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Their questions confirmed the suspicions of their commander. MG George E. Turnmeyer had asked that the TOW launcher be put in the lobby because he knew many of the people in the Army missile program seldom get to see the hardware.

Squat, dark, ugly-deadly, TOW for real proved fascinating to many who, until it arrived in the lobby, had only read about it or seen an occasional photo.

Other systems will be shown in the lobby after everyone has an opportunity to get acquainted with TOW.

Chopper To Rescue

Two boy scouts lost overnight in rugged country north of here, were rescued early Sunday by an Army aerial search party.

Pilots CW3 Jack Pflanczer and CW2 James Smith, Sgt. Jack Petersen, crew chief, and SP4 Charles Neal, aerial observer, all of RASA Flight Operations, conducted the search.

They left Redstone Army Airfield at day light for Sewanee, Tenn., where the two scouts had been missing for 20 hours after being separated on Saturday from a hiking group in an area of heavy forest, deep gorges and rain swollen streams.

The Army crew spotted the scouts in a gorge through a break in the fog at 7:30 a.m. An

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Facelift About Ready

Redstone's Post Theater is getting a facelift, and is expected to be ready to re-open later this month.

Included in the renovation are 288 new seats, a refurbished lobby area with carpeting, a drive in front for passenger loading, new curtains on the auditorium walls, and an illuminated sign to be placed so it will be visible from both directions on Patton Road.

Don Emmons, Redstone Post Exchange manager, emphasized that the theater renovation is a joint effort of the Army Air Force Exchange Service and the Army.

The new astro lounge seats are being purchased by the Army. Overall cost of the rest of the renovation is approximately \$56,000. Post Exchange profits are used for the Exchange's share of the renovation costs.

Improving the Post Theater represents one more step in upgrading of post facilities for soldiers and their families. "We feel the finished project at the theater will represent a family cinema," Emmons said.

The Post Theater was built in 1957. It originally seated 340, but the new seats now being installed are larger than the old ones.

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Project Offices Merge This Fall

The Army Missile Materiel Readiness Command has proposed to the Department of the Army that management of the Dragon and TOW missile systems be centralized in a single project.

Both programs are now managed by separate project offices here. Under the proposed plan, they would be closed out on September 30. The new project office would be established the same day with soldiers and civilian employees of the Dragon and TOW project staffs.

Total manning level of both projects now is 94 civilian jobs and 12 military slots. It is planned to eliminate 16 civilian jobs in the consolidation.

Colonel James Brill, recently assigned TOW Project Manager, will head the new project office. Colonel Arthur Goodall, Dragon Project Manager, will complete his normal duty tour at Redstone in the fall.

Brill and Goodall met with the people of both projects last week and told them no layoffs were planned. Brill said soldiers now assigned would move into the new project office.

Civilian assignments will not be worked out until final approval for the new project is obtained. Civilians will be offered voluntary reassignment in accord with their retention standing. Those not placed in the new project will be reassigned to vacant jobs elsewhere using priority placement procedures.

Brill said the planned moves were to achieve personnel economies and free spaces for other programs. Consolidation of Dragon and TOW, he said, appeared feasible because of similar missions for the weapons, similar technology, approximately the same life cycle status and common interfaces with the user.

The proposal has been approved by MIRCUM and by the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

Open House Back In AF Day Plans

Armed Forces Day planning this year indicates that the Arsenal will again move to the open house concept and promises one of the largest events in the past few years.

Col. Jack C. Fessenden, Deputy Post Commander, is chairman for Armed Forces Day activities. His project officer is LTC Norman C. Propes, Special Troops, assisted by Capt. T. J. Herold, S-3 or Special Troops.

The day for activities will be May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays, tours, bands, and parachute drops are planned for the day which will conclude with a military parade.

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — The big question concerning the winter of 1977—what happened? How could southern states have extended period of record-breaking sub-freezing weather while Alaska temps soared to the mid 40s?

ARNEWS staffers asked these questions of the officials at the Army's Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab in Hanover, New Hampshire. Here are some of the answers.

These weather variations indicate some parts of the earth may have cooling trends while other parts of the global system show little change—or even added warmth. CRREL officials said these variations can be explained by abnormal shifts in the movement of air masses.

According to CRREL officials, there exists a system of waves within the general circulation of the earth's atmosphere. Due to many factors such as the earth's rotation, variations in temperature, pressure and moisture, as well as possible solar effects, these large-scale troughs and ridges of air-flow are constantly changing in size, shape and position. They determine the movement of air masses from their original sources, the development of storms on the earth's surface and consequently our day-to-day weather.

Normally the winter flow for North America resembles the movement of the air masses shown by the dotted line on the map. The dry and cold polar continental air mass moves southward from the Canadian Arctic and then usually moves southeastward and then to the east.

This winter, the patterns has changed drastically. The cold air mass has persistently flowed directly southward from northwest Canada deep into the U.S. mid-section. It then spread across the eastern two-thirds of the country (solid line). This steering action has remained almost unchanged from October 1976 to mid February this year. The

WINTER of '77



What happened?

continuing upper air wave pattern has also caused the maritime air that frequently influence the Northwest to move instead toward Alaska (solid line). This moist and thus relatively warmer air has produced abnormally high temperatures in that state.

Two other air masses that generally influence the U.S. in winter are the tropical or subtropical maritime types that occasionally penetrate the Southwest and Southeast. These air masses have been mostly blocked

this winter, accounting for the drought in California and the freeze in Florida.

CRREL officials emphasize that this possible explanation for the unusual winter of 1976-77 is only a small part of a dynamic global atmospheric system. The causes for the variations in the wave systems are theoretical, numerous and often inconsistent.

Much work with additional data is required before long-range weather patterns can be fully understood, much less predicted.



*Not penetrating U.S. this winter

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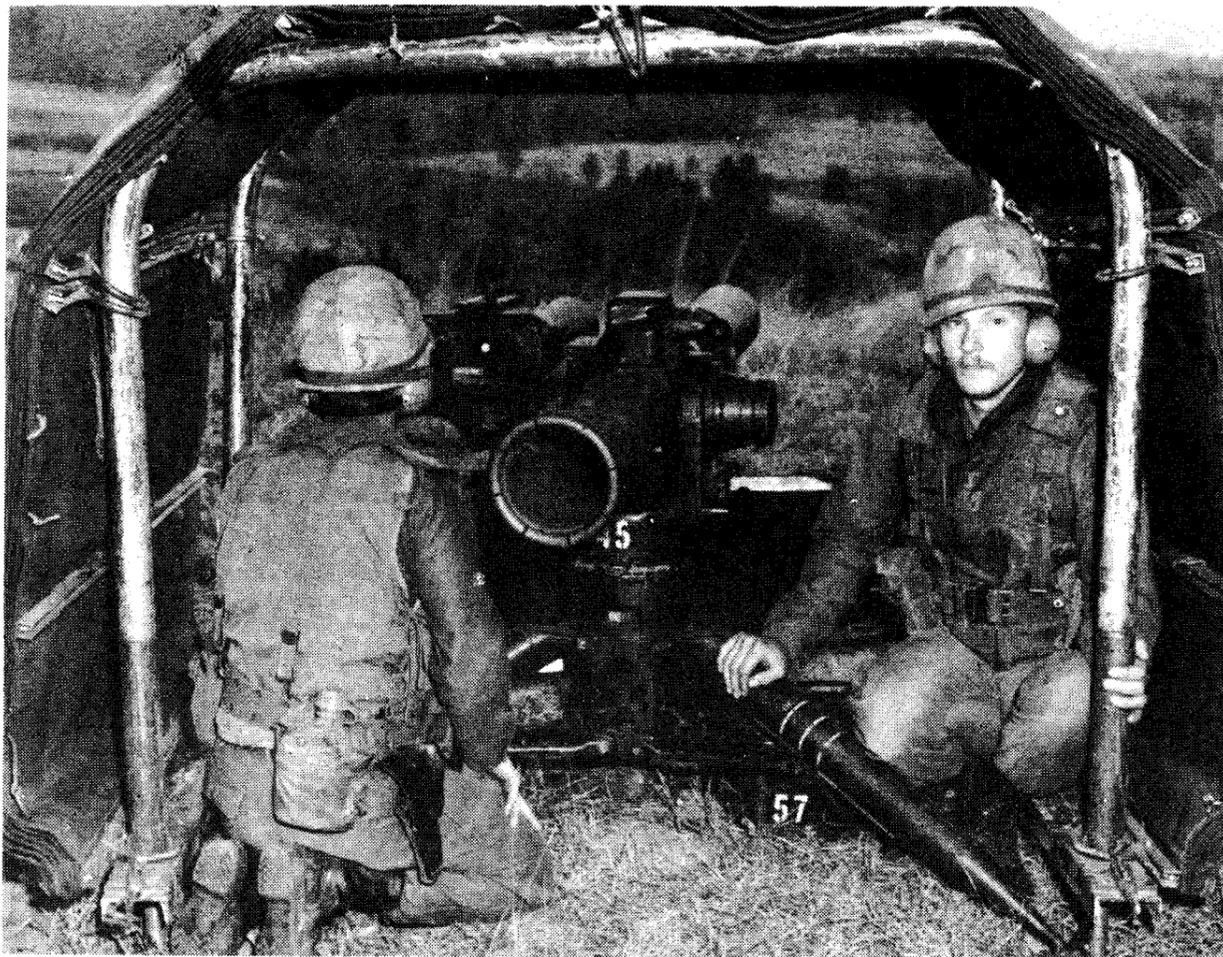
The number one objective of every recent post commander has been to get a new commissary. Redstone's is finally on the way and will actually be built next year. A new, much larger commissary with adjoining warehouse, will ease some, if not all, the hassle. In the meantime, the commissary staff, short 22 people of the 125 authorized, is doing its best.

They have problems. One is a warehouse eight miles from the store. Even when they truck replacement stock up from the warehouse, it's difficult to get it on the shelves when the narrow aisles are filled with shoppers. Normally they replace stock at night. During peak business hours, however, it sometimes happens that the stuff is going out the front door faster than it can be replaced.

Just getting stock is a problem. Until last year the commissary could buy locally. Now it is run by the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency which orders stock for all commissaries in the southeast with a computer based operation at Ft. Lee, Va. Centralized ordering is a good idea and is saving money, but its had some growing pains. One reason your favorite brand may be temporarily out of stock at Redstone is that the local store is at the end of a supply system that averages about 75 days to react. The very severe winter weather messed up transportation throughout the country. It will probably cause delays and shortages for some time to come. You might find too that your favorite brand or item may not be stocked because the commissary stocks what sells best.

Although the post commander and his staff are doing all they can to help, they have no real control over the commissary's basic problem: more people shop there than the present staff and facility can handle adequately.

If you have a suggestion or want to ask a question contact a member of the Post Commissary Advisory Council. LTC E. C. Smith Jr., the Provost Marshal, is chairman. Members include: Willie N. Paulette, commissary officer; Clifford Nuckles, his assistant; LTC Timothy G. Hopper, MMCS rep.; CSM Leroy A. Arceneaux, MIRCOC; George Parker, retired officers; Charles L. Burney, retired NCOs; Mrs. John Leonard, officers wives club; Mrs. Andree Cope, NCO wives club.



TOW armored blanket can be ground mounted.

TOW Gunners Capped

The Readiness Command has begun deployment in Europe of an armored blanket to shield the TOW weapon and gunner against artillery fragments and small arms fire.

TOW CAP (Cover, Artillery Protection) is being installed on M113AI armored personnel carriers but can be removed from the vehicle, if needed, and erected over ground emplaced launchers. Deployment there will be completed later this year.

Fitting directly over the roof of the vehicle, TOW CAP consists of a tubular steel frame covered by ballistic nylon, the same fabric used for the infantryman's armored vest. Several layers are hooked together and raised on metal rings over a curved frame to form protective sides and roof.

When not in use the armored blanket, which can be painted and camouflaged, folds into two long sections on either side of the vehicle hatch. Two men can erect the cover in less than two minutes.

TOW CAP is an interim step to deploying TOW on the Improved TOW Vehicle (M113AI will utilize a cupola to put the weapon completely under armor), and,

ultimately, on the Army's new Mechanized Infantry Combat Vehicle.

Colonel James Brill, TOW Project Manager at Redstone Arsenal, is also managing and providing technical, cost, logistical and equipment support to the ITV Project Manager at the Army Tank Automotive Research and Development Command in Warren, Mich.

"We designed, developed and fielded the armored cover within twelve months," said Bill Bentley, assistant project manager for Under Armor TOW.

Working closely with MIRCOCOM were the Army Natick Research and Development Command which designed the cover; and the Training and Doctrine Command. In addition to the TOW Project Office, other MIRCOCOM team members include the Maintenance Directorate which is installing the protective devices and Materiel Management, responsible for support and repair parts.

TOW, the Army's anti-tank weapon that can destroy any known enemy armor or knock out field fortifications, can be mounted on a variety of vehicles, including helicopters, or fired from a ground launcher.



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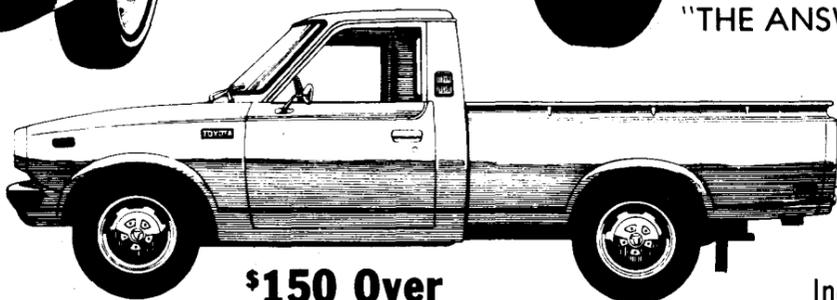
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QUESTION: What do you think civilians think of soldiers?



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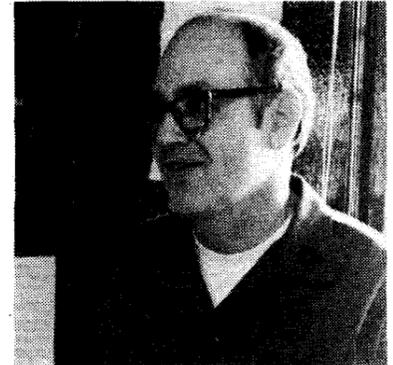


Staff Sgt. Pete Voltz, Company B—"Everyone has been very good to me and I haven't had any trouble. I work with virtually all civilians and I get along fine. I've been here 1½ years and I haven't noticed any ill feelings about soldiers downtown or anywhere in the area."

Pvt. Karen Aman, Company C—"Among all civilians there are a large number of preconceived ideas about military personnel. These ideas originated many years ago, and people would rather accept old ideas than think for themselves and find out whether or not they're true. However, I think as in everything else, a change is coming about."



Sgt. 1st Class David Cantrell, 4th SC—"I don't really know. I haven't experienced any hostilities, and I've worked with them here as an instructor for about four or five years. I don't know about the civilian community. In some offices where the young G.I.'s have to deal with them, some of the civilians who have been working the same jobs for a long time don't seem to care about the welfare of the individual soldiers. They give the soldier the idea they are doing him a favor when they are really just doing their job."



Sgt. Hank Thompson, 4th SC—"The overall perspective of their attitude is good until you start infringing on their jobs. My primary MOS is electronic instrument repair and there is an organizational repair shop in MMCS. When we start repairing equipment that the civilians are supposed to repair, they get angry because they are afraid if they get caught up in their work, some may get fired because the backlog is down."

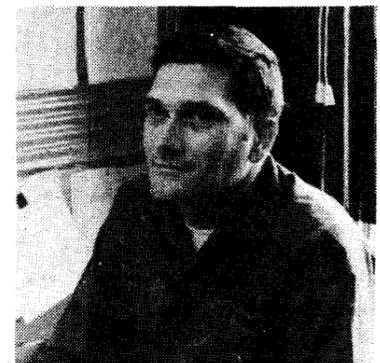


Spec. 4 Royce Henderson, 4th SC—"I haven't had any problems with any civilians. Fact is, most of the ones I've met have been very helpful as far as the military is concerned. However, in some clubs in Huntsville that I have been in, if they recognize you as a soldier, they try and take advantage of you."

SP4 Bill Garmon, Company A—"I think the civilians tolerate us because we're needed in order to justify their jobs on post. We are more or less a tolerable evil in their eyes. Retired military and non-government affiliated civilians have a better opinion of us, though. Face it, Redrock is a civilian post and they have got it made."



Sgt. 1st Class Jule Hayes, 4th SC—"Most civilians have respect for soldiers until they get out of line and get inconsiderate or disrespectful."



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Top Soldier Retires

By Pvt. Karen L. Aman)

Command Sergeant Major Joe L. Pitt, who was the top non-commissioned officer at the Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal for the last year and a half and a sergeant major for half of his 27 years of active Army service, was awarded the Legion of



Merit upon his retirement late last month.

Pitt plans to remain in Huntsville and work with the city Board of Education.

From July 1973 until September 1975, when he became command sergeant major of the School, he was the top enlisted man in School Brigade. He was previously assigned to MMCS from 1969 to 1970.

During his military service, Pitt received the Silver Star twice, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, two Air Medals, Purple Heart with oak Leaf Cluster, four awards of the Army Commendation Medal and two awards of the Combat Infantryman's Badge for infantry service in Korea and Vietnam.

Pitt also holds the French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star for action in conjunction with a French Foreign Legion unit attached to his infantry regiment in Korea in 1951.

While in Europe, Pitt served as a leadership instructor for the 7th Army Noncommissioned Officer's Academy. He has worked in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program.

He became, in 1969, the first enlisted member to serve on the Credit Advisory Committee of Redstone Federal Credit Union.



SIMMONS

Simmons Takes Over

Command Sergeant Major William P. Simmons was recently named top non-commissioned officer at the Missile and Munitions Center and School. He replaces Command Sergeant Major Joe L. Pitt, who retired last month.

Simmons previously served as sergeant major of School Brigade. He has been a sergeant major since August 1971.

During a military career spanning some 27 years, Simmons served two tours in

Okinawa, one in Korea, plus two each in Germany, Italy and Vietnam.

Born in Tampa, Fla., he graduated from high school in Purvis, Miss., and has attended University of North Carolina, University of Maryland and Athens State College.

Among Simmons's decorations are the Bronze Star, three Army Commendation Medals, the Philippine Parachute Wings and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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The new director came to Redstone from the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, where he was engaged in scientific and technological intelligence work.

In talking of his assignment at Redstone, he said he hadn't had this particular kind of a job before, "But every job I've had in the Army has been different," he said. "I'm looking forward to this as an interesting and challenging assignment, I've found people in this directorate to be outstanding and I'm proud to be working with them."

His previous assignments include the Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, Va., the North American Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colo., the Combat Development Command, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and the Chemical Corps School, at Ft. McClellan. Overseas he was in the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium; and had tours in Vietnam, Germany, Japan and Korea.

Originally from Kentucky,



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the newly assigned colonel has a bachelors degree in Chemistry from Eastern Kentucky State, a masters in physics from the University of Virginia, and in May, he expects to be awarded a masters in management of technology from American University.

SHIPPING PETS

Here's a note for soldiers planning to ship pets to Germany. Commercial air carriers have indicated that a pet shipment will be refused if a local address in Germany is not furnished the carrier at the time of pet delivery. Pet shipment costs must be paid in advance. (ARNEWS)

If you're planning to visit Washington, you should put the Pentagon on your list of things to see. The popular Pentagon tour has been extended indefinitely.

The guided tour includes a short film, a one hour walking tour of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine art and exhibits, the Time-Life Collection of World War II art, and the recently dedicated Commanders-in-Chief, NATO and Bicentennial Corridors.

Tours are scheduled Monday through Friday (excluding Federal Holidays), and start every 30 minutes at the Pentagon Concourse. The first tour begins at 9:00 a.m. and the last at 3:30 p.m. WALK+INS ARE WELCOME.

If you're in the Washington area and need further information or reservations, call 695-1776. (ARNEWS)

Upward Mobility

If they otherwise qualify for salary retention, Federal employees who take downgrades in order to become upward mobility trainees are entitled to retain all of their previous salaries.

Usually, employees who accepted voluntary downgrades are not entitled to retain their higher salaries. However, according to a recent FPM letter (531-49) this prohibition does not apply to upward mobility programs.



AER KICKS OFF — MG George E. Turnmeyer, MIRCOM Commander, makes his contribution for Army Emergency Relief, with a check to 1Lt. Larry G. Abrams, the AER Officer at Redstone. The campaign runs from March 14 through April 22 this year. The money is used for assisting soldiers and their families in times of emergency.

Covenant Players Here

The Covenant Players, a group of Los Angeles young people who have dramatized Bible stories in this country and 14 others, will put on four shows today for people at Redstone.

They will appear at the Post Chapel at a 6:15 a.m. prayer breakfast, and present other shows there at 3:30 and 6 p.m. They will also appear at the Bicen-

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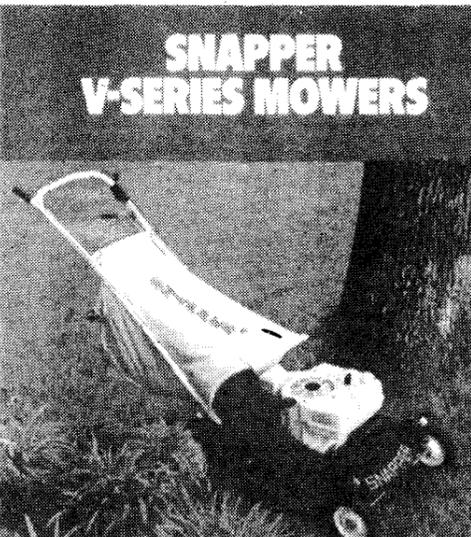
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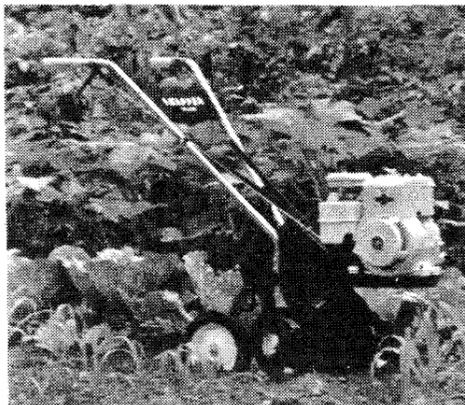
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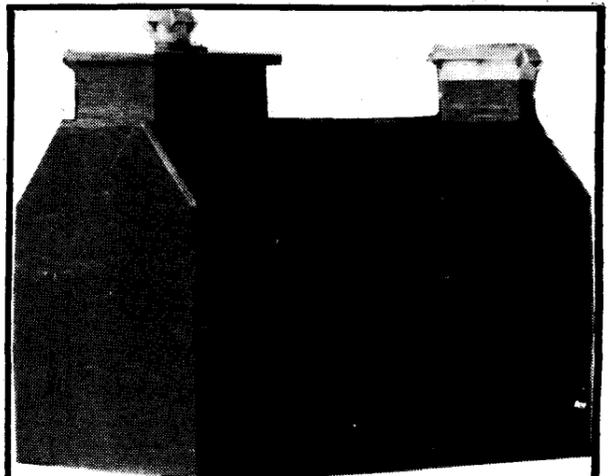
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A BLOSSOMWOOD EXECUTIVE — would be perfect for this 3100 sq. ft. raised rancher with partial basement. To understand and appreciate this one you'll have to see it. A tremendous buy for \$45,900. (FS419)

HUNTSVILLE'S FINEST — Just listed basement on Big Cove Road. 3500 sq. ft. of living area includes separate living and dining room, large kitchen, den with fireplace and wood bin, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, rec room with fireplace and wet bar. Large lot with trees. This home is great for entertaining and/or large family. (BC1403) \$79,500.

FANTASTIC — Hobbs Island Rd. — Located on 4.3 acres of beautiful land with a pond. This huge (5252 sq. ft.) all brick basement rancher has so very much to offer and yet is very close to South Huntsville. Very large entry, large living room, large dining room, large den with fireplace, huge rec room, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, parlor downstairs plus kitchen downstairs, inside utility room, patio, over deck, double garage. Ideal for people with antiques who need large rooms. By appointment only. \$120,000.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW OF LAKE GUNTERSVILLE — 2 year old brick Cape Cod, 2525 sq. ft. 5 acres; tennis court, city water, near boat launches, 30 min. drive from Huntsville. Energy conservation as upstairs can be shut off (2 heat pumps). Minimum maintenance. Desirable retirement floor plan (open upstairs for guest only). Trade you city house for this beautiful estate. \$73,000.

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EXECUTIVE HOME — Custom built, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den with fireplace, large kitchen/breakfast with bay window, private large patio. Very nice. (2730D)

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POPULAR AND CONVENIENT — McThornmore Acres. Very nice 3 bedroom home with storm windows and doors. Beautiful view of LAH from large den with fireplace. Nice kitchen with plenty of cabinets and large breakfast room. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Big beautiful fenced lot. Total price \$38,000. (1201W)

CLEANEST HOUSE IN TOWN — You gotta see this immaculate tri-level home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living & dining room, eat-in kitchen, den, sewing room, double garage, huge backyard with mature pine trees, redwood deck, nice quiet cul-de-sac neighborhood. Offered at \$35,500. (1606MS)

4203 KENWOOD DR. — Very nice brick rancher on large corner. Fenced rear entry garage provides excellent recreation area. Eat-in kitchen, four bedrooms or 3 and paneled den, 1 1/2 baths, carpets. Low equity \$7,500, payments \$208.00. Will trade.

3700 FOXTRAIL — Real nice tri-level, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths with large den, corner lot in isolated area. Inside laundry. \$29,700.

A GREAT BUY — on Sewall Dr. Beautifully decorated 3 bedroom home with study, den with impressive fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, single garage, large inside laundry, living and dining "L", built-in kitchen. Total priced at \$32,400. (4010S)

TWICKENHAM DISTRICT - RELIVE THE ELEGANCE OF DAYS GONE BY in this beautiful turn of the century home located at 501 Franklin St., S.E. Features include a huge foyer with large double staircase, ballroom, formal living and dining room, 2 1/2 baths, 3 large bedrooms, upstairs sitting room, four large porches and outside carriage house. 12 inch solid brick walls, 14 ft. ceilings, new electrical service, new room, new heating system, stained glass windows. There are too many features to describe in this ad. ... so call Joe Steele Realty for all the details. (F-501)

315 VERSAILLES, S.E. — 4 bedroom rancher, den with real brick fireplace, inside utility room, carpeted, drapes, Spic and Span. On beautiful lot with private back yard. \$49,900.

BACKS UP TO TREES — Newly built lovely decorated home with all built-ins. Features 3 bedrooms, living room, country kitchen and more. Priced right at \$29,900. Located at 6213 Menifee Dr.

ONE ACRE IN SOUTHEAST — More plus features than you can imagine. 3 bedrooms, living room with cozy fireplace, extra large fun family room also has fireplace, garage with workshop. Beautiful 1 acre lot with lots of shade trees for beautiful summer days coming up. Priced at \$34,900. (210F).

3515 VENTURA — Very attractive rancher in Holiday Homes. Nice living room, kitchen area, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, carpets. Walk to Ridgecrest. Total price \$20,500. Will trade.

TRI-LEVEL — This 4 bedroom tri-level has a 16x32 in-ground pool and a 12x25 sunken den with raised hearth fireplace. Formal living and dining, 2 1/2 baths, carpet throughout. (E1922)

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TARA — Three bedroom ranch, with hobby room. Large eat-in kitchen and den combination. Fully carpeted. Nice floor plan. Only three years old. Equity \$14,500. Payments \$273.00.

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WHITESBURG ESTATES — 1725 sq. ft. all brick 3 bedroom rancher featuring huge country-kitchen/den combo, carpeting throughout, beautiful, large fenced lot. \$39,900. (A12113)

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HAYSLAND — \$6,860 in equity - 2100 ft. of comfortable living await you in this large corner lot. Living room, dining room, extra large country kitchen, huge den, 2 baths, carpet and drapes, three bedrooms and study or four bedrooms. Walk to Chaffee School. \$316.36 per month. (L8046)

TRIBE SIZE — Bailey Cove... Lovely Colonial 2-story with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, large utility room, and opening 2-car garage. Fenced play area, large corner lot, walking distance to Grissom, 2745 sq. ft. \$58,500. Any type financing. (C1019)

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BE THE FIRST — to live in this brand new home at 13014 Coys Dr. In beautiful Fox Run. Features include 3 large bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living & dining, large family room with stone fireplace, kitchen with beautiful cabinets & wallpaper plus all built-in appliances. \$46,500.

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Fourteen retirees from all branches of the Armed Forces are serving as volunteers in the Personal Services Branch of RASA to assist and counsel personnel with

more than 18 years service who are approaching retirement as well as individuals already retired.

"Our counselors have had many kinds of professional experience," one of the volunteers, Don Myers (LTC-ret) said. "We're associated with the Huntsville Chapter of the Retired Officers Association and with the Redstone Retiree Council headed by Colonel Robert Bennett."

First Lieutenant Larry G. Abrams, head of the Personal Services Branch, said other retirees from both officer and enlisted ranks are being encouraged to join the volunteers.

Volunteers staff the office from 1 to 4 PM Monday through Friday, and may be contacted by calling 876-5397 or by coming to Bldg. 3484 on Redstone. Retirees seeking assistance during the morning hours should contact Lt. Abrams at the same phone number and in the same building.

Myers said he and other volunteers may not have all the answers but will try to act as liaison between individuals and agencies where there are problems.

"I've been retired 21 years," Myers said, "and have had a lot of experience with problems that face retirees, as have others among the volunteers. We're here to help."

The group is planning to publish a quarterly newsletter. The first issue will be distributed soon.



COUNSELING — Retired LTC Don Myers talks with a visitor at the Personal Services Branch where Myers is one of 14 retired military who assist soldiers approaching retirement and retired personnel. The volunteers maintain liaison with agencies where individuals may have problems and need help.

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They are Dr. Bernard Steverding of the R&D Command, and Dr. Loren Dickerson of the Readiness Command.

Steverding is assigned to the High Energy Laser Laboratory where he is engaged in laser physics. He

has authored more than 100 publications in open literature, and is credited with several patents.

Dickerson is with the Metrology and Calibration Center in the Development and Engineering Division. He holds three patents, is the author of numerous scientific articles, and has represented his agency in nineteen national committees.

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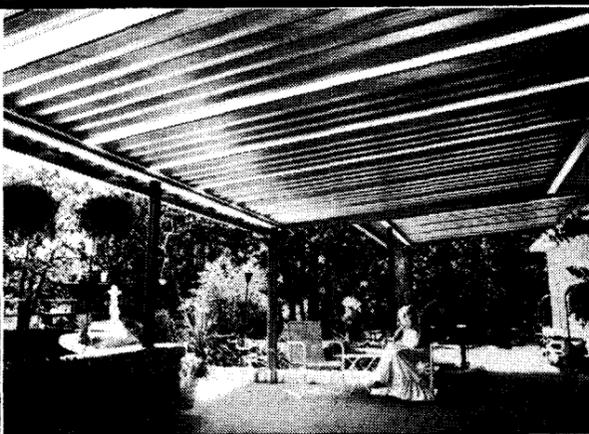
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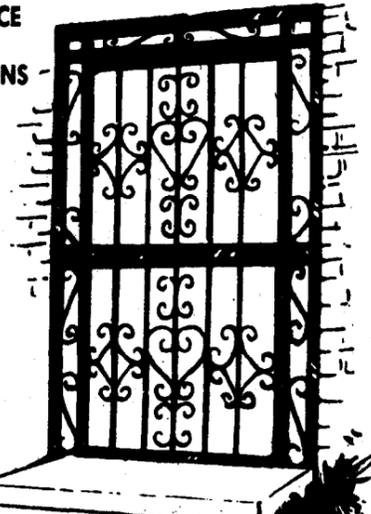
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THE SOLDIER SCENE

Soldiers are telling it like it is. They have answered questionnaires and surveys, and have gone to their leaders and told them just how they feel.

How does the soldier feel about the career that he has chosen? What does he feel are the good points, the bad? This issue of the DA Scene is devoted to the views of the soldier... and the views of the Chief of Staff, Gen. Bernard Rogers and Sergeant Major of the Army, William Bainbridge.

The GI's concern is pay and benefits and the conditions under which he lives. His decision to join the Army becomes a balancing act. The 'cruit must balance what he gets from the Army with what he has to give. To the Army, the soldier gives the possibility of 24-hour, 7-day-a-week duty, and the ultimate control over his life for a number of years.

He doesn't feel that the compensation balances with the conditions under which he has to live, work and relax. This compensation takes the form of direct cash and various potential benefits. These bennies may not be available locally or used by all GIs.

What bothers soldiers the most is the frequent moves from one place to another. They feel the least favorable thing about wearing Army green is the lack of social status and prestige.

The aspect of Army life that bothers the soldier the least is the possibility of being injured or killed in combat. The best part of the Army system, the soldier feels, is the retirement system.



In addition, most soldiers feel that they receive less in pay and allowances than they would receive as a civilian.

The soldier values all of the potential benefits—medical care and retirement being the most popular—and feels that those benefits available to him in the Army are somewhat better than those he would have as a civilian.

Fewer than half of the soldiers who spoke out would recommend an Army career to someone in their family or to a good friend, and the same number of career soldiers would "do it all over again" if they had the chance.

Two-thirds of the soldiers in the Army agree that a "military career is special and demands more dedication than most careers."

The low-ranking GIs said that "low pay" was on the top of their list of needed changes. The E-5 and above rated constant moving at the top. All ranks felt that working hours were too long. Irregular working hours, isolated duty and unaccompanied tours, concern for the future (up-or-out), and inadequate military quarters should also be changed, said the soldiers.

These answers are reflected in the general response to career aspects, with junior members citing "adventure, travel and new experiences" as the more exciting. Senior members felt that the retirement system held the greatest lure.

Soldiers were asked how they compared the Army with a civilian career, 34 percent said that the Army had more favorable aspects, 21 percent felt they were the same, 36 percent said less, and 9 percent made no comparison.

Another gripe the soldier had was getting compensatory time for long hours that they have to put in on occasion, 49 percent said that they get "some" time off but a third said that they "never" get time off.

Pay has always been a question with the soldier. The majority feel that they are not paid a comparable wage for the work done. It has been estimated that approximately 137,000 soldiers "moonlight" to obtain extra money. Most of these soldiers are in the E-5 to E-7 ranks. It appears that the percentage of married soldiers rises dramatically at the E-5 level and the monthly "cash-flow" problems of married soldiers at this rank means a need for extra income.

The soldier has a better awareness of the world around him and, though he has chosen the Army as a career, there are those who feel that someone at the top has let them down. He has

seen a gradual erosion of his benefits and does not perceive the effort made by his military leaders to insure that he is well paid and taken care of.

SMA's Views

The Sergeant Major of the Army, William G. Bainbridge is concerned about the men and women in the Army today. Though there has been some criticism of the "All Volunteer Army", the SMA feels that today's soldier is the best yet.

"Today's noncommissioned officer is the very best our Army has ever seen; our NCOs today are more mature, more aggressive, confident, highly motivated and mission oriented," he said.

The SMA felt that, "A professional must be all of these things. It is not enough to just perform your duty as a soldier, you must do it in such a manner that you leave your position in better shape than it was when you arrived, we are doing this today."

"One of the observations that I have made in the past 18 months as Sergeant Major of the Army is the vast number of true professionals we have in our Army. More and more NCOs are demonstrating those indicators so common among professionals—ability, concern for the soldier, and discipline."

He went on to say that it was, "heartening" that the term 'professional' has finally evolved to where it is applied to a real pro—the soldier in the U.S. Army. He commented that, "There is no more satisfying profession in the world than soldiering—nor is there any greater challenge than that required of the soldier."

SMA Bainbridge closed by saying, "Defending one's nation and taking care of one's soldiers is its own reward. Be proud of yourselves, your units, and your nation. Individually and collectively the continual efforts by all professional soldiers to excel will provide us with the quality to meet the ultimate challenge and triumph on the battlefield."

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VE Manager Earns His Doctoral Degree

Charles L. Garrison, MIRCOC value engineering program manager, recently completed work for the Phd degree in Engineering Management.

California Western University awarded the doctorate to Garrison during the January 15 graduation exercises held at the university in Santa Ana, Cal.

His doctoral dissertation concerned "organizational parameters for quantitative management of operations research and management science type functions including systems analysis, behavior science and value engineering and their relationship to the administrative hierarchy."

Garrison began his Civil Service career as an engineering co-op trainee in 1953, later served in the Air Force. In 1956 he entered a Navy program for professional engineering development and received in 1958, a Civil Service award equivalent to a BS degree in general engineering.

Since coming here in 1960, Garrison has received a bachelor of liberal science degree from the University of Oklahoma and a master of science degree from California Western.

Garrison has worked in value engineering for the past decade, served as MIRCOC VE program manager from July 1974 until the recent realignment.

The CHIEF says to give a damn and care for the GI

The Chief of Staff, Gen. Bernard Rogers, made it very clear in a recent news conference that he is a soldier's man. He does not intend to let the soldier down, but the soldier should not let him down.

He is proud of the soldiers in the Army today. He stated, "In my mind the soldiers we have today are the best that I've seen in 33 and a half years' service. I say that without qualification."

When asked about the ombudsman concept for the Army, Gen. Rogers' reply was straight and to the point, "I am the ombudsman for the Army."

He went on to define why he is the ombudsman, "I'm the 'they' about which soldiers talk or noncommissioned officers talk when they say... 'They are doing so and so' or 'They are doing--' I am the 'they'."

"As the Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Army I share the 'they' with the Secretary. It really comes down to the fact that for the soldier, I am 'they'."

"I do not believe that the Army needs a separate ombudsman," he said. "Every unit has a leader, and I expect that leader to be the ombudsman for that unit. I expect him to develop ways so that he can find out what it is that is causing concern to the soldier." He went on to add, "Soldier satisfaction has to be extremely high on our priority list. At the top, of course, is the soldier, without the soldier you don't have leaders."

The Chief said that he expects the chain of command to work, "I expect commanders to find ways to get input from the bottom up, so that they can find out what it is that's bugging our soldiers."

Gen. Rogers then discussed the things that must be done for the soldier and led off by saying, "What needs to be done is to improve job satisfaction for the soldier. Don't misunderstand me, I want to make this very clear, I am not talking about coddling soldiers, I am talking about caring for soldiers."

"This is what I call give-a-damn for soldiers. That means several things; it means that you treat the soldier with dignity and respect, you treat him as an adult. You give him the priority he needs and you tap him for ideas... how to do our business better. At the same time, giving a damn for soldiers means setting high standards for soldiers in all areas."

Benefits is another of the major areas of concern for the Chief. "This year the Army is committed in the Fiscal '78 program to the Junior Enlisted Entitlements Package. We've tried this three times in the past, and it has not been successful in getting through Congress," he stated. "It means that the E-4, not with just two years of service, but the young, junior enlisted man can bring his family along with him and have housing available. He will be able to bring his POV with him, be treated the same as any other married soldier."

Gen. Rogers addressed the subject directly when he said, "Over the last three or four years there has been a great erosion of benefits for

our soldiers. The time has come to stop this erosion. The Department of Defense made the decision that it is going to fight further erosion of benefits."

"I want to insure that the soldier in the Army understands that their Secretary and their Chief are not unmindful of what has happened. We will devote our energy to protect their interests and those of our dependents. What we need to talk about is giving the soldier sufficient pay with which he can support himself and his family. We need to talk about the fringe benefits which he ought to have because of the unique position occupies, the services he renders for his country, the constraints upon himself as a citizen, different from those upon a civilian."

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The plane lands at Redstone Army Airfield and taxis into a parking area across the runway from the tower and hangars. Twelve other small planes are lined up here before a trailer-office. No signs are visible, but this is the Redstone Flying Club, second largest in the Army.

In 1975, the club had only seven planes and 80 members. Those figures have both nearly doubled in just over a year's time to 13 and 140.

Captain George Colex of the Patriot Project Office explained about the organization. Cole, club custodian, says membership is limited to active-duty, retired, and reserve military personnel, DoD civilian employees, and dependents of these persons. "We have everything from commanders to E-4's, engineers to mechanics, retired generals to first-year federal employees flying with us."

One of the newer members is Lieutenant Beverly Fisher, a nurse at Redstone Army Hospital. Off-duty she can usually be found inspecting prop blades, oil sticks, and fuel tanks with her flight instructor, preparing for a run.

Fisher got the flying 'bug from her father. "I rode with him and got interested in it," she said. "After I came to Redstone, I heard about the club from announcements in the bulletin and decided to get my own license."

The club runs an FAA-approved flight school which has also been given VA-approval for GI-Bill training. Members can earn private, commercial, instrument, and instructor ratings.

"Licensed members can fly the club's planes for an hourly cost-compensation rate," Cole said. It has five Cessna 150's, one 172, a 177 Cardinal, a 210, a Cherokee 140 and 180, two Army surplus T-41's and an O-1 Bird Dog. "The planes are in constant use."

"Right now we have 51 people in flight school," Cole went on. Twenty are working for private licenses, 26 are on commercial or instrument ratings, and five on instructor ratings.

"We hold ground school on weekday nights at the main airfield buildings. Flight time is set up by individuals on an appointment basis with the instructors."

The club holds quarterly "Fly-In's" in January, April, July, and October. The day-long events include skill contests for pilots, such as precision landing and flour bombing.

Cole feels the Flying Club offers an excellent opportunity for young soldiers in need of spare-time activities. "Our advanced training program, the commercial and instructor courses, allow our members to develop a highly marketable occupational skill. Besides that, flying is a great recreation."

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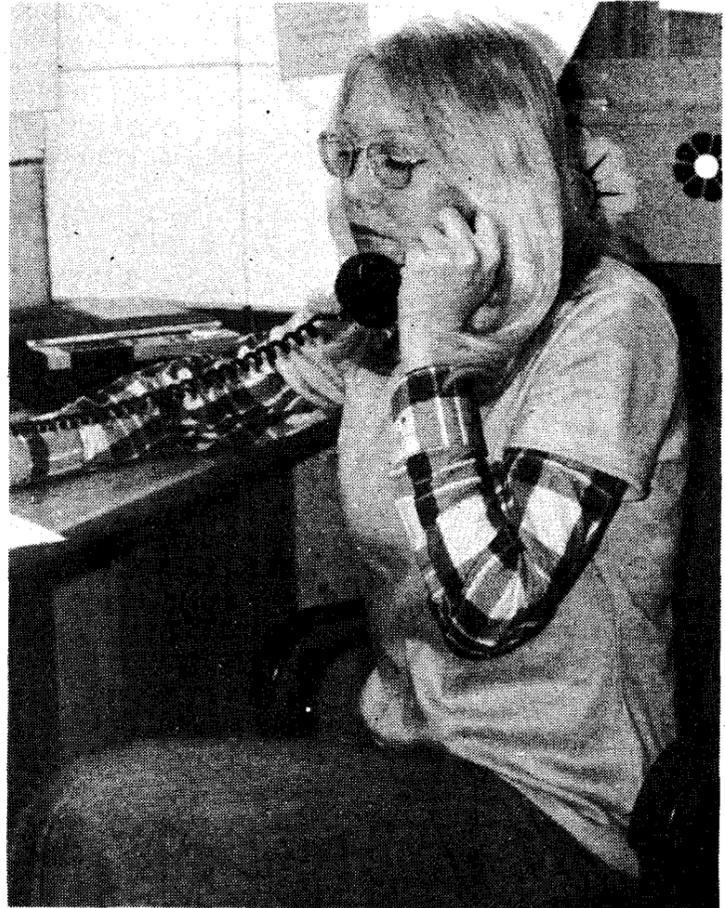
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Grave Recruiting Difficulty Seen

WASHINGTON—A special study of the all volunteer force predicts "very grave recruiting difficulties" in the future.

That forecast was given to senators last week by Dr. William P. King, a professor of business administration at the University of Pittsburgh.

King was named last fall by Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Manpower and Personnel, to study the all volunteer force. King reported his findings to Sen. Nunn and his subcommittee March 2.

He gave the services high marks for the way they implemented the all volunteer force, but predicted it will get progressively tougher to fill the ranks with volunteers.

The number of 18 year old males is declining and job opportunities are getting better,

King said, adding:

"These factors indicate very grave recruiting difficulties for the military in the future."

Among the predicted difficulties: recruiting shortfalls, lower quality recruits and higher costs.

Major conclusions of King's study included:

—While combined recruiting and force level figures show that the all volunteer force is functioning, there are some doubts as to the overall cost and effectiveness of the force.

—Problems now indicate potential future problems that may have significant negative impact on our ability to maintain an effective defense in the future at reasonable cost.

—While many alternatives other than the pre-1973 draft are considered impossible, a program of national service could be

developed and implemented.

—Other alternatives, such as a "better managed" all volunteer force complemented with a back up draft, or a reserve-only draft, might lessen some of the current and future problems.

—There is no assurance that these simple alternatives would provide the nation with an adequate defense at reasonable cost in the late 1980s.

—A "better managed" all volunteer force would require broad programs for enhancing the supply of and reducing the need for the ever harder to recruit qualified young male.

"The ability to attract sufficient recruits is the key to the success of the all volunteer force. In the first year of operation, there was difficulty in attracting adequate numbers of high quality recruits."

The Army had a six percent recruiting shortfall at the end of 1976, the Marines came in 15 percent short of their recruiting goal.

In the event of a national emergency, King estimated it would cost \$29 billion more to get the services up to Vietnam War level with volunteers, assuming that enough young men would volunteer.

King told the senators the all volunteer force is essentially "a peacetime force" and predicted its future would get worse instead of better.

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The tests will run for nine months, after which the orbiter will be sent back to Rockwell International in Palmdale, California and refurbished. Then it will taken to Kennedy Space Center for launch.

A large derrick is to be erected by NASA at Redstone Army Airfield in preparation for the orbiters arrival here from California. The derrick for unloading the 193,000 pound orbiter will be built on a concrete pad 245 feet long by 180 feet wide, and anchored 50 feet below the surface in bedrock. The derrick, an American S-40 Stiffleg, has been refurbished and upgraded to insure the required capacity.

The concrete mounting pad will be installed just south of the NASA hangar where Hale Road — which will be rerouted — turns west near the airfield edge.

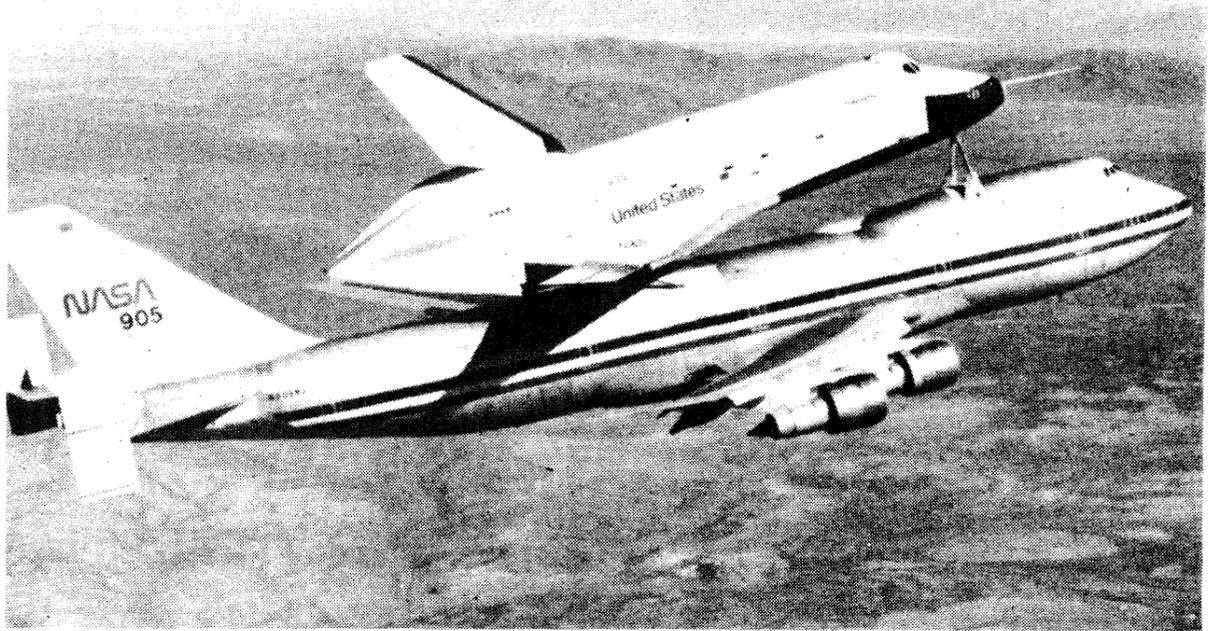
The orbiter moves overland on a special trailer that has steering fore and aft and with the orbiter weighs 258,000 pounds. Anything overhead lower than 61 feet will have to be moved, as will anything in the right of way within the 79 foot wing span.

The orbiter will be transferred to Bldg. 4755 and prepared for vibration tests in which it will be hung tail down and vibrated mechanically in the dynamic test stand.

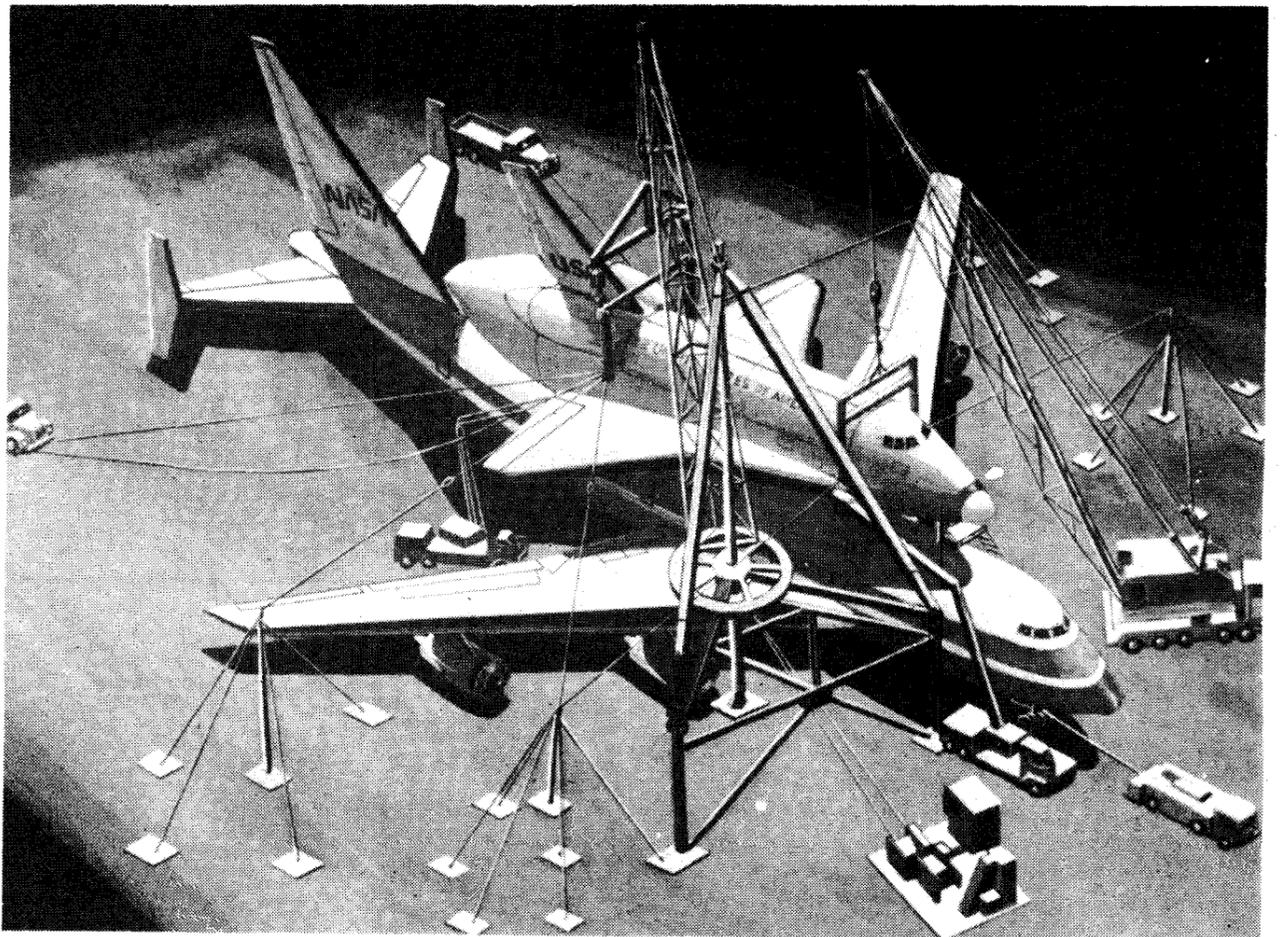
Tests are designed to gain information needed for analysis of flight control stability and dynamic loads during launch and flight. The tests are similar to those performed in the stand on Apollo Saturn V in the mid-60s.

For the tests the orbiter will be fitted to its large external fuel tank and solid rocket boosters as in actual launch, but an inert substance will be used in place of several million pounds of fuel the craft carries.

Marshall Center was responsible for development of the external tank, boosters and the shuttle main engines, as well as certain systems test and integration functions.



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Drawing of space shuttle lifting apparatus to be installed at Redstone Army Airfield.

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Bennett was formerly with McDonnell-Douglas and was principal metallurgist for the Douglas Corporation on the DC-8, B-66, B-47 and other aircraft. He is currently pursuing a

systematic methodology to identify, develop, and implement new technology into the B-1 program to reduce costs.

Members and other interested persons are welcome. Reservations for dinner may be made by calling Haywood Dedman at 876-3464.



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WASHINGTON (AR-NEWS) — A new weapon for infantrymen is one step closer. The Army Armament Material Readiness Command at Rock Island Arsenal has contracted for development of an infantry squad automatic weapon.

The contract calls for production of a prototype called the XM235 Squad

Automatic Weapon. The weapon will be designed with metric measurements. The SAW is being developed to meet the need for a new lightweight, one-man automatic weapon capable of delivering automatic, accurate and sustained fire at long ranges.

It is planned that the new weapon will replace the

M16A1 in the automatic fire mission and may replace one or more M60 machineguns in an infantry rifle platoon.

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Redstone Bows Twice In Tourney

Ft. Knox—The Redstone Rockets were eliminated early from the TRADOC Western Division Tournament here last week. The team lost a heart-breaker in overtime to the Ft. Bliss Falcons and, unable to turn around the following evening against the Ft. McClellan Volunteers, bowed out of the tourney.

ROCKETS VS. BLISS

The Rockets suffered their first defeat in overtime at the hands of the Ft. Bliss Falcons 79-80 Monday night before some 300 fans at Sadowski Field House.

The Rockets grabbed control of the ball at the jump, and Redstone's Terry Adams, securing the ball on a quick pass, lit the scoreboard with two points.

But it was not to be a runaway game for the Redstone team as Bliss grabbed for the rebound and evened the score.

Though they were the shorter team, Redstone managed to fend off two Bliss drives, keeping the Falcons outside and forcing them into long shot positions.

The seesaw contest continued throughout the remainder of the first half. In the final minute, several Redstone fumbles gave the Falcons the chance to grab a two point lead. Bliss' luck con-

tinued, and the Falcons earned a 36-29 half-time lead.

The Redstone team attempted a weak comeback early in the second half, but it was sliced by a strong Falcon defense. However, Rocket momentum grew. With only five minutes left in the game, the famous Redstone "come from behind" trick was pulled again, as they whittled a twenty point Bliss lead down to only two points.

The Rockets took a 70-69 lead with a long bucket by Adams with 34 seconds remaining. When the buzzer sounded it was 71 all.

A fast break in the beginning of the five minute overtime put the Rockets ahead by two. However, the Falcons went on the warpath again and kept the score even until the final two minutes. Redstone had a one-point lead, but they were unable to hold on as several Redstone players fouled. In the final four seconds Bliss made two free shots to cop the win.

Redstone's Terry Adams was game high scorer with 33 points. Other Redstone players in double figures were Willie Rice with 12, John Chandler with 10, and Andri Knight with 10.

High scorers for Bliss were Gonzales Williams with 20, James Taylor with 18 and Michael Smith with 12.

McCLELLAN VICTORIOUS

The Rockets were swept off the court 128-70 by the Ft. McClellan Volunteers Tuesday night.

The Volunteers tipped the ball in the jump and were off to a running start within the first three minutes, leading the Rockets 8-0.

Rocket rebounding was almost nil as they tried in vain to catch up with the hard-charging McClellan team. Within the first 10 minutes of the half, the Volunteers had a 20-point edge over the Rockets 34-14.

However, the Rockets sparked a solid drive into McClellan territory, and on several good ball steals by John Chandler the Rockets gave the appearance of gaining ground on the Volunteers. That never came to pass, however, and the closest they were able to get was 11 points from their opponents.

By the end of the half, the McClellan team had pushed their way past Rocket defenses to end the first period 61-27.

The Red men still couldn't pull off any miracles in the second half. McClellan grabbed the ball in the jump and charged down court. A slight reprieve was on the way for the Redstone team 12 minutes into the half, as McClellan committed several personal fouls. However, Redstone

shooting was off, and they couldn't take advantage of the opening.

The strong Volunteer defense kept Redstone from getting close enough for field goals. Hampered again by lack of height, the Redstone defense was not any match for keeping the McClellan offense off the boards.

Any hopes for a Redstone comeback were quickly thwarted by the McClellan cagers as they kept the Redstone shooting percentage down to only 20 per cent as opposed to their own 60 per cent.

In the final two minutes, the Rockets sparked a strong drive which netted them 12 extra points, but it wasn't enough to keep alive hopes of remaining in the tournament.

The game between the two Alabama teams was a grudge match from February, when Redstone used their home court advantage and whipped McClellan 89-74.

Center Jesse Powell led McClellan with 31 points followed by guard Ivory Douglas with 22.

Willie Rice of the Rockets headed the Redstone drive with 31.

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Major Clint Hodder, DYA basketball director, is very pleased with this year's season. "Not only did we have a good win-loss record, but the caliber of the coaching was great," he said.

DYA sponsored wight teams, six boys' and two girls', in the Huntsville-Madison County area. Players' ages ranged from 8 to 15 years. They won three league championships.

Winning league titles were the Lakers (Boys 9 and under), the Celtics (Boys 11 and under) and the Green Machine (Boys 15 and under).

Another team the 12-13-year old Celtics finished second in the Huntsville Boys' Club post-season playoffs. The Celts defeated Madison 44-27, the Lakers, 45-41, before falling, 49-35, to the Rebels in the finals. In both these games, Curt Hollis was lead scorer followed by Mike Sandlin in the first game and Jim Hudson against the Lakers.

Hollis, Sandlin, and Hudson scored 14, 10, and 6 points respectively in the last game.

Hollis was leading scorer for the season scoring over 16 points a game and was named to the All-Star team. The Celtics' coach was Lieutenant-Colonel Joe Goss.

Major Hodder thanked the coaches, who devoted hundreds of off-duty man-hours so that Redstone youth had the opportunity to play basketball. "I also feel the parents deserve a lot of credit in sacrificing much of their normal family routine in supporting this program. Hundreds of miles had to be driven transporting players to and from practices and the games."

Rosters of the winning teams included: **Redstone Lakers** (Boys 9 & Under) coached by Sp4 Adrian Norwood; the team

members were Todd Lowery, Lyle Coleman, Damon Robinson, James Mann, Barry Capps, Lance Foster; Darrell McRae, Dale Bush and Vernon Coleman.

Redstone Celtics (12-13) coached by LTC coached by SSG Abe Bush; team members were Mark Childress, Robert Holmes, Brent Pope, Larry Bush, Jerry Copeland, Mark Daniel, Tony Winsenter, Darryl Ross, Peter MacConachie, Byron Eilensstine, Wayne Paddock, John Dove and Charles Evans.

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Knox Grabs TRADOC Crown

Ft. Knox—In the first game of the TRADOC tournament to give both teams triple digit scores, the Ft. Knox Tankers edged the Ft. Sill Cannoneers 110-103 last Friday night to clinch the 1977 TRADOC basketball crown.

Sill grabbed the tip-off and started the scoring run. Knox followed suit, sinking one of their own but the driving Sill team outpaced them and took an 8-4 lead.

Shooting was noticeably off from earlier that day, when Knox fell to Sill by just three points. Sill defense prevented Knox from getting inside for any lay-ups.

With 15 minutes left in the half, the Tankers ginned up a scoring drive that netted six points and brought them within three points of the Cannoneers, 13-10.

From there it became a tug of war, as neither team could conjure the magic needed to take a substantial lead.

With two minutes remaining, Knox edged ahead of the visitors and ended the half 57-55.

The second half kicked off to a slow start with neither team able to score. But with 12 minutes left in the game, the Cannoneers eked out a one-point lead that snowballed until Sill led Knox 81-68.

Charging up their batteries, the Tankers zoomed into action and recaptured the lead 90-86.

Five-foot-five Knox forward Nate Dave charged down court to the home net and pulled his team ahead 101-89 in the final two minutes.

The Sill cagers, beginning a weak scoring drive of their own, still were no match for Knox, and with a minute and a half left in the game Knox led 104-97.

Dave pulled off what the Cannoneers did in the earlier game, freezing the ball at the Knox goal. The Cannoneers made a last ditch effort, scoring an additional six points, but it wasn't enough to grab the win.

This is the second command-level basketball trophy for Ft. Knox this year. Their women's basketball team took the TRADOC championship at Ft. Rucker last month.

DEFICIT ERASED

In what could have been the final game of the TRADOC tournament Friday afternoon, the Ft. Sill Cannoneers overcame a 28-point deficit to nip the Ft. Knox Tankers 95-92 and earn another chance at the title.

With the initial tip-off, it was Sill's ball, and they lit up the scoreboard with two points. However, Knox pulled ahead by four, as the Sill team couldn't penetrate the tough Tanker defense.

With a little over 12 minutes remaining in the half, Knox hit a hot streak and scored six points in less than a minute. By that time Sill trailed 28-14.

As the half proceeded, the Cannoneers lagged further and further behind the home team. However, with a little over a minute remaining,

Sill sparked a scoring drive yet ended the half trailing 56-45.

In the first minutes of the second period Sill scored a long bucket and kept Knox outside their scoring zone. But Knox wasn't dead yet, and fired again for four points.

Sill, with what fire was left in them, drove closer and closer to a tie. With 11:08 left, Sill locked in at 70 all, and the fans roared.

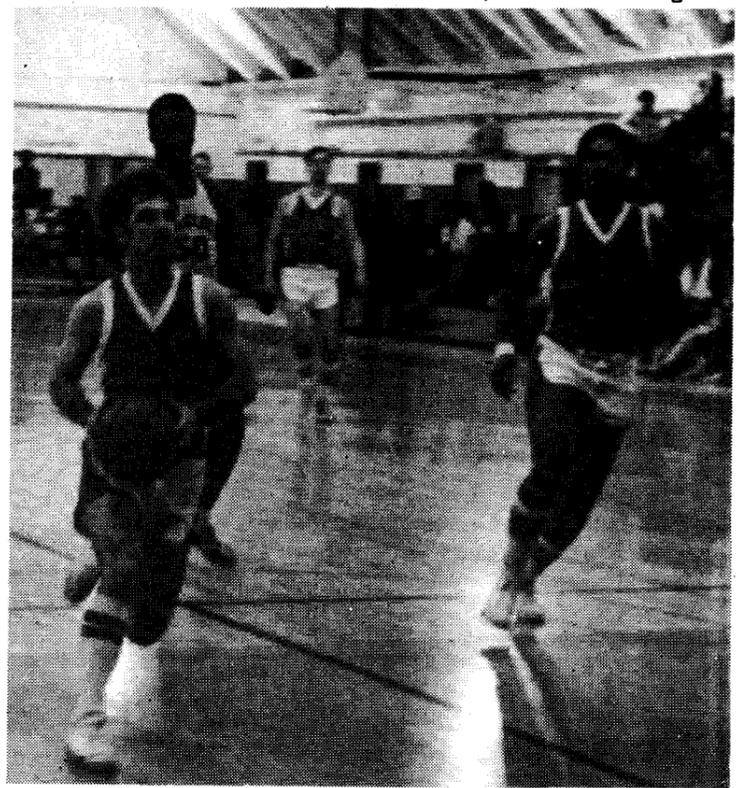
Knox again pulled ahead,

but not by far. With 6:25 to go Knox was ahead by seven. First came a Sill score, then a Knox basket and the seesaw game continued until with 4:58 to go, Sill took an 87-86 advantage.

Another seesaw fight started with 2 minutes remaining, giving Sill the lead 95-92.

Any hopes Knox had of recouping were shot down as Sill froze the ball for the final 59 seconds, thus guaranteeing one more game.

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Sports Beat:

By Jeanie West

Ft. Knox—The tournament is over, and the scene of the action, the mammoth Sadowski Field House, is just another building on this sprawling installation. Standing inside, I keep thinking about the impression that the Redstone basketball team left on everyone who saw them play.

The team was unable to hold on long in the TRADOC tournament, but the Rockets played some of their finest basketball. More Rocket fans should have seen them in action.

When the Rockets took to the

court for their first game with Bliss, everybody wondered if a team from such a small installation could hold a candle to the big boys.

However, doubt evaporated in the opening minutes of the game. The team proved they had that intangible quality that marks real winners.

The Rockets proved that they were fine sportsmen. Their competitive drive was plain to everyone. After that disappointing loss Monday night, several people told me they wished Redstone

won, if for no other reason than because they kept pushing against all odds.

HOW ABOUT HERE?

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A SORE POINT

If anything marred this year's tournament, it had to be poor officiating. Redstone got a hefty share of it, as did many of the

other teams.

This might be a good time to take a look at the way games are officiated. All the refs at the tourney weren't bad, but the terrible few did nothing to promote fair play and sportsmanship.

A point to consider would be for TRADOC to hire, train, and maintain high quality officials for tournaments. This would take money. However, when you estimate the cost of hiring local officials over the years, it might be cheaper.

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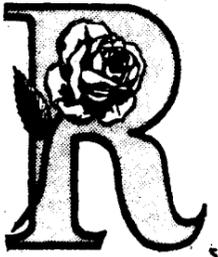
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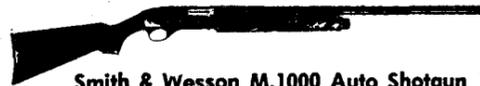
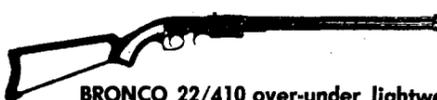
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In the American section of the catalog, major increases are on diamond jewelry. Other categories affected are chinaware, sporting goods, domestics and luggage.

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GOOD TURN — Boy Scout Tommy Doss, Troop 364, presented to Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer a Good Turn Award from the Tennessee Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. The award cited Redstone for its continued support to the Council and its hosting of the 1977 Annual Roundup. Present at the ceremony were, left to right, Col. Jack C. Fessenden, Deputy Post Commander; George T. Doss, Council Field Director; and Matthew Thome, Counselor Commissioner for the Council.

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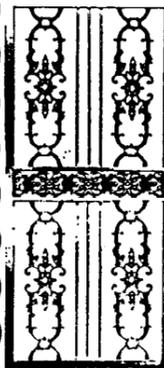


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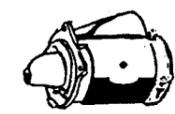
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