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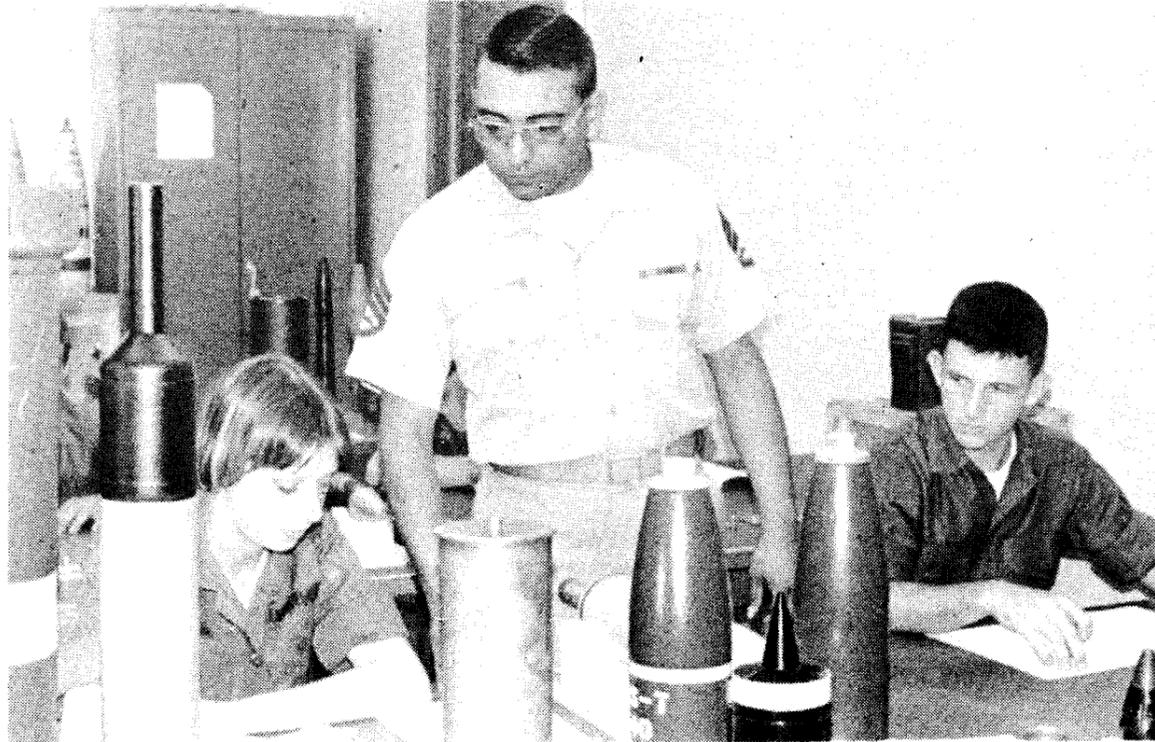
By Jeanie Dennis

Army educational programs have changed in recent years. With the introduction of new methods of instruction and advanced technology, programs have been altered and updated to meet the military's increasing needs.

The latest development in the methods of instruction is the self-pace program, recently implemented by the Conventional Ammunition Division of the Missile and Munitions Center and School with the 55B10 (Ammunition Storage Specialist) course.

The program is divided into three phases—classroom instruction and the other two phases utilizing "hands on" experience in the field. Students work at their own rate in completing assigned course material through the use of video-cassette players, slide programs and technical manuals.

Marine Captain T.R. Geris, deputy director of the self-pace program, explained how it works. "The students are first introduced into the program in a group for the classroom phase of the



PREPPING — Staff Sergeant Frank Riveras, Marine instructor, looks on as students make final preparation for test. Static ammunition displays are used in helping the students identify and understand the various types of ammunition.

program. As the students progress, they are divided into individual categories. Each student receives their part of the

course in a cassette tape with a corresponding slide presentation. They are also given manuals and lesson books. Various types of

ammunition are displayed on a table for students to review while going over the lesson."

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Raytheon Wins Cost-Plus Patriot Award

The Missile Command awarded approximately \$425 million dollars to Raytheon Company last Wednesday to complete

engineering development of the Army's Patriot (formerly SAM-D) Air Defense System.

The cost plus incentive award

fee contract will be funded over 49 months.

Before completing engineering development in 1980, Raytheon will design, fabricate, assemble and integrate test hardware and missiles, provide documentation to support production, and will demonstrate Patriot's suitability for service use through a comprehensive test program.

Test hardware to be delivered to the Army includes Fire Sections (radar, weapons control and launch equipment); Command and Coordination Group, which links together man, radar and missiles; and a quantity of missiles.

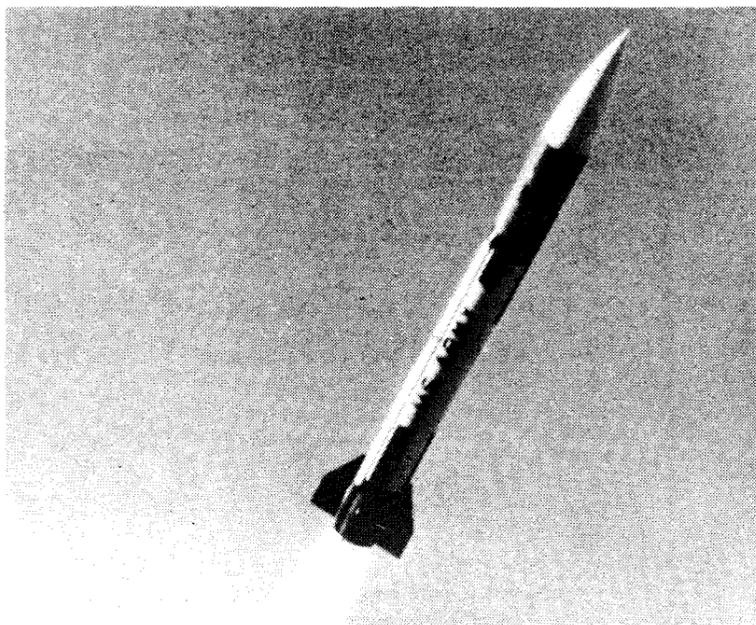
Major General Charles F. Means is Project Manager and Charles Cockrell is the civilian deputy for Patriot which will be the cornerstone of field Army air defense in the sophisticated, highly technical land warfare environment predicted for the 1980s and beyond.

Most of the work under the contract will be done at Raytheon's Bedford (Mass.) facility and at Martin Marietta's Orlando, (Fla.), division. Raytheon is Patriot prime contractor and Martin is the principal subcontractor for the missile. Thiokol Corporation is subcontractor to Martin for the propulsion system.

Raytheon completed integration testing in June on the first tactical prototype Fire Control Section and has shipped the equipment to White Sands Missile Range, for testing in a countermeasures environment.

The decision by William P. Clements, Deputy Secretary of Defense, to complete Patriot engineering development followed one of the most successful guided missile flight test programs in DOD history. In 14 firings to demonstrate Patriot's track-via-missile guidance

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QRMC: ready to make news

QRMC. Initials that could stand for any number of things. For soldiers it means their pay, allowances and benefits are to be scrutinized every four years. QRMC stands for the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation.

The 1975 QRMC study of the military pay and allowance system now going on in Washington, will consider every aspect of soldiers' pay, DA officials say.

One QRMC proposal calls for retention of the current pay and allowance system. Modifications would include adjusting for Subsistence (BAS) levels. This would support the uniqueness of the military service as a way of life, and not just a job.

Another QRMC proposal calls for a

military salary system. Approval would do away with BAQ and BAS.

Under the proposed plan, each soldier would receive a leave and earnings statement (LES) each payday giving one figure in the pay due column. From this figure, appropriate taxes and social security would be deducted. This single figure would not be comparable to the "base pay" currently listed on the LES, but would be a total of the present basic pay, BAQ and BAS to which the soldier is entitled.

Because of this total salary system, the QRMC acknowledges that federal, state and social security tax deductions would, in effect, be larger. Currently, the only taxable item is the base pay. Under the proposed

system the salary (though proportionately larger) would be taxed as a whole.

A 1967 law requires the President to conduct a complete review of the principles and concepts of the military compensation system, whenever he considers it appropriate, but not less than once each four years.

The President delegates this to the Secretary of Defense.

This year's group is made up of representatives of military and governmental agencies. The group is charged with reviewing and proposing changes to insure that military compensation attracts and retains the numbers and quality of personnel needed for an effective armed force.

In forming the study group, the Secretary of Defense asked that the QRMC Board:

■ determine how military pay and allowances compares to the pay of a citizen in a civilian of federal job.

■ Examine the effectiveness of the pay and allowance system, as well as special and incentive pay.

■ Categorize those items of military pay allowances and benefits, and determine the effectiveness of the supplemental benefits.

■ Review current pay policies and provide projections for at least the next five years.

The task with the largest impact on the soldier is the group's examination of the possible conversion of the current system of military pay and allowances to a military salary system.

The QRMC proposals, when approved by the Secretary of Defense, will be the official DoD view concerning pay and allowances. They would eventually be brought before Congress for action.

Depending on the reaction and recommendations from the White House, legislative action could be started this fall.

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<p>There is an old saying among sayings about soldiers, "Don't mess with his woman, his food, or his money!" To many young troops it will seem as though the military and Congress are attempting to mess with the last of the three.</p> <p>The Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) are just a lot of words—that mean MONEY.</p> <p>The QRMC is the search for the best way to pay the soldier, making sure that his pay and allowances are comparable with those wages paid in civilian life.</p> <p>The QRMC has been working for</p>				<p>a long time, trying to discover the magic formula for fair payment. Because there are so many interested government agencies involved it has been difficult to hammer out a policy that is considered fair by all the groups concerned. However, soldiers can take heart in the fact that DA has given high priority to assuring that Army views were presented throughout the QRMC process.</p> <p>There are three major systems that have been proposed by the QRMC (see adjacent article). Which one will be the final choice? Even members of the QRMC are not sure.</p>		<p>10 TOTAL ENT</p> <p>11 OTHER COLLS</p> <p>12 NET EARN</p> <p>13 MDG MC PMT</p> <p>14 END MC PMT</p> <p>15 AMT TO BE BRO' FWD</p>		
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Those interested should refer to AR 621-7 for application procedures. Applications should then be sent through channels to the soldier's appropriate career division to arrive not later than September 2.

Retiree Council

The Redstone Retiree Council will meet at 9 Monday morning in the Nike Room of the Officers Open Mess to discuss problems and developments of interests to Army retirees in the area. The Council will also prepare recommendations on retiree matters will be prepared for forwarding to the Department of Army Retiree Council. Col. (Ret.) Robert Bennett heads the Redstone Council.

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PX Construction

Army-Air Force Exchange Service Officials have announced that construction is expected to start at Redstone in September on a new main Post Exchange off Vincent Drive, and near family housing areas.

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Approximately 35,000 square feet in the new store will be devoted to the retail sales area. The present main store just off Patton Road, covers 11,500 square feet. "We will be able to offer a

much wider variety of merchandise and services in the new Exchange," Don Emmons, Redstone Post Exchange manager, said.

Plans are to have flower, beauty, barber, optical, watch repair and laundry, dry cleaning and tailor shops in the new building as well as the retail area.

The sewing center will be part of the main store.

Some Exchange branches will probably remain in their present locations.



Jones Directs BMD Program From Huntsville

The Army has announced that the Commander of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command (BMDSCOM) is the new head of the entire ballistic missile defense program and will remain in Huntsville.

Brigadier General John G.

Jones succeeds Major General Robert C. Marshall as the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager. General Marshall became the new Deputy Chief of the Army Corps of Engineers earlier this month.

General Jones will remain in

Huntsville as the commander of BMDSCOM, and utilize the Ballistic Missile Defense Program Office (BMDPO), located in Washington, D.C., to assist him in accomplishing his responsibilities as BMD Program Manager.

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Enrollment Opens for C&GS Course

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Officers of any Army component (Active National Guard, Reserve) may enroll if they meet the criteria. Prospective new students (Phase I) must have credit for successful completion of a branch officer's advanced course (BOAC) prior to October, 1976; have at least 7, but not more than 17, years of commissioned service; and not reached their 42nd birthday at the time of enrollment.

Qualified Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps officers both Active and Reserve, may also enroll.

Upon successful completion of the three year USAR School course the officer will receive a diploma recognized as equivalent to the one issued for the resident course at Fort Leavenworth.

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Redstone Arsenal is the first duty station for Chaplain Minor, who was recently commissioned at Fort Wadsworth, N.Y.

A Yale graduate, Minor says he got "pushed over the edge" by an Army recruiter he met in his first year in seminary.

"An Army recruiter was in the area trying to recruit for minority chaplains," says Minor. "My brother is a West Point graduate, and I am also an Army brat. My father was a master sergeant in explosive ordnance disposal, so I decided to go ahead and join."

Becoming a Special Forces Officer is one of Minor's dreams. "My brother is special forces, and I really want to do it. I am considering becoming a special forces chaplain," he said.

Minor sees his responsibility to the students and permanent party with MMCS as a great one. "I think the chaplain has staff responsibility for religion, morals and

morale. I should be an advocate for the troops," he said.

"A lot of young troops do not really understand the military and thusly have problems with the adjustment to military life. I really think I can help," he said. "I want to be available to the troops whenever they need me. I want them to know that there is one guy that they can come to with a problem and they will be heard. The buck stops here."

Minor thinks there are some neglected areas within the chaplain program that he would like to work on. "So many commanders get caught up with worrying about the troops, they forget their officers and senior non-commissioned officers need help with personal problems as well as the troops. They need a chaplain too," he said. "I just want to be the best darn friend that all the troops have, no matter what rank."

Minor's office is located in Building 3714, the old Post Chapel. He is normally in during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. He also shares his duty time with the troops of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Missile Command.

Minor is a member of the



Minor

National Baptist Convention. He is a native of Richmond, Va., is married, and his wife, Wilsie is currently in Virginia awaiting

orders to come on active duty with the Army as a military lawyer. She hopes to join her husband in that capacity here in December.

Executives Study Pricing Policies

The last of three scheduled Foreign Military Sales Pricing Symposia for MICOM executive level personnel and others concerned with FMS pricing of customer orders ended July 22.

MG George Turnmeyer opened each symposium, emphasizing the tremendous growth of FMS sales and their proper pricing to insure the government is properly reimbursed.

He said that since 66 per cent of the procurement dollars at MICOM for FY 76 support the FMS program, improper pricing of the ever-growing business can result in either Army funds being used illegally or embarrassment to the government for overcharging a foreign government.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Logistics established the pricing training initially conducted at DARCOM. As a result, DARCOM directed all Major Subordinate Commands to conduct the training covering current regulatory policies and procedures.

The MICOM Comptroller, Colonel George P. Mooney, as the proponent of Army Pricing Policy, was responsible for the local training.

The three symposia were coordinated and conducted by Comptroller personnel with participation from the Directorates for International Logistics, Procurement and Production, and Materiel Management, and the Legal Office.

One additional symposium has been scheduled for September 8-10 to reach other personnel involved most closely with FMS pricing on a day-to-day basis.

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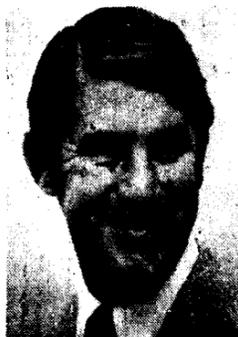
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Russell Named Deputy

Colonel Robert L. Russell has assumed duties as Deputy Director of the Systems Technology Program at the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command.

The STP is a research development program designed to find solutions to a ballistic missile defense system technical issues and to see whether new BMD components and new BMD concepts will work as part of a BMD system.

Russell comes to his new assignment after three years as Commander of Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands.

During his Army career, Russell has also served as Assistant for Test and Evaluation of the Safeguard System Office in Arlington, Virginia; Deputy Chief, Programs Division of Civil Operations and Rural Development at Headquarters, Military Assistance Command in Vietnam; Staff Officer on the Department of Army Staff in the NIKE-X, Ranges and Space Division of the Office of the Chief of Research and Development and later as Chief of the Space Branch; a battalion commander; an air defense group operations officer; and an instructor and branch chief in the Communications and

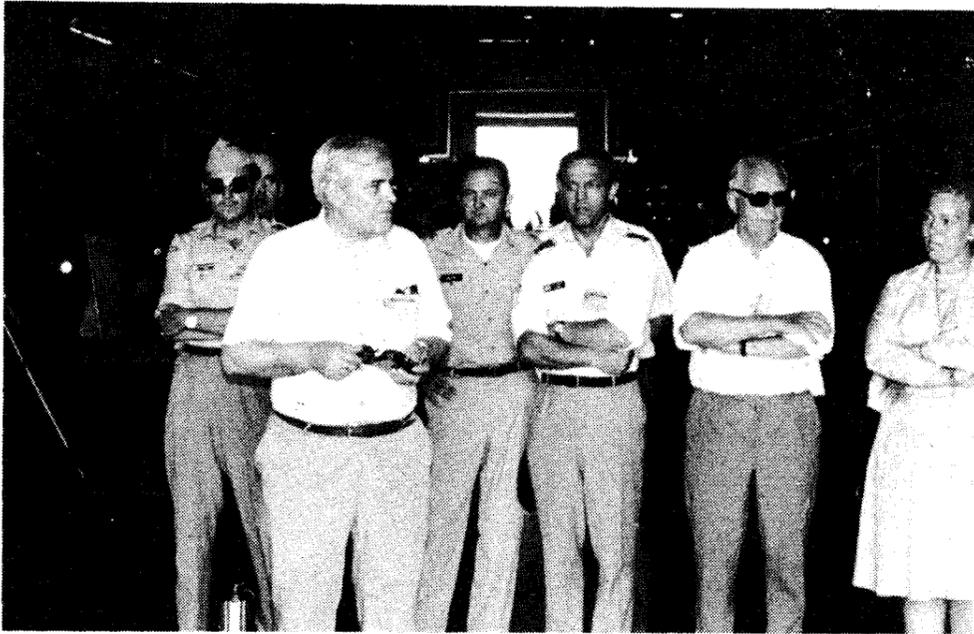
Electronics Department of the Artillery School.

He graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1952, and received his Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Tech in 1960.



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DANISH MINISTER VISITS — Orla Moller, Denmark's defense minister, tours HAWK Division, where Danish students attend classes at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Moller was accompanied on his orientation visit by a member of the Danish parliament, the permanent and deputy Danish under secretary of state for defense, a member of the Royal Danish Air Force, and other officials, Danish and American.

Officers Win ASIS Posts

Two Army officers have been elected officers of the local chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security, the first time in 18 years that the military have been represented in the chapter leadership.

LTC John Scott, Chief, Security Office, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division, was named vice chairman of the

North Alabama Chapter. LTC Edward C. Smith Jr., Chief, Internal Security Division, Redstone Arsenal, was elected secretary.

They and other new officers for the 1976-77 term were installed recently by Woody A. Kelley a member of the board of directors of the 7,000 member organization of security professional world wide.

Completes Study at Georgia Tech

Maurice Hallum, an aerospace engineer with the Aeroballistics Directorate, recently completed a short course of study conducted by the Georgia Tech Department of Continuing Education.

The five-day course, sponsored by the School of Electrical Engineering, was entitled, "Microwave Antenna Measurements," and involved an intensive study of the measurement of microwave antenna radiation characteristics.

An important segment of the advanced study dealt with the design and evaluation of antenna measurements facilities.

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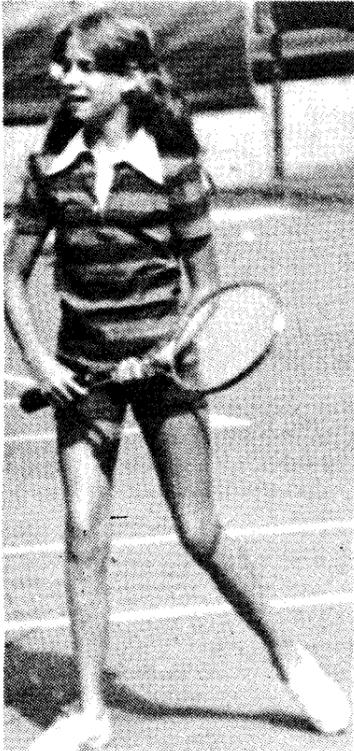
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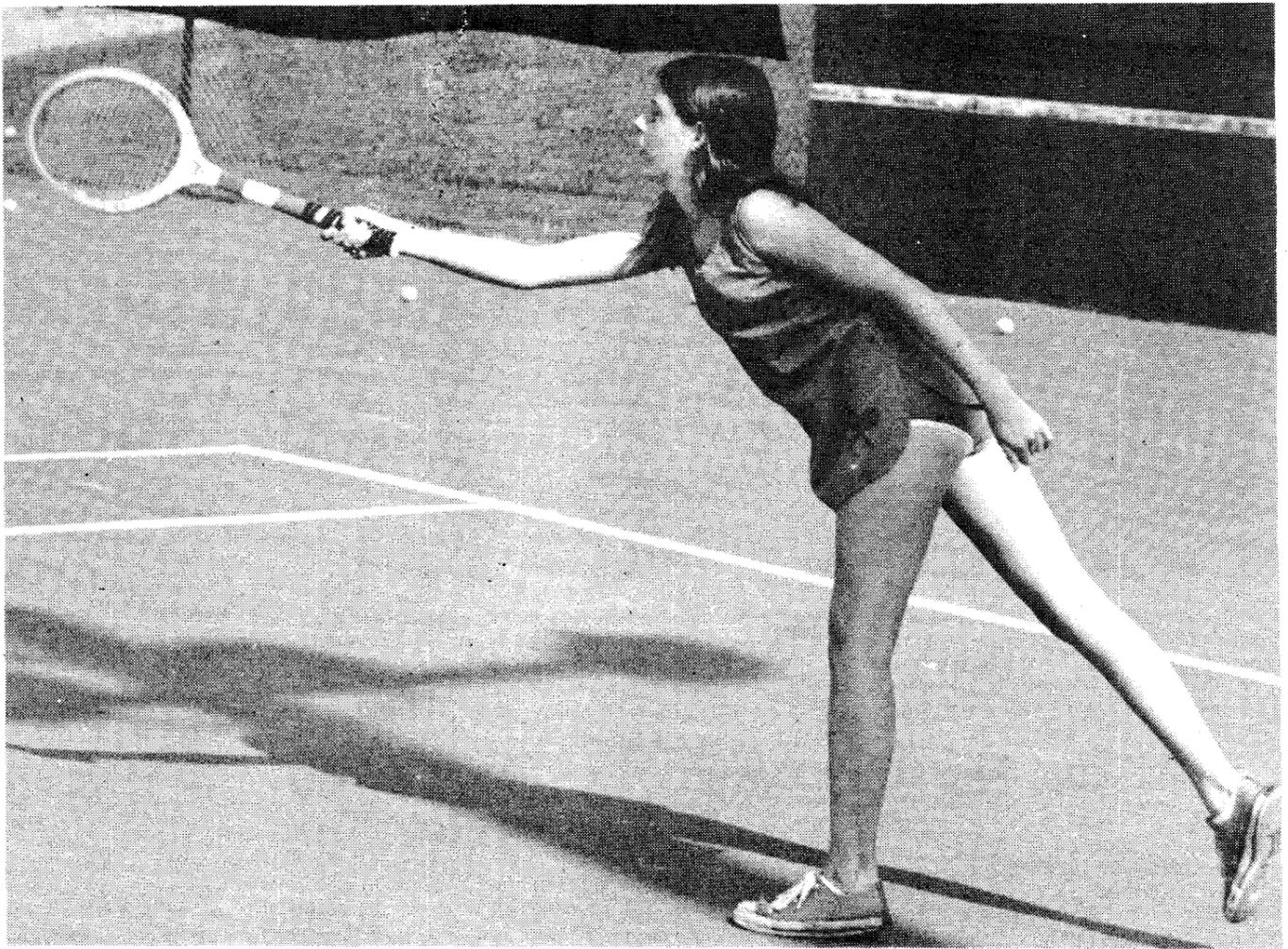
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Julia Langford, number one seed on the Huntsville Ladies Tennis Association's Advanced A ladder, has been instructing the dependent kids 13 hours a week in beginner, intermediate and advanced team play.

Photos on this page by Bill Keller are of girls in the Wednesday morning beginner class for ages 10 to 18.



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SERVICE RECOGNIZED — Lt. Col. David C. Gavin received the Legion of Merit in recognition of his contributions in the Advanced Concepts Office of the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory. Gavin directed advanced development of the Improved Light Antitank Weapon and participated in other programs.

SFC Hikes Set for September

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The names of 9,292 soldiers selected for promotion to Sfc-Sp7 have been released. Army officials say that hikes will be made off the new list starting Sept. 1. Out of 22,362 considered for hikes in the primary zone, 8,340 (37.3 per cent) were selected. Nine hundred fifty-two (14.2 per cent) secondary zone selections were made from a total 6,704 considered.



The E-7 board convened on March 9 to consider all E-6s with a date of rank (DOR) not later than June 30, 1970. E-6s in the secondary zone of consideration included those with a DOR between July 1, 1970 and Sept. 30, 1972. Publication of the list was delayed because of the unusually large number of names on it, DA officials say.

Instructor of Quarter

A Guntersville native has recently been named Instructor of the Quarter for the Missile and Munitions Center and School. Specialist Five Gary Payne, an instructor with the Land Combat Support Systems Division, was chosen for the honor by a board of five officers and senior NCO's. During a 20-minute class, Payne was judged on personal appearance, classroom presentation, knowledge of subject material, and classroom neatness. Payne has been an instructor with the LCSS Division following his graduation from the course in March. Payne is the second Instructor of the Quarter to come out of LCSS in the last three judgments for the award. A 1970 graduate of Marshall County High School, Payne has been in the Army since September of that year. He is also a recipient of the Army Commendation Medal.

The Word Mightier

Two civilian guards of the Internal Security Division, RASA, received trophies from LTC E.C. Smith Jr., division chief, for their performance during annual range firing with the 38 pistol.

William G. Wright won the high score trophy by shooting 365 out of a possible 400. Other top scorers included Page Moss, 357; David Lott, 353; Sidney Mills, 352; William Morgan, 349 and Eugene Hooper, 344.

A total score of 30 earned the low trophy for R.B. Young. Young, who is an ordained minister as well as a Redstone guard, said as he accepted his award:

"The Word is greater than the bullet."



AFTER 30 YEARS — CWO 4 Aniceto I. Bagley, who retired last month after 30 years in the Army was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service with the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory and in the Maintenance Directorate. He was cited for demonstrating ingenuity, integrity and professional competence.

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"Definitely the best weapon I've ever fired," said SGT Charles Myers, an instructor participating in the demonstration.

The demonstration was preliminary to equipping all the Fighting Fourth's mechanized infantry units with the missile system, which was fielded and is managed by MICOM's TOW Project Office. It was the first live firing of the Army's heavy anti-tank assault missile ever held at the Colorado mountain post, home of the 4th Infantry Division.

TOWs were fired from three different positions, demonstrating how it performs in combat situations. In one firing a TOW crew, each man carrying a component of the system, was flown in by helicopter. They hit

the ground, quickly assembled the system, and within minutes had a direct hit on a target 1½ miles away. TOW has a range of 3,750 meters, slightly more than two miles.

TOW is guided by an electronic system. The gunner obtains a telescopic-sight picture of a target, and launches the missile which follows his line of sight. For moving targets the gunner tracks the target with the sight, thus generating signals that keep the missile on course. With the cross-hairs on target the gunner gets a direct hit.

"The TOW system clearly proved that it can put the infantry soldier on the same footing as any armored threat in existence," noted LT William Brandenburg, commandant of the Carson anti-tank committee.

In conjunction with issuing the missiles to mechanized infantry units, Carson is getting TOW training program underway. Using simulators, gunners will qualify on the weapon every three months and fire it live once yearly.

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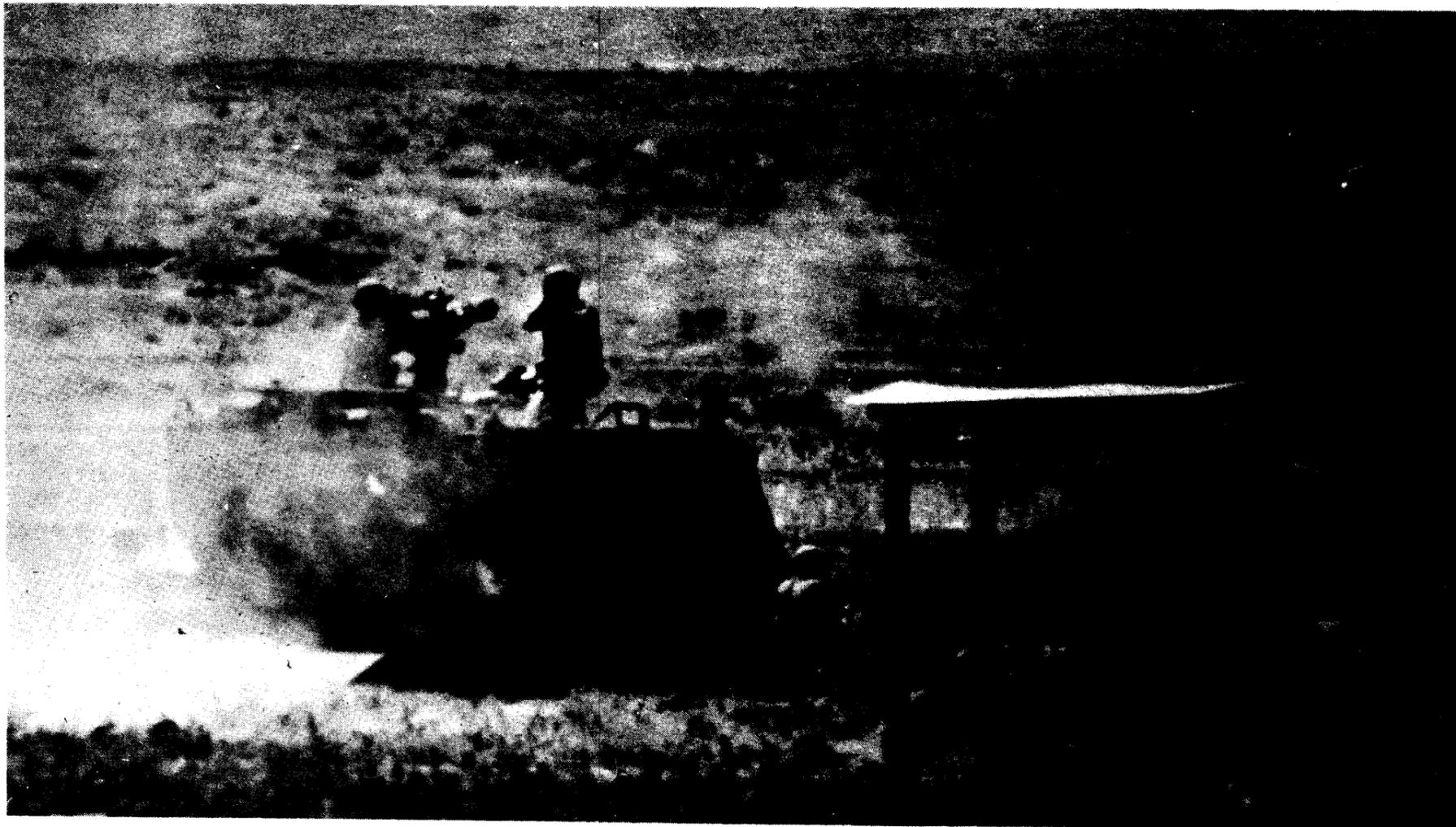
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Mrs. June England of Sierra Vista, Ariz., accepted the medal. England was management analysis officer at ACC from August 1974 to January 1976. He died of complications following heart surgery in February 1976.

England came to Ft. Huachuca in 1974 from the Army Missile Command, where he supervised the manpower management and organizational analysis program. England managed and controlled manpower resources of all ACC activities worldwide.

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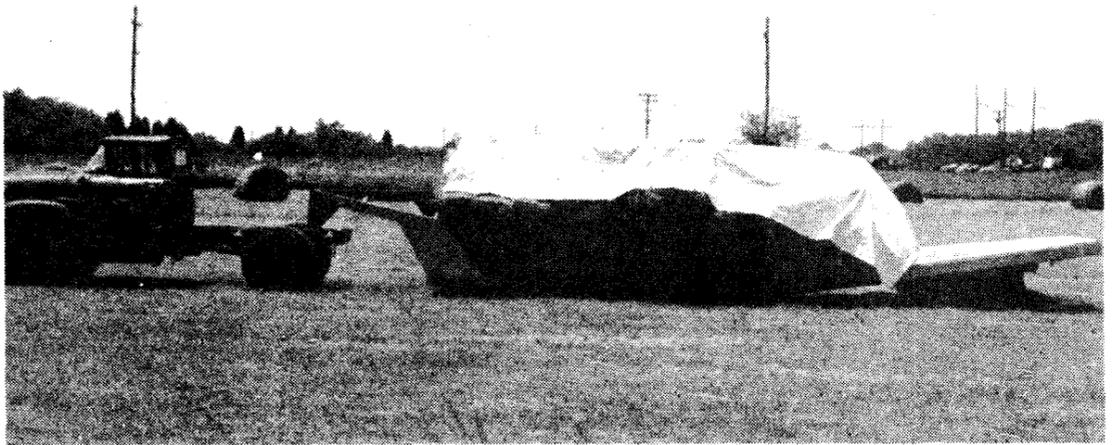


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Hay High and Heavy

At Redstone this year the hay is high and heavy. That growing in the field across from MICOM headquarters grew so tall that the farmer mowing it couldn't see over it.

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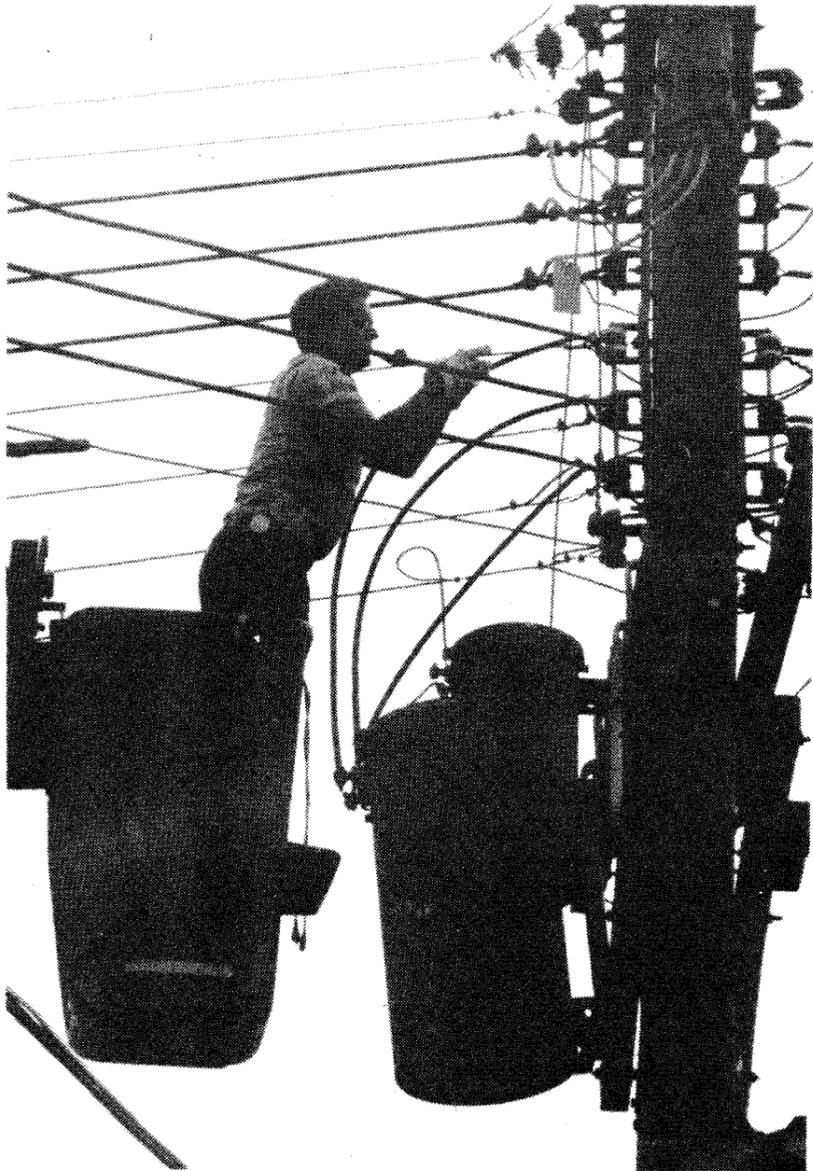
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"It's been added to and patched up so much over the years that we're having a tremendous

amount of trouble with it", said Arthur Barnette, electrical section chief. "It gets knocked out in every lightning storm and is in such bad shape that quick restoration of power is impossible, and it's also dangerous to work on.

"Everything is being replaced—new poles, new fiberglass cross arms and brackets, new aluminum wire. It's being installed parallel to the old system."

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Alton Sanders was a pipefitter at Redstone about the time Ron Yokem was born. Today Sanders, 59, is passing on his trade to Yokem, 25, who is an apprentice in a new program at facility engineer to train badly-needed skilled tradesmen for the maintenance workforce.

The program began in June with five apprentices in the fields of boiler plant mechanic, electrician, pipefitter, air conditioning mechanic and sewer plant operator. After training periods of two to four years the apprentices become Labor Department-certified journeymen.

The training program is being launched at many Army bases in the U.S. to quickly train tradesmen for the maintenance force, where there is a severe shortage of skilled people.

The problem stems from the fact that the maintenance force is aging, and at Redstone virtually no new blood has been brought into it since it was established in the early '50s. Some of the tradesmen were hired in World War II. The average age of tradesmen here is 55 years old, the age when many government employees are eligible to retire.

The apprentice program prescribes 144 hours of course work including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, architectural drawing, blueprint reading, specifications writing, plus courses specific to the apprentice's particular trade.

Training is planned and monitored by a training committee consisting of management representatives and journeymen from each field of apprenticeship.

The program was certified last month by the Labor Department and is the first Army apprenticeship program where a



Pipefitter Alton Sanders shares his 40 years of experience with apprentice Ron Yokem.



Apprentice boiler plant journeyman Jerry Johnson.



Paul Hancock.

single set of standards apply on a national basis.

One thousand men and women are expected to be hired for the apprentice positions Army-wide. Redstone Facility Engineer Paul Hancock terms the program "a salvation" and the engineers best prospect for upgrading its maintenance force which has a high vacancy rate due in part to an inability to find skilled people for the vacancies.

Says Ernie Horton, program

administrator and chief of the administrative office at the engineers: "We're very short of skilled people. We have a heck of a time getting pipefitters, sewer plant operators and some of the other skills. Our supervisors wish they could work the apprentices at the journeyman level right now."

Spaces for more apprentices are expected this fall, she added.

The five apprentices now on board are assigned to the utilities

branch where, "even though they're learning they're still a big help to us," says Ron Harmon, a utilities branch section chief.

"We think the program has a lot to offer both us and the apprentices," says Harmon, explaining that each apprentice is training under a seasoned journeyman who is passing on his experience and valuable know-how. "These journeymen," he said, "are not only experts in their field but they also know the

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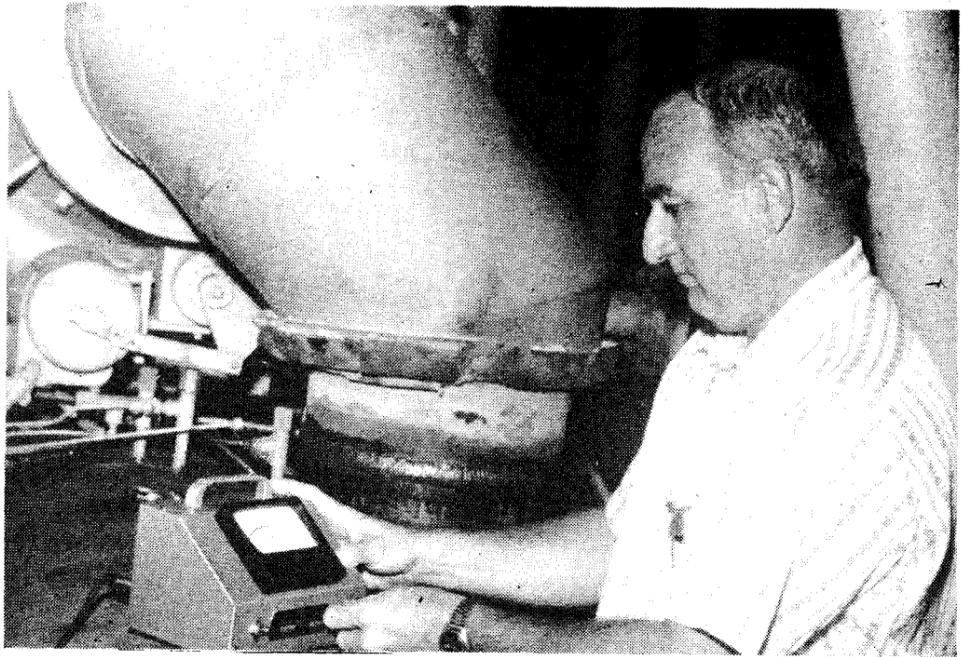
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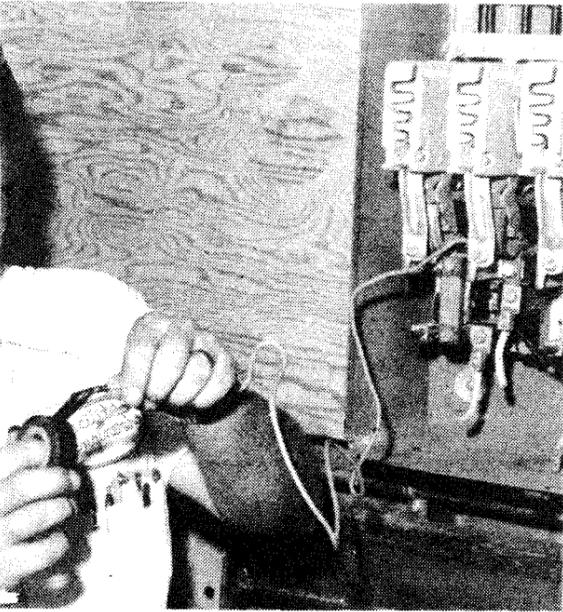
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mechanic Ronnie Bowling, right, trains under



Blaine Dennis, air conditioning mechanic apprentice, checks out a system.



Jan, apprentice electrician.



Sewer plant operator Bob Edmonson trains apprentice Theo Moon.

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we can provide the second man on a two-man job that the journeymen would otherwise have to do alone.

"Aside from the skill," he continued, "I think the most valuable thing the apprentices can learn from our journeymen is dependableness and consistency. Many of the jobs we handle are emergencies and in emergencies you've got to have people that you know will do the job quickly and do it right."

And in emergencies, Harmon said, the journeymen prove that age hasn't slowed their pace one jot. "There aren't many people young or old who can work as hard and as long as they did when the tornado hit a couple of years ago."

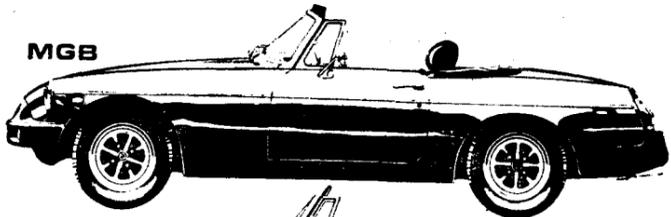
Age may not have slowed them, but it is pushing many of them toward retirement. With the apprentice program, they will leave with others their valuable skill and experience when they go.

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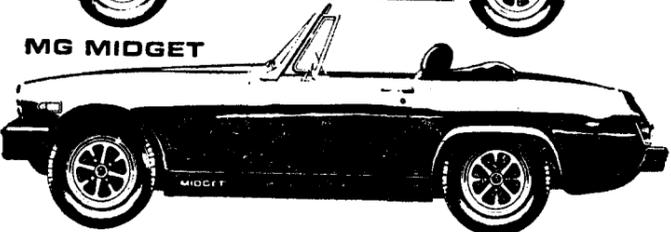
MSM AWARDED— Lt. Col. James L. Lorder, received the Meritorious Service Medal recently for his duty as chief, Systems Support Division in the Hawk Project Office. The colonel retired at the end of July and will be teaching in a Huntsville public school.



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Dr. Patterson

Pediatrician On Board

Redstone's Army Hospital now has a full time civilian pediatrician.

Dr. Harold E. Patterson joined the hospital staff this month.

The hospital's two military pediatricians left in June after completing their military tours at Redstone and were not replaced due to military physician shortages.

Physicians from the UAH School of Primary care staffed the clinic in July along with pediatric nurse clinician, Captain Lawrence Groner and two registered nurses.

Dr. Patterson, a pediatrician for 21 years was with the Navy in Charleston, (S.C.) before coming to Alabama.

He commented on the pleasant surrounding at Redstone and the

high quality staff and said that the position here will give him "a chance to integrate with the medical college in a teaching position."

The new pediatrician hopes to establish a neurologic clinic for children with learning problems on the 1st Thursday of each month and also plans to establish a diabetic clinic for children.

UAH will continue to support the Pediatric Clinic with Staff physicians and students. Since last October medical students and resident physicians from the UAH School of Primary Medicine have been working with the Post Hospital under the supervision of Dr. John Montgomery, Chief of Pediatrics for the School of Primary Care, and Dr. Peter Wong an instructor.

Eye, Ear Screening Set

Auditory and visual screening of children authorized medical care at the Redstone Army Hospital, grades one through 12, has been announced by the hospital commander, Dr. (Col.) Robert McLean to be held on Aug. 14, 21 and 28 at the Troop Health Clinic. Hours are 9 to 11:30 AM and 12:30 to 3 PM on a first-come, first-served basis.

This Saturday, children with last name initials A through H will be screened, those with last names starting with letters I through P will be screened the next Saturday and those with last name initials Q through Z will be screened Aug. 28. Screenings are expected to take five to 10 minutes. It is not necessary to bring medical records to the screenings.

Children who have had recent eye and ear examinations need not repeat them during the screenings. Special arrangements can be made for those who cannot come during the scheduled screenings by calling 876-2857.

In cases where follow-up examination and treatment are necessary, arrangements will be made at the time of the screening.

Dr. McLean said he wants to emphasize the importance of the screening, particularly for younger children just starting to school.

"It's important for students to see the blackboard and hear the teacher's instructions. Often parents think their child is a slow learner, when in fact, he or she simply cannot see or hear well. Once a child loses what is being taught in the lower grades, catching up is very difficult, if not impossible," he said.

"Teachers are usually alert to children's hearing and visual difficulties, but not always. I hope that parents of children eligible for medical care at the Military hospital will take advantage of the screenings program!

Dr. (Capt.) Randall Hoerth, chief of the Optometry Section at the hospital, said it is not necessary for a child to know the ABCs to participate in the screening as slides for all ages will be available. He and Dr. McLean said that the screening will include the major aspects of ear and eye examinations. Checks will be made for signs of eye or ear weaknesses or disease, they

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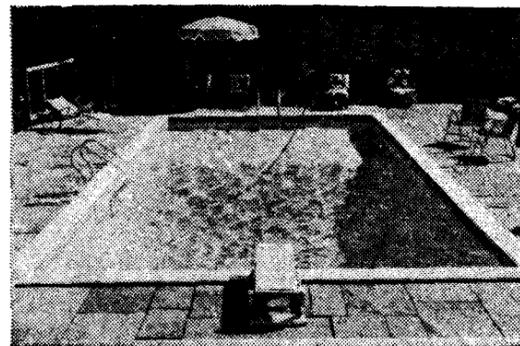
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Getting RIFed Can Help

Most people probably wouldn't believe it, but there are times when it pays to be involved in a RIF.

Marian Czachowski (Ski) has been RIFFed four times, and was recently promoted to a supervisory GS-14 position. She heads the Europe Division in the International Logistics Directorate at MICOM.

"Each time I got a RIF notice, I thought, 'Gee, this is the end of the world.' I wasn't convinced I was getting a break, but the variety of jobs I went into gave me a broader view of logistics. As a result, when this position became available, I had the experience to handle it.

"I could have felt defeated each time I had to change jobs, but instead I looked for opportunities and challenges. A person has to find ways to make the most of a new job—things don't just happen—nothing is handed to you."

She admits that it has meant a lot of hard work, but as she sees it, "I've been so interested in what I was doing that putting in any extra effort or hours was incidental. The

job is there—you like it—you move out and do it."

She said she feels Lt. Col. David Gabardi, director of International Logistics at MICOM, has set a good record in the EEO area by putting minorities and women in jobs where they are doing well.

Her division handles the foreign military sales and Grant Aid cases—320 of them—for about 20 European countries. At the end of June, the dollar value was almost one billion.

Convinced that she has one of the most interesting jobs on the Arsenal, Ski explained some of the good points she sees in the International Logistics area. "We are able to sell some of our older systems to other countries, we also sell newer ones and that brings down the unit cost for the U.S. If these countries didn't buy our weapons, they'd buy from some other nation. If they get their materiel from us, we know what they have," she said.

"Some countries used to get weapons from us on Grant Aid.



"Ski"

We've helped them in the past so they now buy from us."

She says life in International Logistics is never dull. There are always urgent cases that need expeditious handling. "It's as exciting as life has been for me at home—I have nine children—only three of them are still actually at home now," she said.

Recently she spent 120 days on a Task Force to explore personnel policies in EEO and MICOM's peculiar problems in that area. "It was interesting and I learned a lot about personnel that will make me a better supervisor," she noted.

Her advice to women—or anyone—aspiring to better jobs:

—Don't arbitrarily pick a field—to Civilian Personnel and find out what kinds of openings are expected at Redstone in the future. Another good source of information is the Career Program Manager for each profession.

—Find out what the basic requirements are to fill the job you're hoping for, what training is needed.

—Be selective about where you go to school—don't think that just because you go to night school you're going to get a better job. You want to be sure you're taking the right courses.

Speaking from her own experience, Ski said she started out as a GS-2 clerk typist in Finance and Accounting with the Air Force. She rose to GS-5, but found it was a dead end, so she transferred to logistics—something with a future.

As one result accomplished by the Task Force, she feels there will soon be a booklet for distribution to employees giving a clear picture of the paths to follow toward an individual's career goal.

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Medical Care Policy Revised

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — A revision is in line for Army personnel policies concerning extension of a service member on active duty for medical care or for dependent medical care.

Major aspects of this revision, recently approved by the Secretary of the Army are as follows:

—Army personnel (Officer and enlisted) with an established release date would only be continued on active duty for medical care when hospitalized or when undergoing physical disability processing, or both. A request must be submitted to designated approval authorities (HQDA for officers, GCM authority for enlisted) for review and approval of the extension. Additionally, enlisted members must consent to being retained on active duty.

—Officers will not be extended on active duty past their established release date solely on the basis of dependent medical problems. Short term 90-day extensions may be granted by MILPERCEN for extreme hardship in those cases where Federal law does not impose a mandatory release date.

—Requests for continued medical care for the dependent of an officer will be considered on a case-by-case basis as a designee of the Secretary of the Army. Requests should be forwarded to the Office of The Surgeon General.

—Enlisted personnel who require a waiver-exception to policy to be continued on active duty may request an extension on the basis of dependent medical problems for up to 12 months.

Army officials found several major inequalities in the policy currently in effect:

—Extensions past established release dates of Army personnel (officers and enlisted) requiring medical care lacked proper guidance, control and approval.

—Only certain categories of officers and enlisted personnel could be extended on active duty for dependent medical problems.

—Reserve and Regular Army officers designated for involuntary release because of non-selection for permanent promotion had release dates established by law and could not be extended on active duty for dependent medical problems.

Women In Art Show

The third annual "Women in the Arts" presentation will be held on Saturday, August 14 at the Parkway City Mall. Various original media will be displayed at the event sponsored by the Huntsville chapter of the National Organization for Women.

The first place prize of \$100 was donated by Mary Leo, realtor, and the American National Bank.

The purpose of the art show is to display the contributions that have been made by women to the art field and to offer an opportunity for those women to exhibit their work.

The artists' works will be judged by Jo Ann Paschall, art instructor at UAH, Carolyn Woods, curator-registrar at the Huntsville Museum of Art, and Shirley Peaux, art supervisor for the Huntsville City Schools.

The event is free and open to the public.

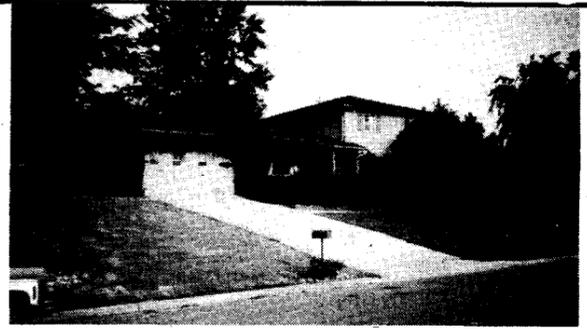
Championship Golf Tourney

The 36-hole post championship golf tournament will be played over the RSA fairways, August 21 and 22. The entry deadline is August 19.

All active duty personnel are eligible to participate in the tournament whether or not they have

an established handicap. There is no entry fee, and trophies will be awarded to the low scorers in each flight.

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Approval of courses for flight instructor and instrument flight instructor is also in process and is expected in September. All of these courses include an FAA approved ground school.

RFC has conducted a vigorous campaign over the past year to upgrade its aircraft and facilities. The Club has undergone a series of rigorous inspections by the FAA and VA, culminating in the receipt of an FAA Air Agency

Certificate last month and the VA approval.

The Club fleet currently consists of thirteen aircraft, ranging from the Cessna 210 Centurion which can cruise at 190 miles per hour to an L-19 Bird Dog which lands at less than 50 miles per hour, and features popular aircraft of both the Cessna and Piper lines.

Located on the Southwest corner of the Redstone Airfield, membership in the Redstone Arsenal Flying Club is open to Active Military, Reserve and Retired Military, DOD civilians and dependents of these persons.

RFC is also sponsoring, as a service to its members and all other personnel on the Arsenal, a visit by the FAA personnel



RSAFC MANAGER — Mrs. Lawrence Sisterman, displays the FAA Air Agency Certificate which enabled the club to obtain VA approval. In the background are 11 of the club's 13 aircraft.

from Birmingham to give the written examinations for the private, commercial and instrument licenses.

The examinations will be conducted at the classroom in the

Redstone Airfield Fire Station, at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 12.

The examination is free, however, prior notification must be given to the RFC manager by

calling the club at 837-4960 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Further information on Club activities may also be obtained at this number.

FLYING HIGH — Lt. Col. David K. Yantis presents Lt. Col Thomas W. Downes, Jr. the Army's highest aviator badge. Downes received the Master Aviator badge for having completed fifteen years of operational flying with three thousand hours. Downes is Chief of Flight Operations Division.



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Engineers in the Lance Project Office here, who monitor and support firings by every country that buys the 20-foot-long missile, were kept busy scooting last month by a constant schedule of Lance shooting.

Flight tests started with three firings by the Royal Artillery School at Hebrides, Scotland.

Then the 6th Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery based at Fort Sill, Okla., conducted annual service practice at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The unit fired six missiles successfully, including two equipped with the M251 non-nuclear warhead that the United States sells to foreign countries.

Next, the Army pulled from Anniston Army Depot a missile that had been in storage four years. The flight, part of the Army's Stockpile Flight Test Program to verify the performance of Lance missiles stored in tactical inventory, flew successfully at White Sands.

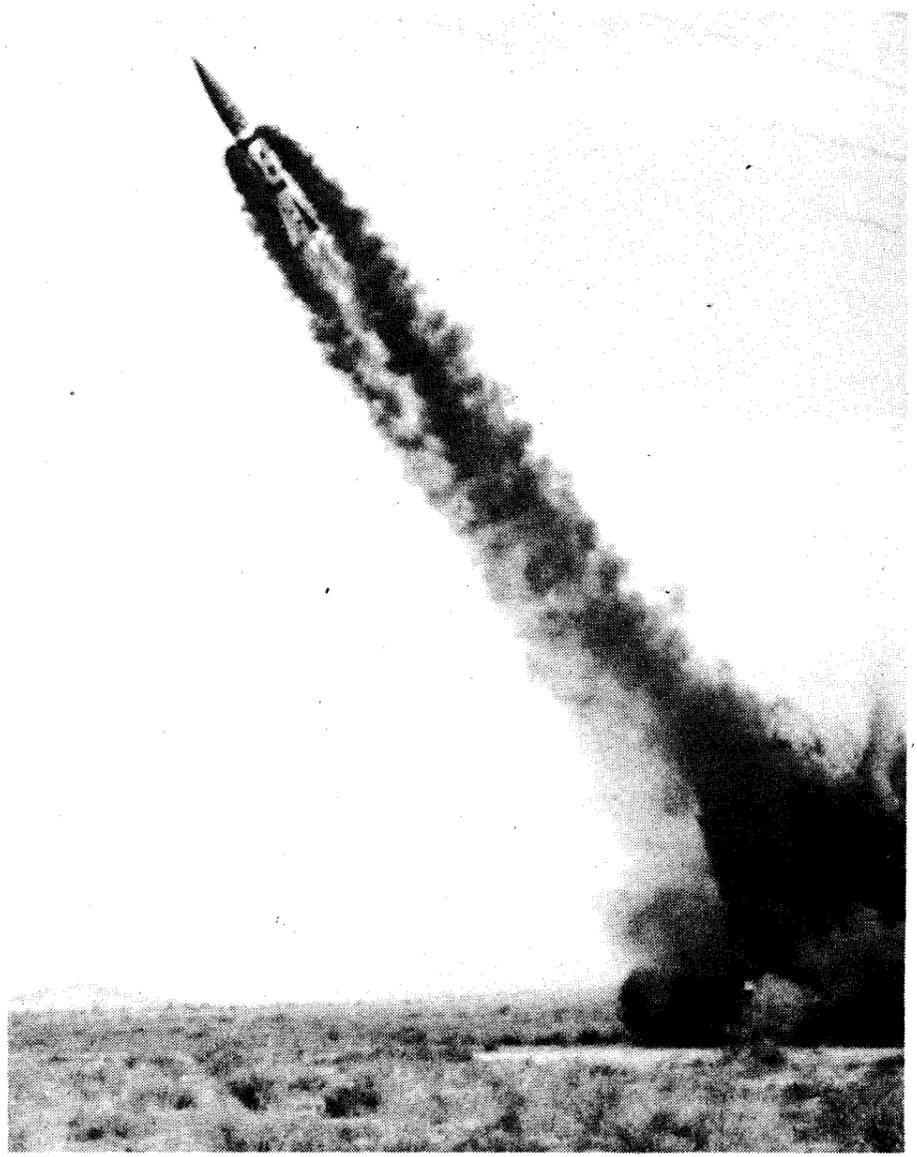
Anniston receives, inspects and fuels Lance missiles for the Army. The missiles subsequently are stored there or shipped to sites around the world.

Finally, the Army again tested at White Sands a missile pulled off the production line at Vought Corporation's facility in Warren, Mich. The test was part of a continuing flight program to verify the performance of new equipment.

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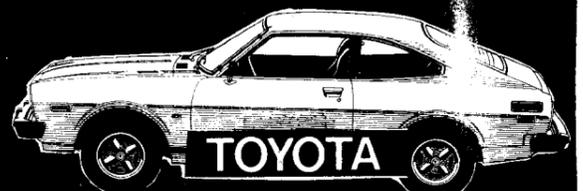
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All-Stars Unable to Halt MM Streak

Materiel Management spotted the CWF slo-pitch All-Stars three runs and then rallied to nab a 6-5 decision in the league's annual dream contest at the Civilian Recreation Area last Thursday.

Only the post season Redstone championship series pitting Army slo-pitchers against the best at the Marshall Center remains on the softball schedule for the

year. The playoff series opened this week with the final slated for next Wednesday.

The Stars started off like they intended to run away from the undefeated league champions. Bill Cannon singled with one down and scored on a double by Mel Betts. Another double by Dean Reese sent Betts home and Ken Lomax singled to make it 3-0, before Lindon Calvert was able to retire the side.

Bob Nichols' second inning homer made it 4-0 but Dave Blackwood singled home Dave Bryant to get MM on the board in the bottom of the second. An inning later Dewey Wilson cut the margin to 4-2 with solo

homer over the fence in left.

Singles by Blackwood and Rob Sumner sandwiched around an infield error squared accounts in the fourth and one-basers off the bats of Gary Belue, Bryant and Bill McCormick plated the go-ahead run in the fifth. Sumner homered to lead off the sixth and that proved to be the winning run.

Calvert had a few anxious moments in the top of the seventh when Bob Peagler tripled and Mort Loomis singled him home. With the tying run on first and only one out the MM ace retired Cannon and Theotis Horn on outfield flies to preserve the victory.

ALL-STARS (5)			
	AB	R	H
Jacobs, rf	2	0	1
Loomis, rf	2	0	1
Cannon, lcf	4	0	1
Brooks, 3b	2	1	0
Horn, 3b	2	0	1
Betts, lf	3	1	1
Reese, c	3	1	2
Johnson, ss	2	0	0
Fahey, ss	1	0	0
Lomax, rcf	2	0	2
Arzman, rcf	1	0	0
Coker, p	3	0	0
Nichols, 1b	2	1	1
Blackburn, 1b	1	0	0
Lewis, 2b	2	0	0
Peagler, 2b	1	1	1
	33	5	11

MATERIEL MANAGEMENT (6)			
	AB	R	H
Sumner, ss	4	1	2
Wilson, 3b	4	1	1
Belue, rf	3	1	3
Williams, lf	3	0	0
Bryant, 1b	3	1	2
Fees, rcf	3	0	0
McCormick, c	3	0	1
Blackwood, lcf	3	1	2
Allen, 2b	2	0	0
Calvert, p	3	1	0
	31	6	11

All-Stars			
	AB	R	H
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OFFICERS BOWLING

The Officers' Bowling League will meet in the Safeguard Room of the Officers' Open Mess at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18.

All team captains are urged to be present. Any active or retired officer or warrant officer who is interested in the league is also invited.

Regular league bowling will begin Sept. 8. For further information contact Ed Ogozalek, league secretary, at 453-3412.

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Both the AMC and the S&M leagues will once more bowl the 6:00 shift on Wednesday evenings at the Parkway Lanes. There were ten teams in each loop last season.

Persons interested in joining a team in one of the leagues may contact either of the league secretaries, Cortes Shepherd (AMC) at 876-1400, or Carl Black (S&M) at 876-4132.

Accountants Capture Third Straight

Finance and Accounting fought back from an opening round setback to capture the CWF slo-pitch league's second division playoff last week with a double win over the Comptrollers.

The wins enabled the Accountants to grab their third straight title among the CWF entries that fail to qualify for the Arsenal-wide civilian playoff against Marshall Center slo-pitchers.

Shunted to the loser's bracket following a 9-8 loss to the Comptrollers, the Accountants extracted double revenge in the finals with 12-0 and 17-15 decisions.

The final game was a see-

saw affair that saw the Accountants make up five run deficits twice and then score three times in the top of the seventh for the win.

Bill Briglia doubled home the tying run and Bill Cannon followed with another two-baser to drive in the winning tallies.

Mike Reid paced the winner's 14-hit attack with four base hits. Briglia, Cannon, Tom Johnson and Ron Walker collected two apiece with Pee Wee Culver picking up the win.

The Comptrollers banged out 17 hits with Gary Barnes, Bob Peagler and Tom Jordan each hitting safely three times. Clea-

rus Thompson took the loss.

ACCOUNTANTS (17)			
	AB	R	H
Briglia, ss	5	3	2
Cannon, lcf	2	5	2
Jacobs, rf	5	3	1
Johnson, 2b	4	2	2
Reid, lf	5	0	4
Looney, 1b	4	0	0
Culver, p	3	1	1
Hill, 3b	4	1	0
Walker, c	3	2	2
	35	17	14

COMPTROLLERS (15)			
	AB	R	H
Barnes, rf	5	4	3
Peagler, 2b	5	3	3
Rushing, lcf	5	1	1
Nichols, 1b	4	1	1
O'Donnell, ss	4	1	1
Noel, lf	4	0	2
Jordan, 3b	4	1	3
Calvin, c	4	1	0
Echols, c	1	2	1
Thompson, p	4	1	2
Sawyer, rcf	2	0	0
	42	15	17

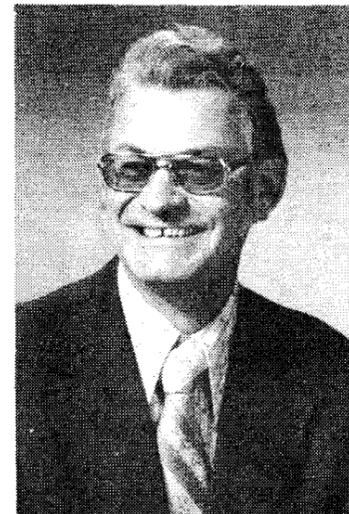
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Cops Have the Playoff Momentum

Two squeak-by wins over hard-charging Company B gave the 291st MP's top slot in the Western conference in intramural softball last week. A 14-13 victory Monday and a 6-5 win in a playoff game Thursday seated the cops at the summit and sent them confidently into this week's championships.

A third-inning home run by Dave Garber began the MP scoring drive Monday after two agonizing innngs of watching Company B's bombers chalk up five runs. But once jarred loose, the cops kept the heat on with a double and a triple by Gary Jerald and emerged the victors.

led by Dick Mason, who doubled and tripled, clobbered a hapless 7th SC 21-12, in the remainder of Tuesday games.

Wednesday

Bob Burroughs homered in the fifth inning and doubled in the first to spirit Meddac to a 7-6 win over the 6th SC. Roger Crossen, Bob Lane and Randy Hoerth also doubled in the tight match against the powerful students. Bill Jennings collected two doubles for the 6th.

MICOM, the 291st MP's and Company C all roared to sweeping victories over their opponents in other Wednesday games. The Missilemen blasted the Leathernecks, 13-5, as three of them—Steve Edmiston, Larry Singleton and Ralph Manker—slugged homers. James Fomby's first-inning homer inspired the high-flying cops to soundly thrash the 95th, 15-3. Homers by Swain and Bennett of Company C sent the permanent party team on its way to a 16-8 triumph over the 7th.

IM Playoff Underway

This year's Intramural Softball Tournament kicked off Monday with games between the 6th SC and MICOM; the 4th SC and Company A; Meddac and Company B; and the 291st MP's and Company C. Games are double elimination and are being played on fields 1 and 2 adjacent to Patton Road near the Commissary. There will be four games played nightly with the first two beginning at 6 and the last two kicking off at 7:15. In the final season standings the 6th SC is in first place in the eastern conference, and the 291st MP's are holding the top spot in the west.

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	Won	Lost	Pct.
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MEDDAC	13	6	.684
Company C	3	11	.421
95th Svc Co.	6	13	.316
5th SC	5	13	.316
8th SC	5	14	.263
Western Conference			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
291st MP	16	3	.842
Company B	16	3	.842
4th SC	14	5	.737
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Marines	6	13	.316
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It was a seventh-inning tally of six runs for the MP's that finished the B's, who managed four homers in the tight contest—by Jay Johnson, Jose Perez, Lester Noble and Paul Smith. Johnson and Perez also slugged a triple each, as did Nicky Brandon.

Company B missed again in the playoff, and for the same reason. The cops poured it on after five lackluster innings, scoring five runs on base hits, and snatched the win. Johnson homered again for the losers.

Monday

In a week of close shaves, the 6th SC held onto the Eastern crown in a 16-15 scrape with Company C. Jim Whitfield and Roger Hill slugged home runs for the winners, leading the drive to overcome a seven-point handicap imposed in the third inning, when the C's posted nine runs.

An eight-run slugfest by Meddac in the second inning exactly matched Company A's performance in the first, but the pill-pushers went one better later on to post a 19-18 win. They did it on doubles—two for Randy Hoerth and one apiece for Bob Lane, Charles Hardin and Bobby Cannon.

Randy Weise fired a homer for the 4th SC as the students played havoc with the Leathernecks, flattening them 20-5 in five innings. Mike Chandler and Nick Snyder batted triples in the student rampage, which included a wild 13-run second inning.

A battle at the bottom saw the 7th SC outdo the German Air Force 4-2, and the 95th Service Company picked up a forfeit from the 8th SC in other action.

Tuesday

The 291st MP's seemed listless against a relentless 4th SC squad, dropping the contest 10-3. The 4th could do no better than a lone double by Richard Thompson, but by singling with determined regularity they pushed up their score inning by inning for a very orderly—and impressive—win.

Randy Hoerth's double spurred Meddac to a 9-5 victory over the C's; Jay Johnson's homer highlighted a sparkling 16-4 win by Company B over Company A; Larry Singleton homered in the first inning to ignite a MICOM blitz of the 95th, 9-2; and the Marines,

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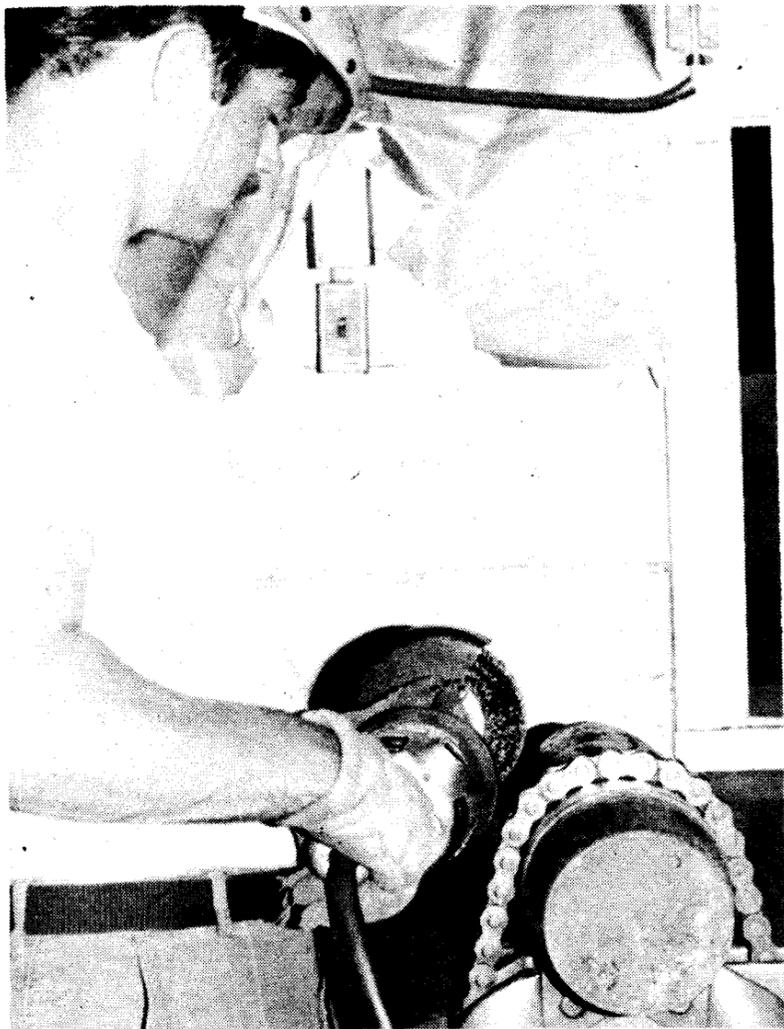
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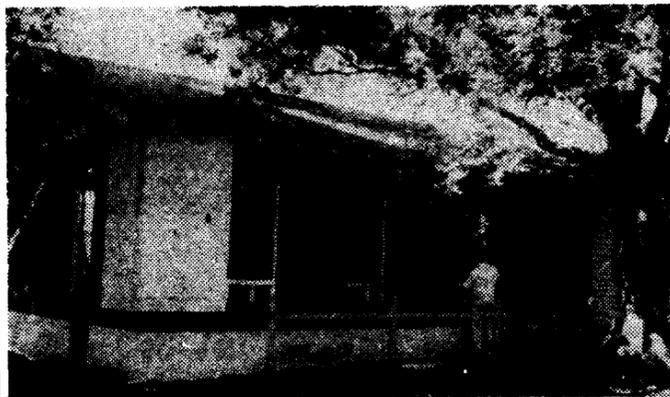
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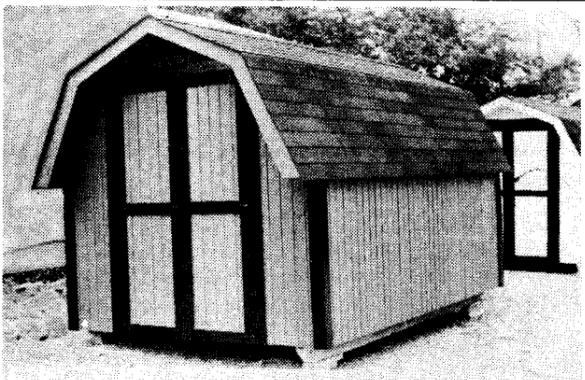
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