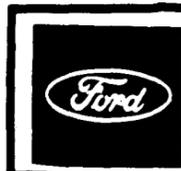
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ITD Militia Beaten by Civilian Ballplayers

By Dave Cowan

To Muhammad Ali, the difference is "radar" in the ring. To Pele, it is "balance, speed of mind and strength" on the field—but above all, "God's divine gifts," plus lessons in geometry and chess. To O. J. Simpson, "a certain amount of extrasensory perception." To Billie Jean King, "attitude and a sense of urgency."

To hurler Fred Helmer, it was what? He has no sense of urgency. Fred moved like a tortoise. He had no strength or balance. He fell down twice—the first fall registering 5.4 on the Richter Scale—while fanning twice at the plate.

If Helmer has any of God's divine gifts, no one saw them as the civilians outslugged the military in the second annual Instructional Technology Division softball game at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

The sporting controversy—one which tends to be verbal and usually tails off inconclusively into comparisons of the era each team has dominated—was settled in the final inning when Willard "Medicaid" Evans slammed a triple to give the civilians a 8-6 victory.

For Helmer, starting his fifth year as the perfectionist pitcher of the modern era, it was by chance or fate that the white-collar workers won, he stated.

Fred paused the other day to reflect on the question: What is the critical difference that makes some athletes "superstars" in such a fiercely competitive business?

"The initial thing," said Helmer, "is to formulate the theory that you're going to work under. Mine is to strive for consistency, and there are four elements to it: mental preparation (three cans of suds), physical preparation (weighs 250 pounds), the mechanics of pitching and game

strategy (which he had none)."

Although, "Bic Banana" Helmer committed five errors (two for falling down), he wasn't the only one to grab headlines in the classic feud.

softball, believing it to be a pineapple; while a "turncoat" GI switched teams and belted a tie-breaking homer for the civilians. The "turncoat" happened to be Tony Diferrie.

military took the lead in the second and maintained a 6-2 margin through five innings.

In the sixth inning, the civilians—looking like a group of McMurry's Cuckoo Nest out-

"Pineapples" Managbanag, who chokes up on a bat so far that you would think he had a baton, got three hits.

Johnson, a Company B softball player, displayed the ultimate in physical prowess. Playing center and right field, second base and other positions simultaneously, he attempted to throw out a civilian batter racing towards first. However, Johnson overthrew first base, the field and the tree-line with the ball reportedly hitting the Saturn Test Stand in the NASA complex on one bounce at that.

Another tense moment occurred when civilian hurler Guy "Topsy" McAllister went into a uncontrollable rage when John "Warpath" Dam's wild rely throw from left field went wide of its mark—bouncing along the fence and eventually upsetting McAllister's can of suds.

Freddy "Fingers" Rogers bobbled a ten-foot throw at third. Flopping down on third base, the ball finally came to rest in his lap for the force out of the baserunner.

If there had been a MVP award, the honors would have gone to "Medicaid" Evans. At the age of 63 and wearing Phyllis Couche's golfing hat, Evans cracked a triple for two RBIs and then snagged a looping fly ball to double a runner at second base.

In the aftermath, the score proved incidental. The plays, ploys and faux pas made the afternoon what it was.



During the limp, bruise and cramp softball fiasco, a 63-year-old civilian tripled, driving in two runs; a Philippine sergeant on the military team tried to pocket the

Jan "Armstrong" Johnson propelled the military into a one-all tie after the first inning when he slammed a towering homer over the left-center field fence. The

patients—scored six runs for the eventual win.

In a losing cause, the ITD's military did have some exciting moments—good and bad. Ed

Post Tennis Tourney Set

The 1976 post tennis championships will get underway at the tennis courts adjacent to the Officer's Club from June 11 thru 13. Tennis buffs interested in competing should contact the Athletic Office, Bldg. 3474, or call 876-2943 no later than June 7.

A preliminary meeting to discuss pairings and time of play will be conducted at the Athletic Office June 7 at 2 p.m.

This year's tournament will consist of an open division and a senior division (40 years or older). According to Sports Director Ralph Santaliz, the matches will be governed by U. S. Tennis Association rules and will consist of single elimination for both singles and doubles play.

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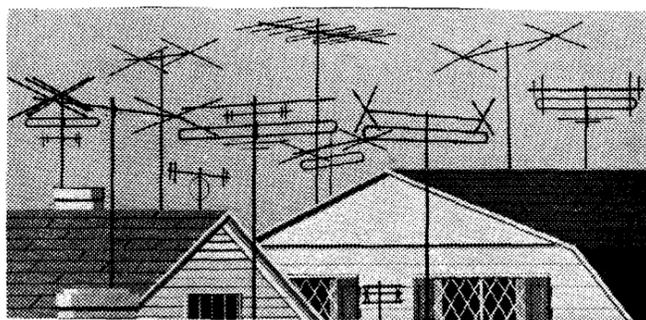
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Materiel Management Grabs Early Lead

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The 10-8 victory enabled MM to maintain a clean slate after six games while MISD came up short for the first time following a string of six straight wins.

Each of the rivals had slugged their way to double wins earlier in the week. MM battered the Comptrollers, 38-7, and Finance and Accounting, 18-2, in tuning up for their big battle.

MISD just got by the Satellites, 15-14, with a last inning run and then bombed P & P, 22-9.

The Accountants were the only other double winner during the week counting with a 10-9 squeaker over R&D, and a 23-0 whitewash of

P&P.

The T&E Lab hung a 15-3 lacing on P&P, but dropped a 14-2 nod to R&D, the Satellites bombed ASC, 20-2, and R&D nipped the Comptrollers, 7-5.

Materiel Management went into the battle for first without their star pitcher, Lindon Calvert, but MISD was even further handicapped with a pair of long ball threats, Russ Ward and Jack Harris, on the sidelines.

Mel Waters moved in from his shortstop position to replace Calvert in the duel with Bruce Coker and came up with the win when his mates broke a 5-5 tie with a five-run burst in the sixth.

Gary Belue highlighted the winning surge with a two run homer to complete a four-for-four day. Bill Hart delivered a four-

baser earlier with two mates aboard. Theo Horn homered on the first pitch of the game and both Coker and Doug Wise joined the home run brigade in the losing cause.

Horn's sacrifice fly in the last of the seventh provided MISD with their winning margin against the Satellites. The latter forced the tie with an eight-run in the top of the seventh.

John Roberts blasted a trio of homers with Horn and Larry Betts each getting two as the defending champs waltzed by P&P.

Rob Sumner had a perfect four-for-four night and Belue collected three hits as Calvert had an easy time in hurling MM to their win

over the Accountants.

The same two continued their assault against the Comptrollers and between them, drove in 14 runs. Belue belted three homers while Sumner went five-for-six.

Lloyd Brooks and Jerry Nachriemer collected three hits apiece to get R&E past the Comptrollers and Ocke Fruchnicht hurled T&E to their win with Jack Bissinger and Lee Rains providing the offensive support.

The Accountants used a six-run burst in the bottom of the seventh to get by R&D. Ron Eyestone and

Al Ingram each drove in a pair of runs in the winning rally and Lumis Culver picked up the win.

Tom Johnson blasted a grand slammer as Culver picked up another win at the expense of P&P.

The Satellites had little trouble in making Sid Sapp a winner over ASC with an offensive show sparked by Charles Lovejoy and Larry Connors.

Lovejoy homered with two mates aboard and Connors continued his lusty hitting with four in a row. The Satellite star ended the week hitting at an .800 clip.

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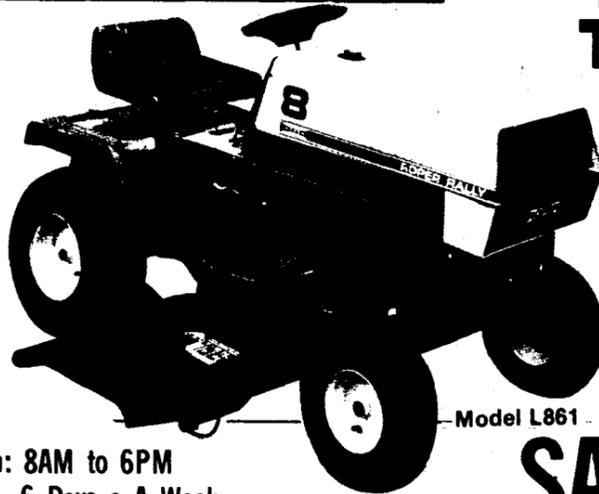
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Marines Dominate Mat Tourney

The Marine Detachment at the Missile and Munitions Center and School were the overall winners in the 1976 RSA Invitational Wrestling Tournament last week at the new post gymnasium.

The Leathernecks took three divisions out of five in the competition, which drew only 15 contestants.

In the 134-pound division, Leatherneck Al Borunda won a 8-2 decision over Steve Brown of 8th SC. Both grapplers received two points each after the first period. No points were awarded in the second. In the final period, however, Borunda out-wrestled his opponent, 6-0, for the win.

Two Marines collided in the 150-pound category with Perry Flategraff taking a 5-2 decision over Al Smith. Flategraff took a 3-2 advantage over Smith in the first, increased his lead by two in the second, with no points awarded in the final period for the win.

In the 158-pound division, Ed Christman defeated Dave Donnelly, both students of the 4th SC, 6-4 in the best bout of the tourney. After no points were given in the first period, Christman out-manuevered Donnelly in the second to take a 3-0 advantage.

Donnelly came back in the final stanza, out-scoring his opponent 4-3, but loss the overall match 6-4 to

Christman.

Torso twister Bill Beckwith gave Company B a win in the 167-pound event. Beckwith defeated 6th student Ted Lix in three periods of wrestling, 12-6.

Beckwith advanced to the final round by pinning 4th student Julio Joubert at 1:38 in the first period.

In the 177-weight event, two more Marines squared off. Owen Finley got the decision over Roger Schofield, pinning his opponent to the mat with 52 seconds elapsed in the first period.

Finley drew a bye in the first round, while Schofield advanced to the final round with a decision over 4th student William Davidson.

MMCS Golf League

Standings				Results	
	W	L	Pct.	PB	
Jets	64	32	.667		Double Eagles 12 — Slicers 4
Golfing Detail	61	35	.635		Golfing Detail 11 — Old Fogies 5
95th Cal.	56	40	.583		Bogey Boys 10 — Marines 6
Old Fogies	52	44	.542		Jets 10 — Loggers 6
Bogey Boys	50	46	.521		Parakeets 8 — 95th Cal/ 8
Double Eagles	48	48	.500		Low Net Scores
Loggers	46	50	.479		Front: Gathof, 33; Smith, 34; Ford, 34;
Parakeets	44	52	.458		Coddington, 34; Back: Waldrup, 33; Black,
Marines	33	63	.344		36; Napier, 37.
Slicers	30	66	.313		Birdies: Haynes (Par 3).

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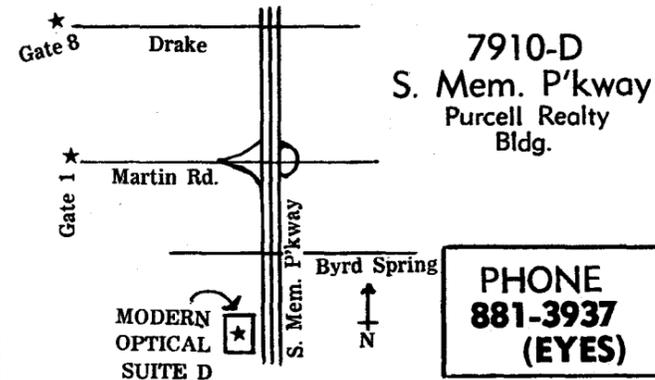
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Track & Field Finals Today

The final round of the Redstone Arsenal Track and Field Meet will get underway this afternoon at the Physical Fitness Training (PT) Field on Patton Road.

The meet will conclude with the following events:

- Long Jump Trials and Finals, 5 p.m.
 - Pole Vault Trials and Finals, 5:30 p.m.
 - 440 Yard Relay Finals, 6 p.m.
 - 440 Yard Finals, 6:15 p.m.
 - 100 Yard Finals, 6:30 p.m.
 - 880 Yard Finals, 6:45 p.m.
 - 220 Yard Finals, 7 p.m.
 - One Mile Relay Finals 7:15 p.m.
 - One Mile Finals, 7:30 p.m.
 - 880 Yard Relay Finals, 7:45 p.m.
 - Two Mile Finals, 8 p.m.
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Private First Class Katherine Sheard of Greenville, Tex., has been named the Missile and Munitions Center and School Soldier of the Month for May.

A former substitute teacher at Greenville Junior High in Greenville, Sheard was selected for the honor over her contemporaries from First and Second Battalions at the school.

A student in the 27-week Land Combat Support Systems course at MMCS, Sheard is a holder of two bachelor of arts degrees from East Texas University at Commerce—one in business and the other in Spanish.

The 23-year-old educator entered the Army last October, completing basic training at Ft. McClellan and then Cobet Training at Ft. Jackson.

Why Army life over teaching? "In the teaching field, all I saw was other teachers and students," Sheard said. "I wanted to meet a variety of people."

Sheard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sheard, had a helping hand in her decision to enter military service. Her father was a first lieutenant during World War II and Korean conflict and her

mother served as an Army nurse during the second war.



SHEARD

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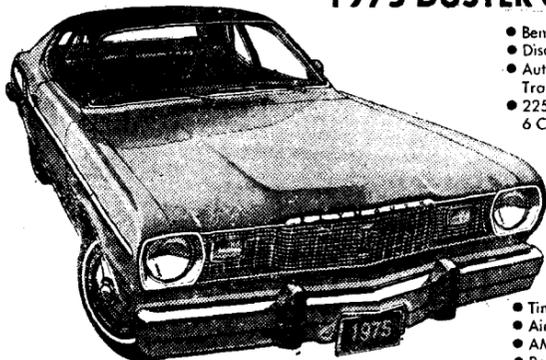
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Officer Alternate Skill Selection Pending

WASHINGTON (ANF)— Officers in year group 1969 will know by the end of August what their alternate OPMS specialty is to be, according to MILPERCEN officials. Files of YG 69 officers are being reviewed now by company grade career divisions.

YG 69 officers are receiving questionnaires this month on which they can list their alternate specialty preferences. An officer's specialty choices will be compared with the results of file reviews at MILPERCEN before career divisions make the final designations.

Factors being considered include time officers have served in

various OPMS specialties—how well they performed in these specialties—and civilian and military education. Alternate specialties are formally designated each year as MILPERCEN-managed officers complete eight years active federal commissioned service.

Final alternate specialty designations are based on Army needs—the officer's experience—and personal preferences. Officers will receive notification by personal letters routed through local personnel offices.

Alternate specialty designation is uncomplicated when the company grade officer cites

preferences that match his education, training and experience—and the Army's needs. When these factors don't mesh, career divisions have to weigh the officer's potential for a particular specialty against officers who already have training and experience in the area.

The name of the game is to come up with the right number of officers in each specialty based on projected Army needs. But career managers will try to keep to a minimum the number of captains who will be designated specialties not listed among their preferences.

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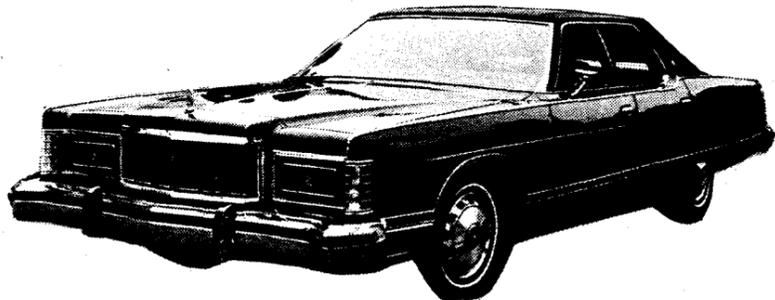
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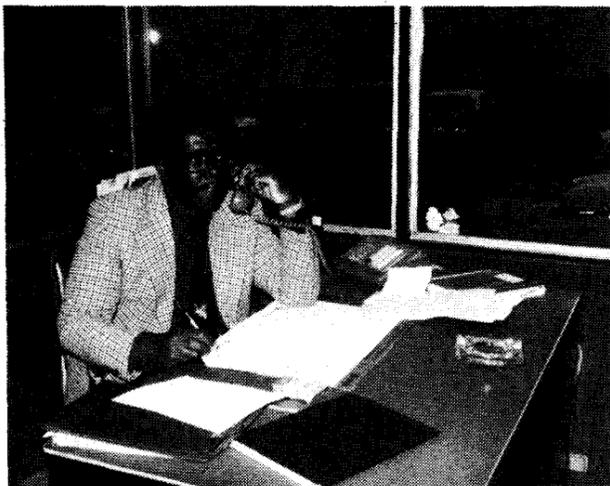


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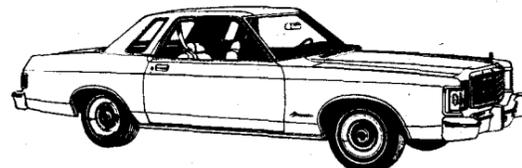


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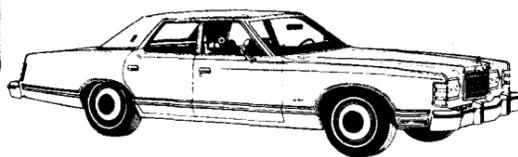
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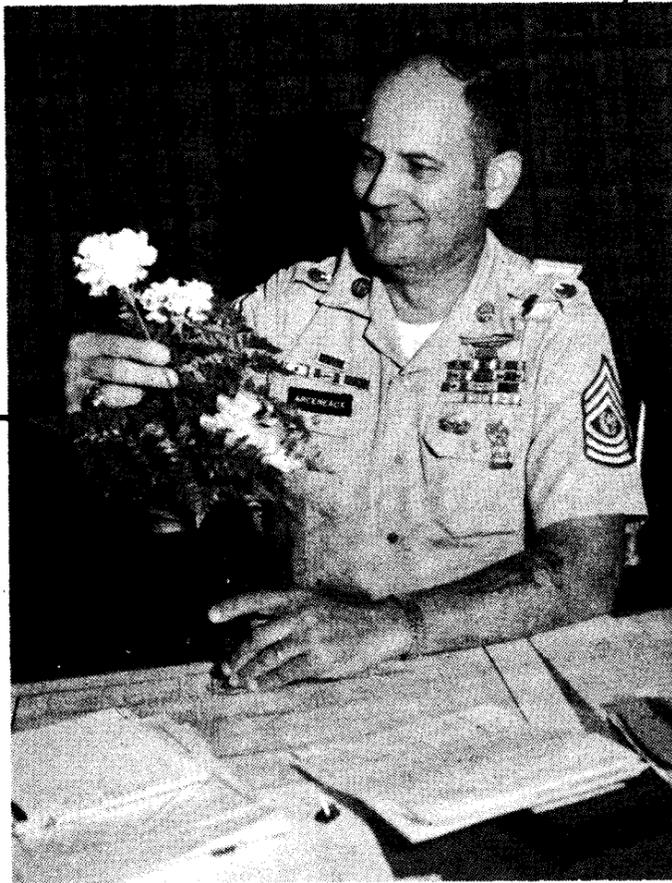
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Army Success Brings Cuts

Two hundred years of success by American soldiers has lulled Congress into believing it can cut defense without worrying about the consequences is the view of one of the nation's foremost civilian defense experts.

Benjamin F. Schemmer, a former DOD civilian official and now editor and publisher of the "Armed Forces Journal", a magazine devoted to military affairs, expressed that opinion in remarks to the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Army Aviation Assn. of America May 19.

"Congress does not mean to give you a rough time," Schemmer told his audience of soldiers and defense oriented civilians, "It's

just that you've spoiled us for two hundred years. You won and you won big."

Schemmer praised the men who fought in Vietnam but had less kind words for a civilian leaders who directed what he called "a screwy, heart breaking war" from Washington.

His forthcoming book on the unsuccessful helicopter lifted raid to rescue 61 Americans from a prison in North Vietnam will show, Schemmer said, that the operator failed because it took six and one half months from its inception to get approval of higher ups to

By then, he said, the North Vietnamese had moved the prisoners.

AER Board Ups Loan Maximum

WASHINGTON (ANF) — An increase in the amount of AER loans that may be made locally is among four major changes made recently by AER's board of managers.

The changes include:

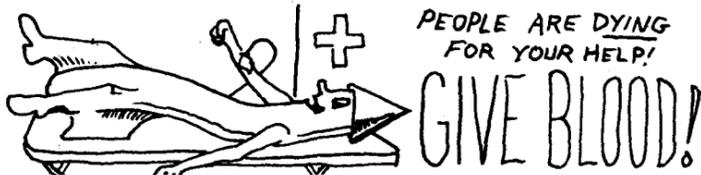
— Increasing the maximum loan amount that may be approved locally to \$300 in CONUS and \$500 overseas. AER headquarters may approved larger loan amounts.

— Okaying locally approved loans to cover expenses for essential auto repairs when transportation is critical because of unit mission, pregnancy, etc.

— Allowing a soldier to make lump sum or supplementary repayment of a loan balance in addition to an allotment repayment.

— Authorizing local AER offices to approve "confidential" loans; previously AER headquarters had to okay them. The annual AER fund drive is underway at many installations.

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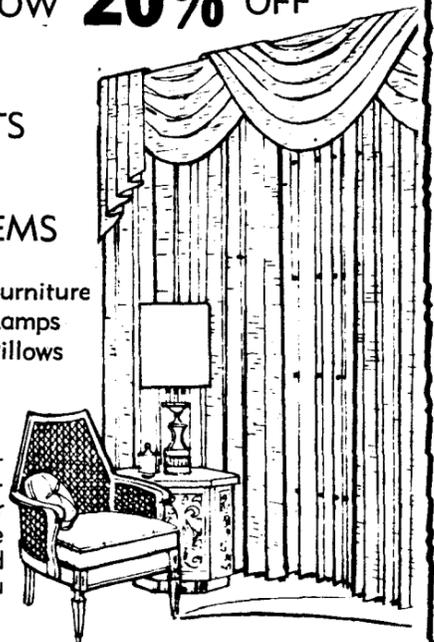
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The twenty-six car train is making a tour across America as a monument to America's Bicentennial. It is a total audio-visual montage of 200 years of American achievement in the arts, technology, culture and crisis.

Railroad buffs will be able to see a real steam locomotive in operation again, in addition to the priceless collection of 550 Americana memorabilia exhibited in the ten display and two showcase cars.

Many of the items exhibited are from private collections which are not open to public viewing. Others have been gathered from leading museums and institutions all over America.

The American Freedom Train Foundation is a totally non-profit organization initiated by grants from American businesses. No government funding has been provided and ticket sales keep the train rolling to all 48 continental states.

The American Freedom Train will be at the Old Southern Depot on 330 Church Street in Huntsville on the following dates and times: Monday, May 31, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, and Wednesday, June 2, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$1 per person ages 3 through 12 and Senior Citizens 65 and over; \$2 per person ages 13 through 64.

Ticket outlets are—The Von Braun Civic Center Box Office, J. C. Penney's, Belk-Hudson's, Parisian in Decatur, Curtis-Magnavox in Athens, Turning Point Records-Florence and Alley Way Records-Albertville.

CSC Chief Talks On Merit System

The merit system for employment of federal workers may not be perfect, but over the years it has vastly improved Civil Service Commissioner K. J. Andolsek told the combined meeting of two local groups at the Officers Open Mess last week.

Sponsoring the dinner meeting were the Huntsville Chapter, International Personnel Management Association and the Northern Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.

Title of the talk was "The Merit Connection." Andolsek said, "You hear people say, 'I've got connections in Washington.' But the only connection that is going to help them in the competitive civil service is this one—the merit connection. It's the one that will get them a job, if they should have one. And it's the one that will get

them ahead if they're worth it." Tracing the history of civil service employment, the speaker pointed out that now if people can pass the test and compete with others, they can get jobs. "That's really the American dream that came years after signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Through public jobs, many of us got a fair chance in the American mainstream," he said.

"This is what I call fairness and the American way. It means fairness and efficiency in government when you get the best qualified people."

As a recent development in efforts to improve the merit system, Andolsek cited the bill proposed by Congressman David Henderson. "The Henderson bill—or the 'Civil Service Amendments of 1976'—stems directly from investigations into violations of



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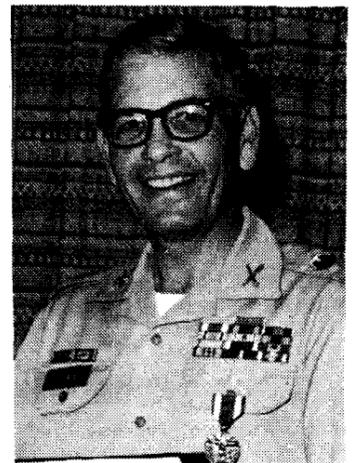
merit system rules in the last few years," he said.

"The heart of the bill is the merit employment section which spells out what personnel people must do—and cannot do—in taking personnel actions. It will clear up any doubt that rules forbidding discrimination and political hiring apply to all personnel actions."

Andolsek recognized in his speech that personnel officials have a tough job. "You have to be like one of the prophets when it comes to taking personnel actions based on all the rules and regulations we lay on you," he said. "You have to be liberated when it comes to the women's program and equal to the challenge of enforcing equal employment opportunity all along the way."

Schaub Honored

Colonel Warren Schaub has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, First Oakleaf Cluster, upon departing his assignment as commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. Schaub is assuming new duties in Oklahoma City as Senior Advisor to the Oklahoma National Guards. The citation accompanying the medal commended Schaub for "consistently demonstrating outstanding qualities of ingenuity, integrity and professional competence."



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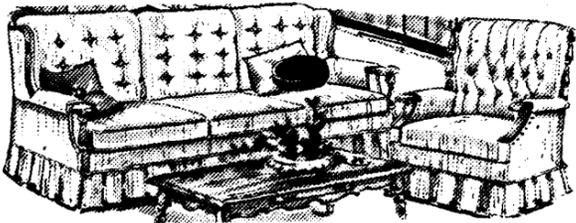
MARIAN AWARD — A first for North Alabama Girl Scouts came about when three Redstone girls won the Marian Award. From left, Catherine O'Brien, Teresa Lewis and Kathy Graham demonstrate puppets they made and used to present a program as part of the requirements for the award. The girls' projects included volunteer work at Catholic Social Services in Huntsville and making toys for a nursery. They will receive the Marian Medal at the Post Chapel, Sunday.

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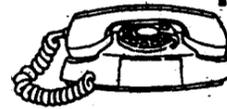
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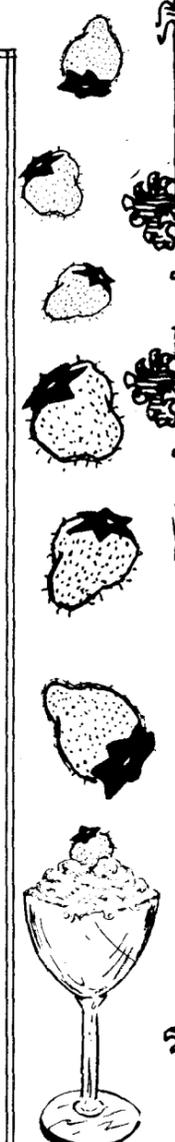


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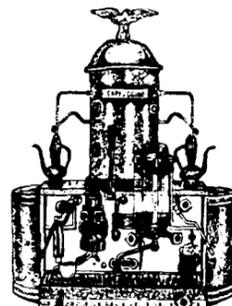
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