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MIRCOM Gets Smoking Policy

An interim policy on smoking in DOD occupied buildings and facilities has been distributed to MIRCOM personnel in a DF signed by MG Louis Rachmeler, MIRCOM Commander.

The DF outlines actions being taken to carry out DOD instructions and maintain an equitable balance between the rights of smokers and nonsmokers.

Things to be done immediately include a DF to be distributed to all building custodians requesting that they survey and establish smoking and nonsmoking localities for their respective buildings. The areas being initially surveyed will be primarily conference rooms, auditoriums, eating facilities, elevators, medical care facilities and others.

The survey information is to be furnished the Facilities Engineering Division so the necessary signs may be obtained and posted.

In common work areas shared by smokers and nonsmokers it is to be the supervisor's responsibility to separate smokers and nonsmokers if work conditions permit and additional space or costly modifications are not required.

If personnel cannot be separated conveniently, and some office personnel are concerned about the health and comfort due to smoking in their work area, complaints that cannot be resolved by first-line supervisors should be submitted through Command channels on a case-by-case basis for study and resolution.

The DF says further that emphasis will continue to be placed on the health hazards of smoking.

Accident Claims Two While on TDY

Funeral services for two Redstone men killed in an automobile accident near El Paso, Texas, were held earlier this week.

A service for SFC William B. Walker, 42, was held Monday at the Bicentennial Chapel and burial followed in Huntsville's Valhalla Memory Gardens.

A service for William A. Horne, 40, was held Sunday in Anniston and burial followed in Anniston Memorial Gardens.

Horne and Walker, both employed by MIRCOM's Targets Management Office, were killed last Wednesday in a head-on collision just north of El Paso. A co-worker and traveling companion, Jack A. Davis, was seriously injured but listed in stable condition Monday at Fort Bliss' Beaumont Army Medical Center.

The trio, all assigned to the Targets' System Support Flight Services Division, were on temporary duty from Redstone to Fort Bliss.

According to reports, they were enroute from Orogrande to El Paso, traveling south on Highway 54, when a northbound car, driven by a Fort Bliss soldier, apparently tried to pass another car, lost control, and struck the Redstone men head-on.



Vented steam forms ice patterns over the arsenal as the coldest weather of the season hit the area last week.

GSRS Debut a Success

The first test firing of the Army's new General Support Rocket System has been conducted successfully at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Vought Corporation of Dallas, developed and produced the free flight artillery rocket for last week's initial flight, the first in a series of validation test rounds planned by the Army over the next two years.

Vought and Boeing Aerospace Co., of Seattle, are building, testing and demonstrating rocket systems of their own design under contract to the Missile Research and Development Command. Following a 29-month validation phase program, the Army will select one contractor for final qualifications and initial production.

Colonel Barrie P. Masters is GSRS Project Manager at Redstone.

The Army plans to field GSRS in the early 1980s.

GSRS will be a low cost, rugged, reliable artillery rocket system that can be emplaced quickly and deliver a high volume of fire. The system will feature a 12-round launcher mounted on a highly mobile, full tracked vehicle that is a modification of the Army's Infantry Vehicle.

GSRS Rockets, which can be fired singly or in rapid ripples, will accommodate several warheads to accomplish a variety of battlefield missions. They will provide the Army with massive artillery fire power at reduced manpower costs.

Being developed to supplement cannon artillery when targets such as artillery,

troops, and light material appear on the battlefield rapidly and in great quantities, GSRS will be part of the field artillery system and will utilize conventional target acquisition and fire direction procedures.

"We have nothing in the field like it," Colonel Masters said.

Redstone Meets Power Shortage

This time it was a near miss, but it could be different next time. The TVA area faced what other parts of the country have experienced.

The coming of a week end and moderation of weather assisted in easing an electrical power problem created by downed TVA generation units.

Friday, TVA contacted Redstone as one of the large customers of the area, and appealed to the installation to prepare to cut consumption by 50 percent during the week end.

Word was passed through the organizations to take extra measures in buttoning up for the week end. Employees did a good job of such preparation and the week end power consumption dropped below the normal usage expected for a week end.

Residents on post were reminded via television cable during peak load hours to take steps to reduce power and what to do if emergency measures developed.

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Bill of Rights — Time Has Come

The Association of the United States Army has decided the time has come for an Army Bill of Rights.

Support for legislation to enact a "Bill of Rights for Those Who Serve" headed the list of 19 resolutions adopted by AUSA at their October meeting.

According to AUSA the US has no coherent policy with regards to military compensation. Nor does the country have an adequate understanding of the importance of compensation in maintaining morale and in providing incentives for the Army.

Enactment of a "Bill of Rights" would provide the Government with a clear, concise statement of principle to adhere to when determining military policy. It would also go far to assure military personnel that their interests would be considered and protected by the country they serve.

The AUSA draft of the "Bill of Rights" placed emphasis on assuring a full range of medical and dental services for active duty and retired service personnel and their families. The second AUSA resolution also addressed this concern.

AUSA would like to see CHAMPUS return to the 90th percentile method of computing reasonable rates, revive cost-sharing programs for the chronically ill, revive care of service-connected disabilities and delete the 40-mile rule.

Plans to develop dependent dental care programs, improve the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program and continue the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences also received AUSA support.

Other provisions in the AUSA

Bill of Rights include a call for a more equitable housing allowance policy, a basic subsistence allowance tied to the cost of raw food, and pay augmentation to offset living expenses for personnel stationed in certain high cost locales worldwide.

Modernization of the retirement system, and changes in the Survivor Benefits Plan to reduce the Social Security offset to 50 percent of the benefit attributable to military service and to eliminate the offset when the beneficiary is entitled to equal or greater benefits due to his or her own employment were advocated in the AUSA draft.

AUSA feels that these increased benefits and assurances would foster the loyalty needed to offset some of the difficulties faced by today's Army as perceived by AUSA, and discussed in the remainder of their resolutions dealing with the military and military personnel.

However, not all of AUSA's 1977 resolutions addressed themselves to exclusively military problems. AUSA voted to support efforts to stabilize the Army civilian workforce level and the introduction of legislation that would eliminate retirement pay penalties for Department of the Army Civilian Executives who continue to work beyond minimum retirement eligibility.

AUSA also resolved to continue to urge the Administration and the Congress to revitalize the country's civil defense programs, not only as defense measures against some possible attack, but as contingency measures that would greatly assist US communities in natural, nonmilitary emergencies.

Bill of Rights — Pro and Con

Editor's Note: The AUSA recently released an extensive report titled "A Bill of Rights for Those Who Serve," prepared under the auspices of the AUSA Expanding Education Fund.

The following commentaries were prepared by members of the ARNEWS and DA Scene staff. Neither reflects a Department of the Army position on the report itself, nor endorsement or criticism of the Association.

"Bill of Hope" My Foot

By Phil Nesbitt

"Bill of hope" my foot. The special report published by the AUSA should be seen for what it is; namely, a valid and successful attempt to decipher all the complex parts — military personnel management, pay and compensation — of a system that confuses 90 percent of those who deal with it.

The "Bill of Rights" may be one devil of an eye opener for congressmen and political leaders. It successfully equates pay and benefits for civilian workers and military personnel. More notably, it points out the lack of equity between the two groups.

As far as this document is concerned, the old saw, "Rome wasn't built in a day," more than applies. The AUSA is not organized to create laws, to demand or bargain. They do, however, create awareness where it counts, Washington, D.C.

The first step in solving any problem is to define the problem. That is just what AUSA has done, and done well. The most minute aspect of military pay and compensation is explored and conclusions have been drawn.

Unless those individuals who have the power to form this country's laws are aware of the problem, they can't take action to change or solve the situation.

Another aspect of the report is getting the word to the rank and file of the Army. This creates understanding on the part of the soldier, where there was only confusion before. Very few of today's soldiers understand the pay and compensation system. The Army and the civilian media have attempted in their own ways to address the subject; the Army operating from the standpoint that an informed soldier is a better soldier, the media ap-

pealing to the civilian population discussing the high pay, over compensation and free and easy life of the men and women in uniform.

The "Bill of Rights" approaches the situation from an entirely different standpoint; through a logical, step-by-step process, it speaks to both groups, explaining the complexities of military personnel management, military compensation and the costs of keeping national defense a viable alternative to war.

After years of bits and pieces legislation and bits and pieces information, the "Bill of Rights for Those Who Serve" gives the whole picture and offers total "package" solutions — the fog has been lifted.

The only way this document could not be effective is if it had not been published and were not read.

The Rocket

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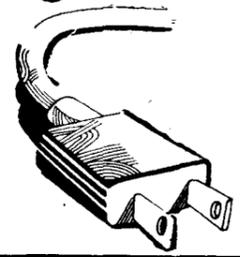
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A Case Against

By Bill Hope

An AUSA report calling for "A Bill of Rights for Those Who Serve" states that the bill of rights "...is intended as a statement of principle concerning the military compensation system."

A statement of principle isn't going to pay the rent, gas up the car or feed the family.

Although the idea of a bill of rights may ring hope for a better benefit system in the minds of soldiers, the term "bill of rights" is a coined phrase that offers no more than hope.

Unlike the American Bill of Rights which guarantees rights denied American colonists, a GI bill of rights will not be embedded in our Constitution and it does not address a soldier's "Constitutional rights" to "adequate" compensation — if there are any such rights.

A GI bill of rights would only amount to Presidential and Congressional recognition of military service — its hardships and responsibilities — and mutual military and government acknowledgement that benefits are a sound expense...after consideration of other increasing defense costs, taxpayer demands for cost reductions, campaign

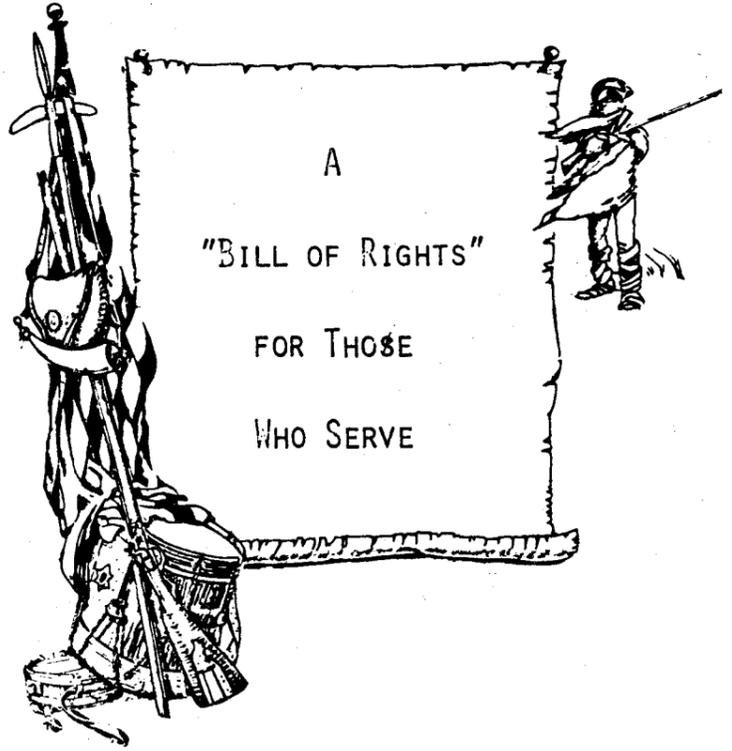
promises, administration and Congressional changeovers, etc.

There are two principles to consider here: first, asking government to state its loyalty to the military and second, the fact that a bill of rights would not be law or serve as a plan to increase or even stabilize benefits.

AUSA support for a bill of rights is certain to make the association popular with "benefit erosion" sympathizers, especially among defeated pro-union supporters. But who's to say that a bill of rights will not suffer the same fate as unionization bids? Although a bill of rights doesn't endorse organizing or bargaining, it could easily insult or offend government and leadership.

The proposed bill of rights does offer one very valuable feature: a plan to inform GIs on the status of benefits and helping them understand the changing system. This is a fair and realistic approach to addressing "benefit erosion" and the future of compensation. An intelligently informed Congress, military and civilian public should be compelled to see that military benefits are justly granted.

We don't need a "bill of hope." What we need is intelligent information on which to base our course of action.



Clinic Closed

Due to the discharge from the service of the Optometrist at Redstone Arsenal and the fact that no replacement is available, the Optometry Clinic will close to Dependents and Retirees on Thursday, December 15 and will be closed until further notice.

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Improved GI Bill Passed

(ARNEWS) — A bill to improve GI Bill benefits was passed by the House early this year and the Senate last month.

The bill, H.R. 8701, provides a 6.6 percent increase in veterans' education benefits. It will increase, retroactive to October 1, full time allowance for a single veteran student to \$311 per month. Students with one dependent will receive \$370, students with two dependents will get \$422. An additional \$26 per month will be paid to veterans for a third and each additional dependent.

Other features of the bill provide an extended eligibility period of two years for Vietnam era veterans, expanded coverage of the accelerated payment program and tuition assistance above standard monthly allowances for veterans in high education cost areas.

GI Bill benefits should not be confused with VA disability and compensation payments, which also increased 6.6 percent and became law last month.

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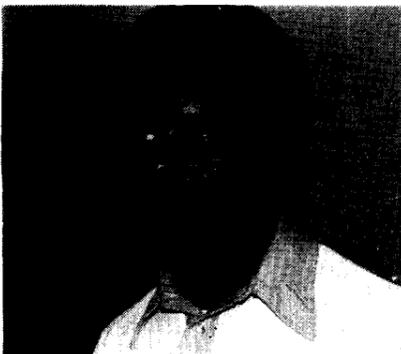


Spec. 6 Bill Murray, Co. B—"I'm working on an Associate English degree. It takes up quite a bit of my spare time."



SFC George Artley, Nuclear Weapons Det., Kirkland AFB, NM—"The only planning I've been doing is taking college courses in business management. I plan to go into the management field when I retire."

Pvt. Ricky Graves, Co. A—"I'm trying to build up my education so when my ETS date does come I can reenlist in something better."



Spec. 4 Robert Tanner, Co. A—"I'm planning on re-upping. I want to take as much school as I can. I just passed my GED and now I'm on my way."



Pvt. Steven Irby, 7th S.C.—"I'm on a 4-year enlistment and after the first year I'll start Project Ahead. I have two years of college and I hope to have 4 years by the time I get out."



SFC George Trendell, Nuclear Weapons Det., Kirkland AFB, NM—"When I was in Europe, I got in contact with both federal and state civil service personnel to inquire about civil service type jobs in Nuclear Weapons. They have jobs in nuclear power plant operations. I have also been checking out jobs as an automotive parts manager. My wife would like for me to go into business for myself. There are a lot of things military people can do when they get out. They have the necessary qualifications established. I really haven't made up my mind. I've just been checking out the job possibilities."

Spec. 4 Patricia Jones, 291st MP Co.—"I plan on reenlisting because the Army has many benefits for the female soldier."



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Financial Help on Way for Junior EMs

By John Hart
Washington Bureau Chief
Stars and Stripes

(ARNEWS) — Help could be coming for financially pressed, junior enlisted servicemen.

The President's panel on military pay has declared the welfare of junior enlisted servicemen a "pre-eminent concern" which will play a large role in the findings and recommendations the commission will bring before the President.

The commission is also backing its words with policy. Four NCO's have been appointed to serve on the panel — the first enlisted men within memory to serve on a Presidential commission in other than a clerical capacity.

Air Force Chief Master Sergeant James C. Binnicker, Navy Fleet Master Chief Robert L. Evans, Army Sergeant Major Manley S. Warrick and Marine Gunnery Sergeant Lawrence Blum will assess the "institutional impact" of service pay and benefits and advise the commission and its staff.

In the words of Warrick the four NCO's will be "interfacing with the commission...providing the staff with up-to-date information on the concerns of the troops in the trenches."

Warrick and two commissioners will travel to Germany next month to meet with service people at Ramstein Air Force Base and at three Army locations to discuss their concerns.

According to Binnicker they will hear a "long laundry list of concerns about pay and benefits issues."

Binnicker said, "Their (service people's) greatest concern is the uncertainty of the future. When pinned down they talk to you about dollars and cents."

The "dollars and cents" break down differently for each of the services. Enlisted air crewmen would like to see greater equality in per diem rates with officer. Sailors see a need to improve the supplemental pay for sailors on sea duty.

But all agree it is disgraceful to force a

young married serviceman to go into debt in order to move their families from station to station.

The NCO's also agreed the career military were not asking for more compensation, only for what was promised them at the beginning of their service.

The military pay panel will hold a public meeting on military retirement issues and other aspects of pay and benefits in December. Work on specific recom-

mendations will begin in January. The commission will complete its work and make specific recommendations to the President in March.

The direction the commission will take in its recommendations is unknown, but whatever it recommends, Warrick said, "The military compensation system must be fair to everyone — military people, taxpayers, the defense establishment and the individual services."

December's Best

Private First Class John S. Covert has been selected as the Missile and Munitions Center and School's Soldier of the Month for December.

A member of the 8th Student Company, Covert is enrolled in the Improved HAWK missile continuous wave radar repair transition course. He was selected by a board of senior noncommissioned officers on the basis of appearance and knowledge of military subjects and current events.

A native of Port Huron, Mich., he first enlisted in the Army in 1970 and served as a correctional specialist in Germany and at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. He reentered the Army after a break in service of more than three years. Covert completed Minuteman training for prior service enlistees at Ft. Leonard Wood and COBET (Common Basic Electronics Training) at Ft. Jackson, S.C. before arriving here.



Private First Class John S. Covert

JOC Meets on Thursday

The Redstone Junior Officers Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Dec. 15th in Room A241 of Bldg. 5250 at 1 o'clock. Major General Louis Rachmeler, commanding general, MIRCOM, will be guest speaker.

In addition to MG Rachmeler's address, nominations for the new board of officers for the JOC will be taken from the floor.

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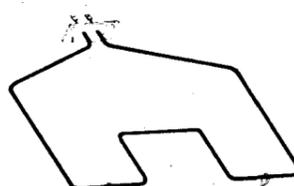
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The solid matter — known as sludge — will be pumped into drying beds, spread thinly over a large area and disposed of by land burial when dry.

Sludge is composed of sediment and other solids removed from raw river water plus alum used as a settling agent.

The gooey waste is collected in large settling tanks at the water treatment plants. With the new disposal system it will be pumped from the tanks into drying beds instead of being flushed back into the river.

New water quality requirements restrict disposing of sludge by the old method, which upsets the ecology of the receiving stream by causing sediment buildup in the area of discharge. Additionally, alum in the waste is harmful to aquatic life.

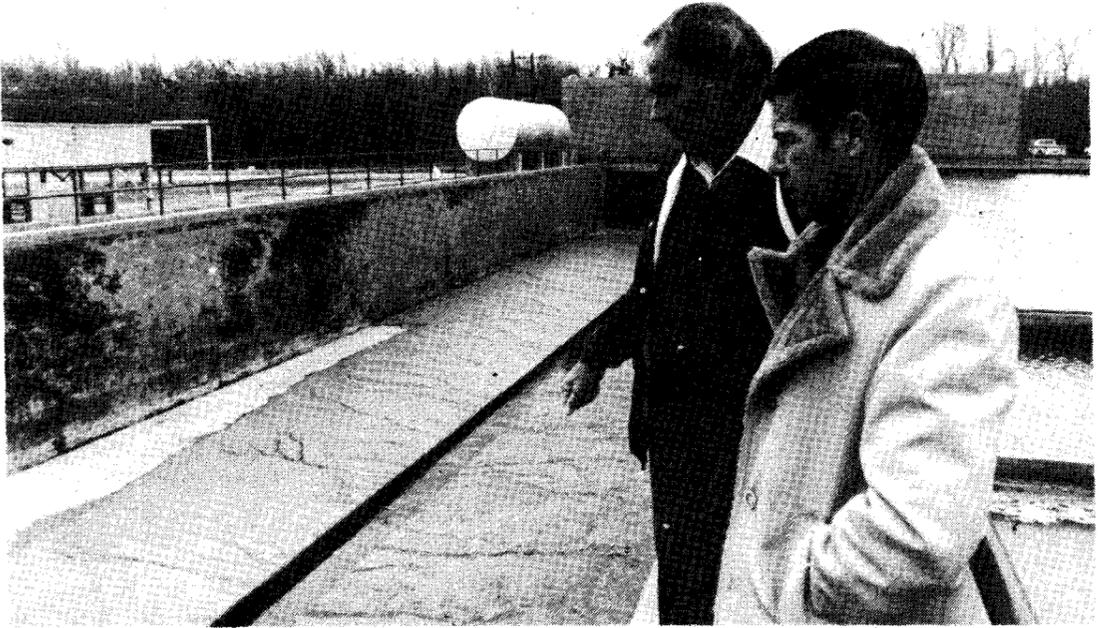
Arsenal water treatment plants generate about 1800 gallons of sludge in a day's production of 14 million gallons of potable and industrial water.

A sludge-like waste called backwash solids will also be disposed of in the new manner. These solids, which are still present after industrial treatment, collect on sand filters that water passes through in secondary treatment for drinking, and are periodically flushed into streams by backwashing, or reversing the flow of water through the filters.

As with sludge, the backwash solids will be collected, pumped to a thickening station and then into beds for drying and later disposal.

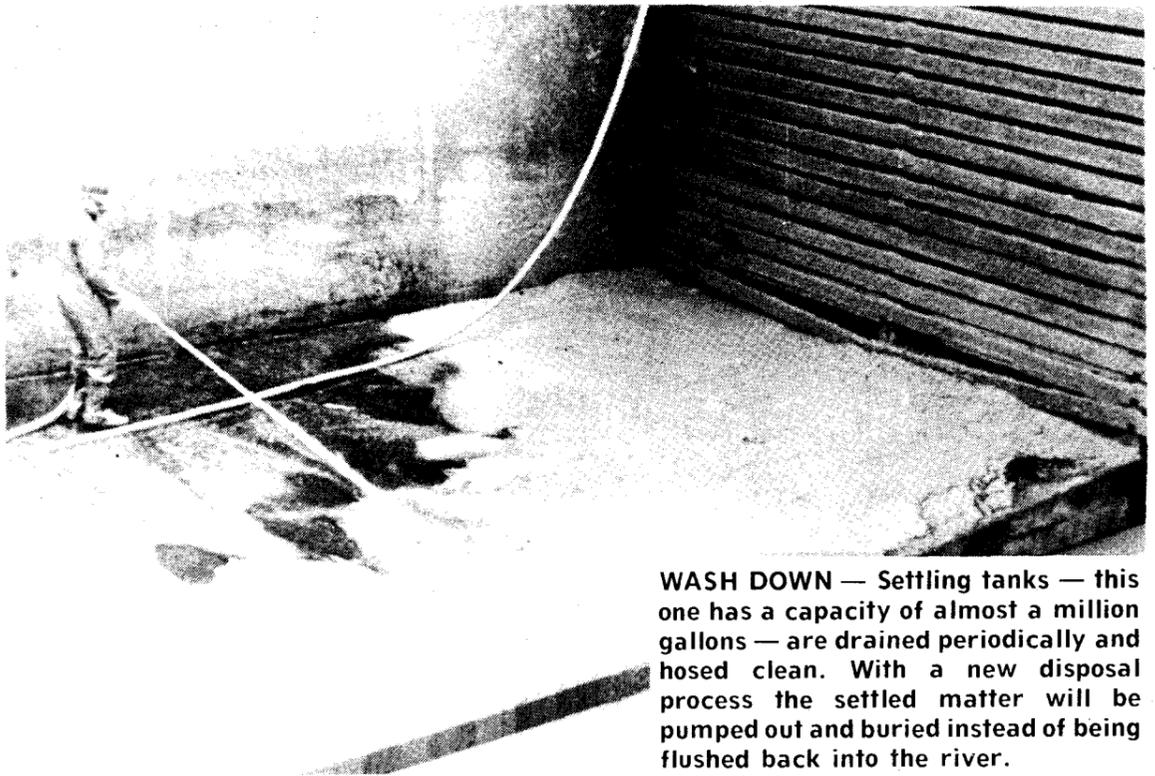
The new disposal system is presently being installed at all three water treatment plants and is expected to be fully operating early in 1979.

The main water treatment plant on Shields Road at the river will be equipped for disposal of both sludge and backwash solids. Treatment plant no. 2 at the civilian recreation area, standby unit producing industrial water only, will have sludge disposal facilities. Only backwash solids are generated at plant no. 3, a small unit located near the geographic center of the arsenal. It receives industrial water from the other plants for secondary treatment for drinking.



POLLUTION PROJECT — Charles Knott, water plants chief, discusses the new sludge disposal system with John

Riley (foreground), chief of sanitation at Utilities Branch.



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He realizes he faces making many improvements in commissary operations, and that he has wide patronage to satisfy, but he is solving the problems, making tough decisions, and moving out steadily to make the commissary a better place to shop.

Penney started his new position early last month with the attitude that he and his staff are service oriented, and are there to benefit commissary patrons.

"I continually stress the importance of good customer relations to the store workforce. By the way, I find the overall attitude of the employees is already very good," he said.

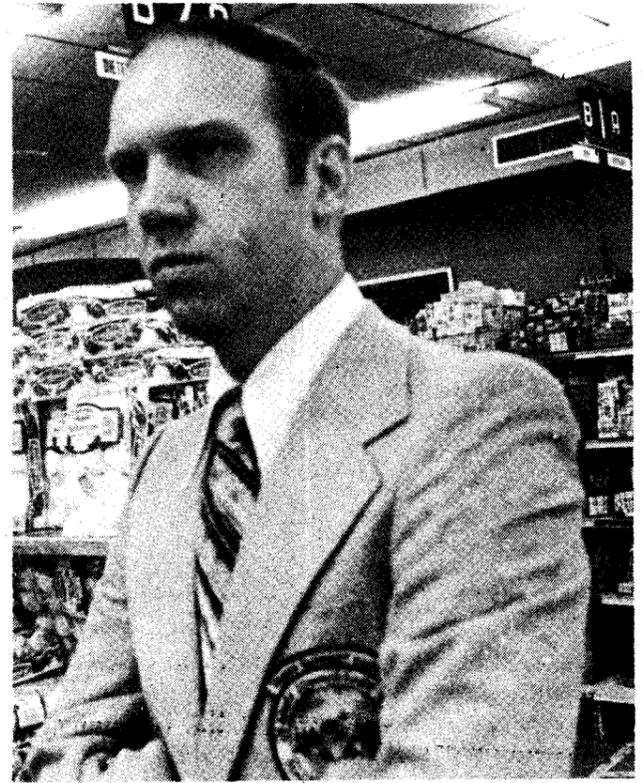
In order to improve communications with patrons, Penney is publishing a monthly Commissary Bulletin describing special items available in the store hours, and other news of special interest to the commissary shopper. The Commissary Advisory Council is also a big help in keeping the lines of communication open as this council represents the entire cross section of military personnel. He is also planning to answer patron suggestions personally or

have a staff member do so, and, he added "I'm always in the store. People can see me moving about the aisles and talk to me."

Patrons can expect to see more in-store promotions and specials that offer significant savings. Among other improvements are reorganization of work schedules so, for instance, the checkout counters will be fully manned during peak business hours. Shelves are being stocked at night to avoid confusion during business hours.

"It is physically impossible to carry everything everyone wants. Therefore, some very slow moving items as well as duplicate items will be eliminated so that our best effort can be devoted to stocking the popular items that satisfy most customers. We will still offer a range of prices, however," he said.

Penney is from Mars, Pennsylvania, and attended Dickinson College where he majored in economics and received an Army commission through ROTC. Before coming to Redstone he was in the Northeast Commissary Field Office for two years, and prior to that he was the Commissary Officer at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.



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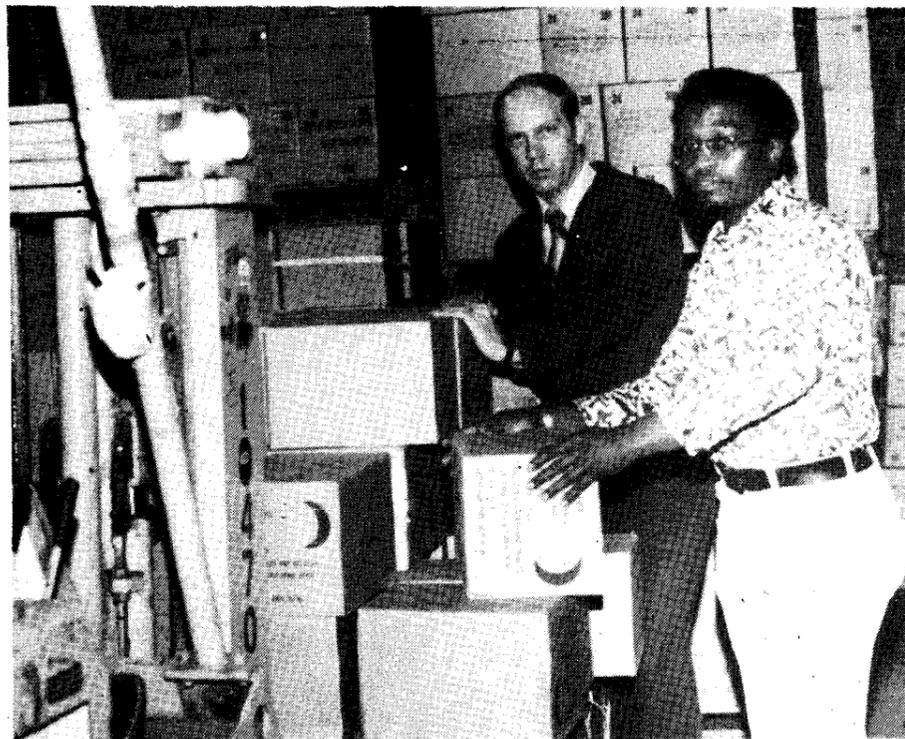
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COMMISSARY WAREHOUSE SALE: Commissary Officer William Penney and warehouse Supervisor check boxes of canned goods in preparation for the Commissary's first warehouse sale. Cases of jams, jellies, catsup, and canned vegetables will be sold at the Commissary Warehouse, building 8024, this Tuesday through Saturday between 9:30 and 3:30. By purchasing items in case lots at this sale commissary patrons will save 40 to 50 percent off the regular price. Commissary Warehouse 8024 is next to Finance and Accounting Building 8027.

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Actively involved with the Equal Employment Opportunity Program since 1967, Gnad first served as a parttime FWP Coordinator with a Naval activity.

She joined the DARCOM staff in December, 1975, after serving as FWP Coordinator for the Armament Command at Rock Island.

She formerly served as FWP Coordinator and Assistant Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Safeguard Command in North Dakota.

She helped to organize the first chapter of Federally Employed



ROSMARY GNADT

Women, Inc., in California, and served as its charter president.

Reservations may be made with Osie Neblett (881-2012) or Joanne Bloom (876-1206).

Out of the Past

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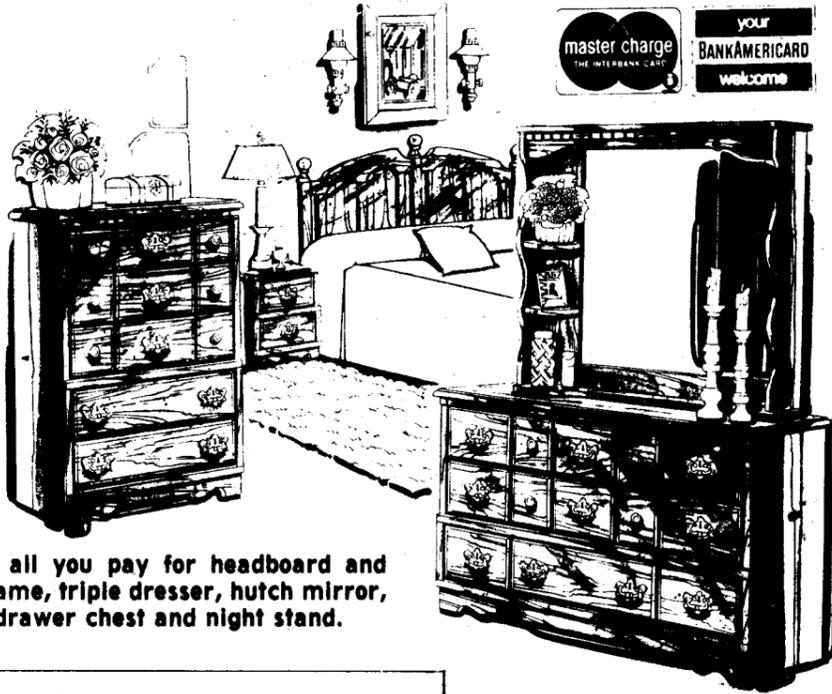
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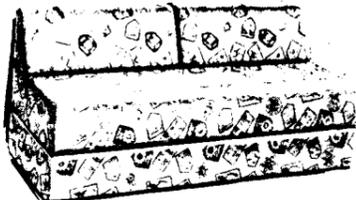


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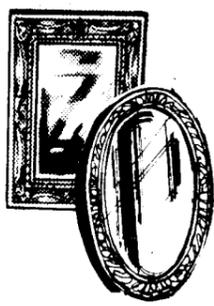
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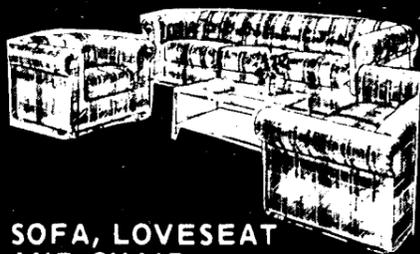
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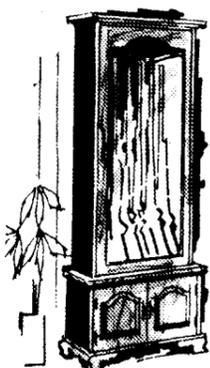
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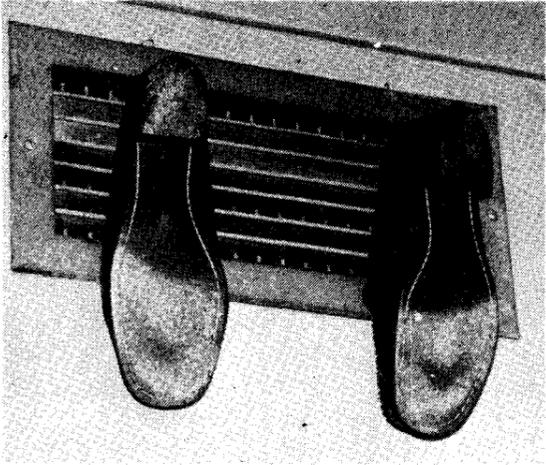
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Margaret was not in them, Ashby noted. His first impression was that she had climbed into the register, somehow, and was buried down to her shoes. A closer look dispelled that theory, however.

Becoming alarmed, Ashby observed no

evidence of foul play, no blood, overturned furniture, no sign of a struggle. She had vanished without a trace, save for the low cut loafers.

His mind raced.

Had the petite Lance secretary been driven up the wall? Even more frightening,

had she been sucked into the maelstrom that heated the office?

Just when his thoughts were running amuck, Margaret walked calmly into the office, climbed atop the desk, and carefully removed her shoes from the ventilator where she had hung them to dry.



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Redstone Tour One of the Best

Captain David A. Uhlorn, December's Junior Officer of the Month, likes working at Redstone.

"I think my job here has been one of the best assignments I could have had in the military. The responsibility and various aspects have been so interesting," Uhlorn said.

Many would say those sentiments are not surprising. Redstone grows on you like that. But Redstone has had very little chance to grow on Uhlorn. In the first 26 months of his assignment as Chief of the Improved HAWK New Equipment Training Team Uhlorn spent over 450 days on TDY.

Uhlorn co-ordinates and assists in the training necessary for battalions using the basic HAWK Air Defense Missile System to convert to the Improved HAWK system. Until recently his duties on TDY were mainly concerned with co-ordinating the efforts of the various teams and offices doing the actual training.

"But in the past few months we have done the training part," Uhlorn said. "Our project office is responsible for fielding the equipment. Then we go in, and train for five weeks.

"The conversion started in 1971 and is just coming to completion.

We are converting the last battalions in Florida. Major James Tinkham (another Team Chief) is still down there. These two conversions will keep us busy until June."



Captain David A. Uhlorn

Redstone is Uhlorn's second HAWK assignment. His first assignment as an officer was with a HAWK unit in Wurzburg, Germany. Uhlorn found that tour interesting too, but very different from Redstone.

Uhlorn remembered: "I was just starting out as an officer for one thing. And there weren't that many officers there.

"For periods of a month at a time we had as few as two lieutenants in the battalion. That required we go on shifts of 36 hours of duty, 12 hours off, because regulations and duty requirements demanded we have an officer on site for 24 hours a day."

For his performance on the job at Wurzburg, Uhlorn was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 1975.

Uhlorn received his Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing from the University of Idaho in January 1971. He received his draft notice shortly thereafter.

"I came on active duty in the summer. I had my Basic at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. I went to Infantry OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned in the Air Defense Command," Uhlorn said.

Uhlorn met his wife, Kathy, while attending the University of Idaho. They married last July.

"Since July I've taken five TDY trips and all of them were pretty short, like three days. Except this last one to Florida. I flew down for

that, and my wife drove down later. Afterwards we took some vacation."

Uhlorn added, "Kathy is a very open-minded person. She's found Army life interesting.

"She had been working before our marriage. She had her Masters in Public Health and Nutrition and was working on a Maternal and Infant Care program in Seattle. It's been very different for her, but there've been no problems."

Due to the nature of his assignments Uhlorn has enjoyed little time to pursue his hobbies or his own Masters. But the compensations of Army life overshadow these losses for Uhlorn:

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Seven Times Seven

If it's true that seven is a lucky number, little Stacy Addams is fortunate indeed. The daughter of SFC Gary Addams and his wife Sandy, Stacy was born here at the post hospital at 7:22 p.m. on December 7, 1970. She weighed seven pounds. Stacy was baptized on the 17th day of the seventh month in 1971. Last week, on December 7, 1977, Stacy had her seventh birthday. What did she do to celebrate? Had a party with seven friends, of course.

Free Tutoring Under GI Bill

(ARNEWS) — Uncle Sam is in the tutoring business, the Veterans Administration reminds veterans enrolled in college under the GI Bill.

Without being charged against the veteran's basic educational entitlement, free tutoring help is available to make sure veterans get the most from their college training, VA officials said.

The government did not pay for tutorial assistance for World War II and Korean conflict veterans, but under present law VA will pay as much as \$65 a month for such help up to a maximum of \$780.

Tutorial benefits are not only available to veterans and active duty service members

who are studying under the VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, but also to widows, widowers, spouses and children.

Eligibility depends upon the amount of time school is attended and if those veterans and service members attending school have a deficiency in a subject required in an approved program of education, VA officials said.

Applications should be made on VA Form 22-19904 within a year of the tutoring and should be submitted to the VA regional office which maintains the veteran's claim folder. Applications should be certified by the school, VA officials said.

Quote Miscredited

(In last week's ROCKET the following quotation was printed without proper attribution. The remarks were made by Eileen Hallock).

"I felt that I was witnessing history in the making. It was exciting; fantastic; awesome... I wondered if the Pro-ERA participants had ever experienced the heartaches, poverty, struggles, and hopelessness which exist in so many homes. Having already run the gamut of being the wife and mother who had to work because of necessity to improve our standards of living, and later the divorced woman with three sons to support, I couldn't help but reflect on how much all of this would have helped me. I am not saying that I agree 100 per cent on all issues — particularly the one on Sexual Preference. About two hours prior to this issue being debated, young people poured into the Convention Center in droves... They came with their banners and jillions of balloons — they even brought them in big bags. When I first read "We Are Everywhere" I thought it was referring to women being everywhere, so I tied a few in my vicinity. When the issue was read, pandemonium broke out everywhere — they marched with their banners all around the Convention Center exhibiting their preference of Lesbianism, the bags bleached balloons all over the place... By now I had discovered that "We Are Everywhere" meant lesbians were everywhere, so needless to say I burst all of the balloons in my vicinity. One of the many highlights was rubbing elbows with the many women celebrities. While the First Lady was waiting for Betty Ford to finish her speech, Rosalynn and I were standing at about three arms' length. We smiled and conducted an unspoken conversation... I ran into Midge Costanza, Special Assistant to the President for Women's Affairs,... We had met before when a contingent of women from Redstone Arsenal went to invite the President to come to Huntsville. During our chat, I reminded her of my invitation and her reply that she will come to Huntsville and speak sometime after the first of the year."

Two's Enough

How many PFC H. J. Zibronkwonskies can there be?

Two's enough.

Overseas troops should remind letter and parcel senders to include their social security number on all mail. Even seemingly uncommon names are often found among troops with the same rank and unit.

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Center Confers On-Post Degree

The Redstone Center of the Florida Institute of Technology held its first graduation on Monday, December 12. James Carter Thomas, a Management Analyst in Materiel Management received a Master of Business Administration Degree from Dr. James T. Stoms, FIT's Associate Dean for Off-Campus Programs and head of the Department of Management Science.

Thomas has been a government worker for 14 years, serving at Redstone for the last eight years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Management from Auburn University, and did graduate work at the University of Alabama in Huntsville before entering the FIT program in September, 1976.

FIT best suited Thomas' needs because he was able to fulfill all requirements for the MBA after work hours. Also, said Thomas, who concentrated in Logistics Management, "The MBA program is

tailored for logistics support and the kind of work we do at Redstone."

FIT's evening graduate management program here offers Master of Science Degrees in Contract and Procurement Management and in Systems Management, in addition to the MBA in Logistics Management. The student can meet all degree requirements by attending the 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. classes at the Arsenal Off-Campus Center, located in Bldg. 7446.

According to an FIT spokesman, the school provides instruction in areas of management not available at local universities, but desirable for the development of professional managers, especially those in government service. The faculty comes from local colleges, private industry, and government activities, and the curricula emphasizes the solving of real management problems.



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Frequently duty calls for MPs to perform a variety of unusual services at hours unthinkable for the person with an ordinary 9 to 5 job: manning the gates on Christmas morning, warning residents of severe weather, and opening locks at three in the morning for people who have misplaced their keys. But their commitment to be of service extends beyond duty.

In recent years the 291st has become increasingly involved in community projects that make demands on the Military Policeman's free time. At Redstone that time is given freely.

Young customers at the PX are seeing Santa on Saturdays and Sundays between 10 and 2 because of a joint effort of the 291st and the Chaplain's Office.

The Chaplain's Office provides the film that captures the smiles and

grimaces of the children on Santa's knee. But Santa Claus, his helpers and the photographer catching those precious reactions are all MPs who have volunteered their weekends for this project.

"We were thinking about how Christmas has become so commercial, and how everytime you take the kids to see Santa you have to pay, so we decided to have a free Santa," 1LT Edwin O. DeJesus, Assistant Operations Officer.

Sandlin noted, "I thought we might have a real problem getting volunteers, but if we used everyone who volunteered, we would have had a half a dozen Santas."

So far the only problems the MPs have encountered only minor problems in the project. Customers often do not believe that Santa photos are free.

A more confusing difficulty arose due to the fact that by law all Santas, even volunteers, must be paid the minimum wage. If they do not accept the money they cannot play Santa.

The MPs chose to accept the



money, but not to keep it. The MP Santas will pool all the money they have earned and use it to buy fruit baskets for patients at the Big Springs Manor Nursing Home.

"On the 25th of December some

of us will bring down the baskets and spend some time with the elderly people of the Manor," DeJesus said. "The way we see it, the old folks don't have a Christmas like the kids.

"No one thinks of the old children at Christmastime. And very few of them have families to pick them up. So we thought of going there instead of to an orphanage this year, and we've got a pretty big number of people going on Christmas day."

In addition to bringing joy to the "old children" on Christmas morning the MPs will be bringing Santa Claus to the base kindergarten Friday, Dec. 16.

Redstone MPs have also been teaching the Safety Patrol of Ridgecrest Elementary School how to march for the Christmas parade for several years, two MPs are now teaching evasive driving in co-operation with the Huntsville Police Academy, while others have given up their weekends to help train members of the Army Reserves.

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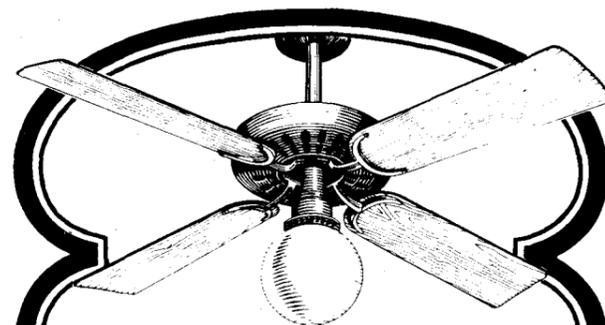
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(ARNEWS) — A court battle is brewing between defense officials and the state of California over that state's attempts to tax occupants of military family housing.

California first sought to tax military housing tenants in 1971. It recently has made assessments against on-base housing at Beale Air Force Base, and against government quarters at the U.S. Naval facility at Centerville Beach.

A Supreme Court ruling against the Forest Service in January may have encouraged the state to renew its efforts. In that case the high court held that civilian employees of the service could be taxed on their "possessory interest" in federally-owned housing they occupied in return for part of their salary.

California is attempting to tax military personnel on the basis of the Supreme Court ruling. The military services, represented by the Justice Department, have filed suit in California federal court against Humboldt County, Cal., arguing that on-post military residents are exempt from the possessory interest tax.

According to a DA official, the military's case rests on three key points: that taxation of military personnel on federal property directly interferes with U.S. Government operations; that certain housing is exempt from taxation by law; and that the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act prohibits such a tax if a military member's legal residence is outside the county imposing the tax.

The first point may not be endorsed by the courts since Forest Service employees were not exempted by a similar claim. But applying it to military personnel instead of civilians could produce a different legal conclusion, according to officials.

The law mentioned in the second point applies only to Capehart housing, duplex housing constructed about 15 to 20 years ago. By federal law this housing is specifically exempt from state taxation, but it makes up only a small percentage of family housing on U.S. installations.



HOUSING On-post State Taxes?

The SSCRA protects military personnel from certain taxes by states when they are required by orders to serve there. Thus non-residents are exempt from paying possessory interest taxes. However, the SSCRA grants home states certain tax rights, and may allow California counties to tax their legal residents, even if they reside on federal property in other states.

The federal court's decision is expected early next year, and the loser is expected to appeal, perhaps as high as the U.S. Supreme Court. A final trial court decision could come as early as next spring, according to a California official.

Two other states have attempted to tax military housing. Twelve enlisted families in Old Bridge, N.J. government housing, under the jurisdiction of Fort Dix officials, each received tax bills of about \$2,000. The bill represents assessments for a two-year period under a leased housing tax. The military is currently appealing in court.

Maryland had been assessing a renter's tax against military personnel living in off-post civilian apartment complexes, but that taxation ceased recently when the tax law was repealed.

DA officials say that no other states are known to be actively interested in taxing military personnel. However, one official speculated that some states are waiting for the outcome of the California case before deciding on a similar attempt.

Outdoor Lighting

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ENCORE: "Now, Voyager." I always liked Bette Davis, and still do! & "42nd Street." A classic. We'll rate them "G" for GOOD!
MADISON I: "Darby O'Gill and the Little People." Good for the little people and the big! Rated G.
MADISON II: "The Deep." This movie hasn't improved since it was here last! Rated PG.
MARTIN: "Fury of the Dragon." More karate kicks and chops. Ho-hum...Rated PG.

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For better or for worse, for good or for bad, the Sheriff's dispute is over. I would now like to "CHALLENGE" the news media, our new Sheriff, Bob Eddy, and in fact, ALL law enforcement agencies in Huntsville, not to fight among themselves any longer, but to unite, to fight violent crime and hard drugs, stealing, and other various serious problems that are getting out of hand in the community! Repeat offenders involving violent crimes are one of the more serious problems facing this city, state and country! It's much more important than the 55 miles per hour speed limit, the energy crisis, the metric system and, yes, much more important than fighting against sex movies! Let's see ALL factions of our communities UNITE against thugs, thieves, murderers and dope pushers!!!

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EL MEJICANO..by Cindy. Nothing warms the bones, or fills the tummy quite like Mexican food! On these cold, damp, dreary days, I delight in lunching at EL MEJICANO, at 2713 Patton Road, just south of Bob Wallace. With such delectable delights as tacos, enchiladas, tamales and chalupas, EL MEJICANO will please even the most finicky appetite. The Mexican food at EL MEJICANO is NOT frozen, ersatz Mexican food...it is prepared fresh daily for your dining pleasure. I took a Mexican friend who was visiting from out of town to EL MEJICANO, and even she approved! In fact, she said it was as good as she had eaten anywhere! So next time you get in the mood for AUTHENTIC Mexican food, have a feast at EL MEJICANO! You'll love it!!!

NITA'S GIFTS..by Suzy. Dear Mom, I'm having a good time here at school, but I'm so worried about what to get for Christmas for the family! I'm so busy, I just don't have time to shop this year! So, I was wondering if you would do my shopping for me in your "Spare Time?" The last time I was home Dianne and I went by NITA'S GIFTS, over at 2005 Whitesburg Drive, and we saw some of the most beautiful things imaginable! To save you some driving around, you can get everything right there! Dianne loved all of the woodware, so anything will please her. Please get Remy something in ceramics, and Roni would love a piece of crystal! Shannon is crazy about candles and holders, and Angie would love a little glass animal! For Pat, Janie and Jo, I'd like bread baskets, and for Grandmother, they have a beautiful Bible stand! I'll get YOURS when I come home! Remember, that's NITA'S GIFTS!! Thanks a lot, Mom. I love you, Leslie. P.S. Don't worry about Daddy and Charles. I got theirs while I was there last time!! (P.P.S. Folks, I got Mom an Oriental vase, but don't tell her! She'll love it!)

I would just like to say how very much my staff and I appreciate your terrific and reinforcing response to our article about "Downtown." Keep your cards, letters and phone calls coming! Our sincere "Thanks" to each and every one of you!

O. DAVIS ENTERPRISES..by Cindy. I really enjoy dealing with businesses manned by genuinely NICE people, and O. DAVIS ENTERPRISES is just such a business. Mr. Oscar Davis, with eleven years experience in the printing business, is a delightful gentleman, who is ANXIOUS to please you...his customer! Located at 2325 Whitesburg Drive, O. DAVIS ENTERPRISES will happily accommodate your printing needs, from quick copy, to complicated printing jobs, and if you aren't sure what you want, Mr. Davis will take the time to sit down and work with you. So, for everything from a simple business card, to a complicated commercial job, to wedding invitations, stop by O. DAVIS ENTERPRISES!!!

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MARJA'S..by Cindy. For the finest in winter fashions, stop by MARJA'S DRESS SHOPPE, at 113 North Side Square, in Downtown Huntsville. Now, I know many of you think it's just too much trouble to go downtown, due to parking and such, but that's just not the case! There's a parking garage just around the block from MARJA'S DRESS SHOPPE on Clinton, where you can park your car out of the weather. And when you can enjoy fine fashions in top quality brand names, at reasonable prices, it's just plain silly to go elsewhere. While most shops run occasional special sales, at MARJA'S they have a continuous sale on their "Bargain Balcony" at 1/3 or more off! Stop by MARJA'S, see their Christmas window, and let Margaret and Jay Posey, Vera Sexton, Bernice Chaney, Evelyn Agee, Mary Hale and Lela Click help you! Thanks for shopping at MARJA'S!!!

ALLIED PHOTOCOPY..by Elaine. Everyone, at one time or another, needs a copy of a document done FAST! We have a copy machine in our office, but it's applications are limited, to say the least. So, when we need a good clean copy, or multiple copies, we run over to Traylor Island, and let Jim Burruss, of ALLIED PHOTOCOPY, fill our photocopy needs. ALLIED PHOTOCOPY can copy up to 14x25 inches on plain bond paper, as well as house plans, advertising layouts, plat maps...just anything you need copied, ALLIED PHOTOCOPY will gladly handle. So, for quick service, you can rely on ALLIED PHOTOCOPY, Number One Traylor Island...Phone, 539-2973.

"A MAN'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS"...by Dudley Powell, III. We are different people, but a lot alike. We have often talked and wished we were kids together, and about how great it would have been! We generally get along with the same people...we even like each other's friends! We also think there's no telling what would happen if we could have run around together as contemporaries!!! We probably would choose the 50's, because that was a classic era. People are surprised to see us out together at night, but we have a good time. It's just like going somewhere with a good friend, because he is. He has told me of many experiences he has had and I, in turn, have told him mine. Sometimes we can't get along, but then other times we are real close. But I guess that's true in any kind of friendship. But, it's not JUST a friendship...there is more. We have both gone to the same college. We've had some of the same experiences, even with the time differences between us going to college. We talk of girls, life, and different mishaps we have been in. We have learned a lot from each other. Of course, I have learned a lot more from him. I helped him when he had marital problems with, (you know who), "Woman Child." I'm talking about me and my Father. We'll never get to run around as kids, but, as we get older, we'll still learn from each other, and still talk about old times. We'll probably still disagree from time to time, but we will always be close...And we'll always be friends...

The opinions expressed herein are those of Dudley Powell, Jr. and staff.

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Arsenal Athletes Hold Their Own

The '62 New York Mets. The '74 Washington Capitals. The 76-77 Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Redstone teams of the last few years. What do they have in common?

Besides all of them being sports teams, nothing at all. The '62 Mets lost 120 games in 154 tries, the hapless Capitals were, and probably still are, the worst National Hockey League team ever, and the words that would best describe the Buccaneers trying to play NFL football couldn't be printed in this publication. They were all, and some still are, perennial losers . . . bad jokes.

That leaves the Redstone teams. They, for some unapparent reason, have also been labeled as losers—not by the opposition, but instead by some of their peers. Maybe it's the modest size of this installation and its relatively small military population, or maybe it's because most people here don't know much about the Redstone sports program, but post teams aren't taken seriously, or well supported, by a high percentage of the soldiers here.

The truth is, however, that Redstone teams aren't losers—or a joke. Instead in most post level sports, the teams have been good, solid, well-coached teams. Not spectacular by any means, but teams with good talent and a winning spirit, teams that have been tough competition for some of the largest Army posts in the nation.

In TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command) level competition over the last few years, RSA teams have been a force to be reckoned with. Forts Benning, Benjamin Harrison, McClellan, Gordon, Rucker, Bragg, and Knox, have all fell, sometimes hard and unexpectedly, to teams from little Redstone.

The softball team's performance in the annual TRADOC competition is a good example of how Redstone does a lot with a little. In the last four years, the Rockets

have finished the tournament in second place twice, and in fourth place twice. Not bad when you consider there are usually 12-14 teams in the running, and some of those installations have ten times as many soldiers as Redstone.

Other TRADOC tournaments in which Redstone has fared well are the golf matches, in which we finished second in '75, and in bowling. Redstone dominated the 1975 tourney in Houston, and finished fourth in the all-around team standings.

The Rockets have only been so-so in basketball over the past few years, mainly because most of the teams we played were much taller and had bigger benches. This year may be the year of the Rockets though, because the team has good over-all height, and some talented shooters. The Rockets are 3-0 on the season so far.

Although the post tackle football teams is just in its second season, they have been tough against most of the teams they've played. Last year Redstone was the only TRADOC team to score a touchdown on mighty Ft. Benning. This season, playing in the North Alabama Semi-Pro Football Conference, the Rockets posted an impressive six win, one loss record before being eliminated 21-20 in the first round of the league play-offs.

Soccer has also been one of RSA's specialties. The Rockets captured first place in the 1974 Birmingham Invitational Soccer Meet, beating some of Alabama's finest amateur teams. Redstone played an exhibition game against Alabama A&M University in '75, and thrashed the collegiates 10-1.

The sports department here does a fine job finding coaches, and putting teams together. And the Redstone teams are worth watching. So if you aren't doing anything one day when the Rockets are playing, stop by and give them a glance. You just might be surprised at what you see.

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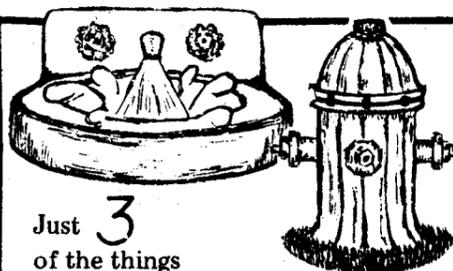
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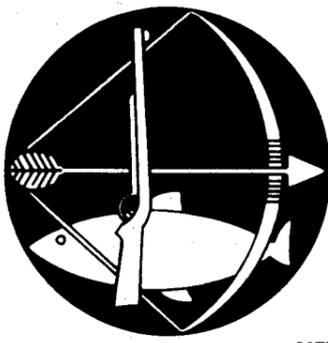
A recent Department of Army message has authorized a Christmas Early Separation Program again this year.

The message stated, "Unless they desire to be retained on active duty until their normal or adjusted release date, all nonregular officers and all enlisted personnel whose ETS (enlisted) or release date (officers) is between 12 December 1977 and 8 January 1978 inclusive will be separated or released for the convenience of the government during the period 12 - 16 December 1977 or as soon as practicable thereafter."

The message added that officers eligible for release under this policy may be retained on active duty by their command until their normal or adjusted release date when operational needs dictate.

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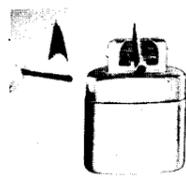
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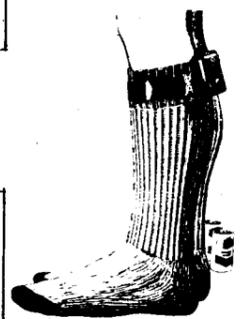


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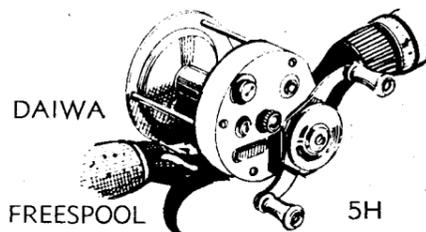
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Rockets Demolish Huntsville Quintet

A high powered scoring attack, led by Thomas Byron's 21 points, and Cornelius Williams' 20, lifted the unbeaten Redstone Rockets to their third consecutive victory on a 96-65 crushing of "Packing and Materials" of the Huntsville Industrial League at the Post Gym Friday night.

Byron and Williams, combining for 35 points in the first half, were main forces in leading Redstone back from a seven point second quarter deficit to a 10-point halftime lead. The pair also contributed heavily on the defensive side, ripping down many of the P&M's missed shots, and intimidating the opposition with tenacious defensive work.

The game started out on an even tempo, with both teams swapping baskets throughout the first quarter. With the score knotted at 19 going into period two, P&M began to pull away after hitting three unanswered field goals and a free throw basket. Byron and Williams then went to work for RSA, connecting on several jump shots and mixing it up under the boards to tip in a couple more. Tony Patillo also netted several hoops in the half, and helped lead the Rockets to a 46-36 halftime advantage.

Packing and Materials, a talented but undermanned squad of seven, faded badly in the third. Ronnie Bulliner, who pumped in 16 Redstone points, and Charles Davis, who scored 14, burned the tired P&M team badly in the last half as they combined for 22



NO STOPPING THIS ONE — Redstone's Charles Stepney shoots over a

P&M defender in last week's game.

points. P&M was unable to muster any kind of sustained scoring attack in the latter half, so Redstone went on to win easily.

Other Rocket scorers were Tony Patillo with seven points, Charles Stepney scored six, Pierre Patton and Richard James

contributed four each, and Walt Williams and Calvin Hill added two apiece.

Earlier in the evening, Redstone's girls team played Putnam Realty for Huntsville and lost 42-6.

Redstone Girls Get Even Break

Redstone women won and lost in opening round action of the Huntsville Women's basketball league last week.

The Rockettes, a military team, dropped a 49-23 decision to the Putnam Realtors while the civilian women's team playing under the Big K banner came away with a 69-27 trouncing of Governor's Drive Car Wash.

Sponsored by the Huntsville Parks and Recreation Department, the six-team loop plays its games Monday evenings at Westlawn Middle School with a triple header scheduled each week.

The middle game on the opening night's card saw Big Ed's Pizzeria run roughshod over the Huntsville Merchants, 71-19.

The Big K quintet, carried the Missile Command banner to the district cham-

pionship last year and looked like strong challengers for a repeat this season under the direction of coach Jackie Gorzynski.

Julie Ellis, a former University of Alabama player, took scoring honors with 32 points. Janice Riddle collected ten and Anita Whittaker eight. Terry Butler, Sandra Ricio, B. J. Evans and Peggy Schlichter completed the Big K lineup.

The Rockettes fell behind at the outset of their contest with the Realtors and were never able to catch up. Coach Whitfield said the girls have just not been together long enough to develop the necessary team work, and warned the other teams that Redstone would be a lot tougher after a couple of games.

Linda Colon tossed in 13 points for scoring honors in the opener.

The Redstone Rod & Gun Club will begin new operating hours effective Friday. The clubhouse will be open from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday hours of operation will be from noon until 8 p.m.

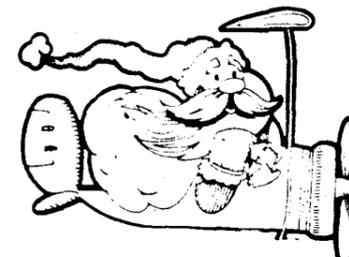
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AMC League

Standings	Pts
Spares	34
Bombers	33
T-Birds	30
Lily Flagg	28
Hi-Rollers	26½
The Hawks	25
Cadillacs	23
Hughes TOW	21½
The Gallery	20½
Rolling Rocks	18½

Last Wednesday

T-Birds - 4 — Cadillacs - 0
 R. Rocks - 3½ — Hughes - ½
 Bombers - 3 — Lily Flagg - 1
 Hawks - 3 — Hi-Rollers - 1
 Spares - 2 — Gallery - 2

Honor Roll

Tom Smith became the first AMC bowler to pass the 600 mark this season when gunned down 614 pins in pacing the T-Birds to 3111 handicapped total and a sweep of the Cadillacs. Smith's big 254 enabled the Birds to post a league high 1102 count in the middle game.

Individual Highs

Reggie McLaney, 599; Ernie Rhodes, 569; Bob Parsons, 566 (210)

S&M League

Standings	Pts
S.C.I.	38 16
Reba's Enterprises	33½ 18½
Misfits	32 20
CPI Aziza	26½ 25½
Outhouse Lounge	26 26
CPI Cachet	24½ 27½
API Aviance	21 31
Clowns	20½ 31½
CPI Windsong	20 32
Lee Way	18 34

Last Week

Outhouse - 4 — Cachet - 0
 Lee Way - 4 — Aviance - 0
 Aziza - 3 — Clowns - 1
 Misfits - 3 — Reba's - 1
 SCI - 3 — Windsong - 1

High Scores

Garland Kinslow, 603; Ernie Pace, 554; Morris McKinney, 549; Mike Lamy, 538; Gil Vitale, 530; Ted Blake, 525; Pat Spangler, 525.

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Standings

Exasperators	74
Strikeouts	70
Swingers	64
Lucky Strikes	63
Bushwackers	59
Meddacs	58
School Brigade	50
Kuwait Keglers	48
Leathernecks	40
Black Jacks	34

Results

Strikeouts 8 — Leathernecks 0
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A 22-year-old dispute may be coming to an end in the Resource Management Office at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Stanley E. Kreger, chief of RMO, and Gordon R. Moon, chief of the Management Division, have entertained a friendly argument over the football superiority of their respective alma maters since they started working together in the mid-50's.

Kreger is an alumnus of Ohio State University. Moon's alma mater is the University of Alabama. The Buckeyes will meet the Crimson Tide for the first time on the gridiron of the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans Jan. 2. Both men plan to attend the game, and each is supremely confident in his team.

Each man is predicting a win with plenty of points to spare, and each is ready and willing to back his prediction with facts and figures. It is easy to see that the losing fan and everyone else in RMO is going to hear about this game for quite some time.

Sports writers and football fans across the country have long awaited the clash of Bear Bryant and Woody Hayes and many have predicted a high scoring game. But if the defenders on the field even approach the staunchness of the defenders in RMO, this classic battle may be doomed to a 0-0 tie.



Moon My money's on Woodie

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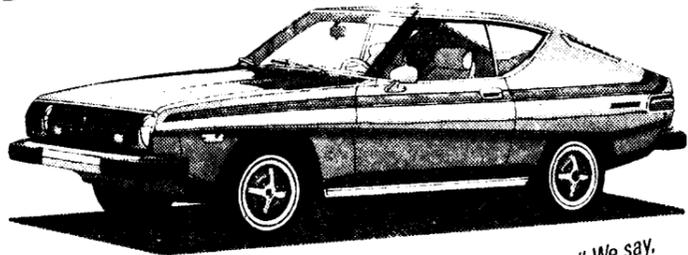
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To post the maximum score, the men had to: do 44 push-ups and 43 sit-ups in one-minute intervals; traverse 73 rungs on the horizontal ladder in a minute; run, dodge and jump through an obstacle course in 22.5 seconds; and run a mile in less than 6 minutes, 20 seconds.



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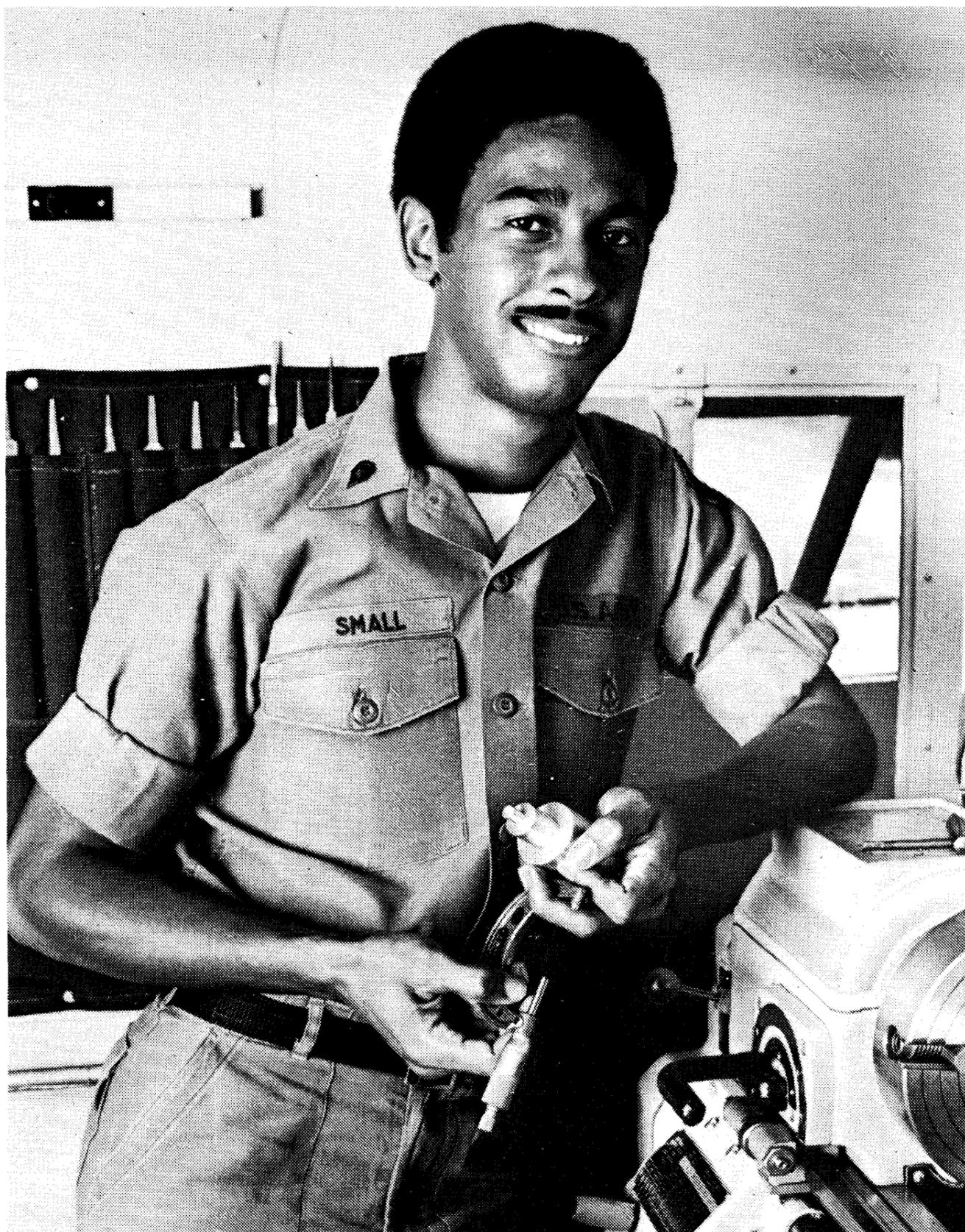
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Quick Action Saves Life

Virgil Hammack knows how to handle an emergency. Bob Allen is thankful for that, because Hammack's quick thinking may have saved his life.

Allen, a Procurement & Production Systems Analyst, was eating lunch in the cafeteria at Bldg. 4488 when it happened. "A piece of fried potato lodged in my windpipe," said Allen, "and some more food went down behind it. I began to choke. I was getting some air but not enough. It seemed as though nobody knew what to do. They were pounding me on the back, but it wasn't working."

That's when Hammack's resourcefulness paid off. "He (Allen) was sitting at a nearby table," said Hammack, an equipment specialist in the System Support Division of the Pershing Project Office. "Apparently he was choking. The people near him were pounding him on the back. This went on for a few minutes. They got him up on his feet, and they saw he was turning color."

"I had seen a demonstration of the Heimlich technique on television, on **60 Minutes**, I think. I went over, grabbed him around the waist from behind, and squeezed. The first time it didn't work, so I applied more pressure, and it worked."

"Apparently a lot of people didn't know what to do," Hammack continued. "Others were hollering to those near the man to squeeze his abdomen, but apparently everyone sort of panicked and froze. What I did was just a reaction, I guess. I felt pretty good about it afterwards. If he had gone on like that a few more minutes, who knows what would have happened."

Allen agreed that Hammack's action prevented a serious injury, or even death. "I sure was glad he knew what to do. When he pumped that air up, the food came out. I'm real thankful to him. As far as I'm concerned he could have saved my life."

Everyone should know what to do to help someone who appears to be choking. According to the American Heart Association's Guidelines for Obstructed Airways, one should first ask the victim if he is able to speak. If unable to speak, the victim should respond by placing a hand over the throat, to indicate that he is choking. A choking person can be mistaken for someone suffering a heart attack. It is essential that the victim communicate the nature of his problem, and sign language may be the only way to do this.

Having determined that the victim is indeed choking, the rescuer should deliver four sharp blows rapidly to the back bet-



HAMMACK

ween the shoulderblades to loosen the food.

Then the rescuer should stand behind the victim and wrap his arms around the victim's waist; grasp one fist with the other hand and place the thumb side of the fist between breastbone and navel; and press the fist into the abdomen with a quick upward thrust. This should be done four times. The rescuer should be sure that he is applying pressure to the diaphragm; he should not be squeezing the chest.

If it's undesirable to put pressure on the abdomen—if the victim is a pregnant woman, for example—the rescuer can stand behind the victim, place his arms under the armpits to encircle the chest, grasp one fist with the other hand, and strike the victim on the breastbone.

One should not attempt to apply this technique without formal training, or without at least having seen it demonstrated.

Accountants Meet

The North Alabama Chapter, Association of Government Accountants, will meet on Thursday, December 15, at the Officer's Club. It will be a luncheon meeting.

Guest speaker will be Olin B. King, President of SCI Systems, King's subject will be "One Contractor's Experience with Government Auditing."

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In the past, said Neely, Supply had to use the post's main frame computer for all its accounting records. When they received a requisition, it took from one to three weeks to determine if the item was in stock or had to be ordered. Supply had to keep a manual file of all requisitions and stock record balances. They could not know what the current level of supply was at any given time, nor could they determine the status of a particular requisition. The only data available to them was the old computer record.

"It was a clumsy method to supply the customer on a timely basis," said John K. Tidwell, a computer systems analyst from the Directorate of Data Systems at Anniston Army Depot. Tidwell is a member of a group from Anniston that has been helping to implement SPEEDEX here.

According to Tidwell, all of Supply's accounting records are now on a computer at Anniston. By means of a telephone hookup, Supply has direct access to the records through remote input-output devices. An operator simply keys in an item's stock number and other codes, and in 30 seconds the computer supplies whatever information is required.

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Neely also expressed his gratitude to the Anniston people who are helping to implement SPEEDEX. "They are very cooperative," he said. "We couldn't have done it without them."



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Electronics Setup Gets the Go-Ahead

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Dec. 9 that it will go ahead with plans announced six months ago to abolish the Electronics Command at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., and set up three new commands.

During this fiscal year, the Army will establish the Electronics Research and Development Command (ERADCOM) at Adelphi, Maryland, where the Harry Diamond Labs are now located. The labs and the Night Vision Lab will both be part of the new command. It will also get laser functions now conducted at Ft. Monmouth and Adelphi which are to be centralized at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The Electronics Warfare Lab will remain at Ft. Monmouth as an element of ERADCOM. Other signals warfare functions now performed by the Intelligence and Security Command at Arlington Hall Station, Va., and Vint Hill Farms Station, Va., will remain in the Washington D. C. area. The Electronics Devices and Technology Lab and the non laser portions of the Combat Surveillance and Target Acquisition Lab will continue to operate at Monmouth as parts of the new commands.

Several small functions associated with atmospheric sciences activities will be moved from Monmouth to the Atmospheric Sciences Lab at White Sands which will also be part of ERADCOM.

New headquarters for the Communications Research and Development Command (CORADCOM) and the Communications and Electronics Materiel Readiness Command (CERCOM) will be set up during this fiscal year at Monmouth using personnel and resources of the Electronics Command. Operating elements of CORADCOM will be based at Monmouth.

CERCOM will include all the Electronics Command logistic elements which will continue to operate at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; Sacramento Army Depot and Monmouth. Functions associated with Tactical computer software are being transferred to CORADCOM from the Army Computer Systems Command.

The Army said all career civilian employees will be given maximum assistance in continuing their careers through transfer with their functions or reassignment to other jobs within DOD or other federal agencies. There was no immediate information available on the number of people to be shifted from one place to another with their jobs.

Military, Civilian Flu Vaccine Here

Flu Vaccine is now available at the Redstone Arsenal Hospital for dependents and DA civilian employees a hospital spokesman said.

The vaccine arrived in limited quantities and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Dependents may receive their vaccine at the Immunization Clinic in building 116 between the hours of 8-11:30 and 1-4:30, Monday through Friday. Children aged 13 and below may receive their vaccine in the Pediatrics clinic during the same hours.

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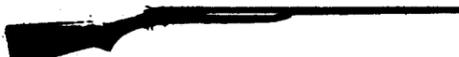
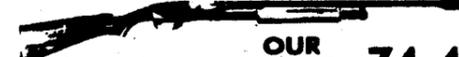
Staff Sergeant Vernon Sutter, an administrative specialist in the Military Science Department at Alabama A&M University, receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal during recent ceremonies at the University. Sutter was recognized for outstanding service while serving in the Defense Attache Office in Turkey from September 1975 to September 1977. Colonel Verle B. Hammond presented the award.

A Day at Circus

Civilian and military employees can sponsor a disadvantaged child to a day of fun. The Huntsville Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 6, is offering a block of circus tickets which individuals may purchase for admission of some child with a physical or mental handicap.

The circus is scheduled for Mar. 15 and 16. It is a three-ring show of Haneford Brothers and will perform twice daily.

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DAWN ON DOWNING — If you've been looking for an elegant and warm home in a prestigious neighborhood...

HORSESHOE TRAIL — One of a kind 5 pod contemporary on a beautifully landscaped corner lot with circle driveway...

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WALK TO RANDOLPH — Redwood & Stone, Glass, Tree living room that has room for your Grand Piano...

If you care enough to give the very best, check into this beautiful home in the country. There's room for all kinds of entertaining...

AN ABUNDANCE... of space awaits you when you arrive at this home. The home that caters to the children and pampers the adults...

24 ACRE HORSE FARM — Horse lovers let's go look at this 24 acre horse farm featuring 7 horse stables, hay barn, 1 1/4 acre stocked pond...

MONTE SANO — Easy flowing lines describes this 3043 sq. ft. contemporary home with 3 levels of indoor and outdoor living...

PIEDMONT — This immaculate six year old tri-level offers the large family a place for everyone and his hobby...

HUNTS COVE — Large basement rancher on lovely wooded lot in Huntsville finest section of town...

BASEMENT RANCHER — Located in lovely Huntsville Hill offers 3210 sq. ft. of living area...

COUNTRY EXECUTIVE — between Arab and Cullman. Very nice French provincial basement rancher with all the extras plus 15 acres with a creek running along the back...

PIEDMONT DR. — Just listed extra nice Cape Cod home with five bedrooms (3 king size) or 4 bedrooms and study, extra large den with fireplace...

HUNTSVILLE'S FINEST — Corner Garth & Deborah Drive, S.E. — Custom built custom decorated quality home. Geared for the large active family yet luxury fit can only "spoil" you...

SOUTHEAST — What else could you want? This lovely 4 bedroom home is in mint condition. The living and dining rooms are tastefully decorated...

PERFECT IN ALL RESPECTS... is our new listing at 4007 Nunn Dr., S.E. The location is ideal. The view magnificent and the style and decor is most appealing...

LUXURIOUS NEW HOME — Numerous top quality features such as THERMOPANE windows, extra thick PLUSH PILE carpeting, rich PANELING, CRYSTAL CHANDELIERS, TWO FIREPLACES, and WET BAR make this FIVE BEDROOM basement rancher an excellent value at \$79,900...

BROWNS CREEK: On the Water — This 3100 sq. ft. cedar and brick A-Frame stone fireplace plus rec room and study. Formal living, very large formal dining built-in kitchen, sunny breakfast room, huge loft master suite with circular staircase, 2 other bedrooms...

SECLUDED COUNTRY ESTATE — 37+ acres 4 miles north of city limits with 3 year old 1 1/2 story brick home nestled in the pines 1900 sq. ft. of finished living area...

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...

SETTING HIGH ATOP MONTE SANO on 2.6 acres overlooking a beautiful valley is a large log cabin complete with screened porch, parlor, kitchen, bedrooms, bath, and servants quarters...

ON THE LAKE — On the main channel, on a beautiful huge lot with 150 ft. of waterfront and trees, 2 slip bathhouse, deep water, and pier. This beautiful basement rancher is ideally suited for the corporations get away place...

room, den with fireplace, garage, closets galore, central vacuum system, summer porch, downstairs is 2 bedrooms, study, workshop, 1 bath, kitchen, and garage...

HORSES, SOYBEANS, 40 ACRES — This huge two-story home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den with fireplace, formal living room, music room, closets galore...

TWO STORY RUSTIC — just listed this lovely four bedroom two story, all stained cedar and stone, on a mountainous natural lot. This house is full of extras...

ONE OF A KIND — A truly unique contemporary, two level home with an open informal living arrangement. Custom kitchen on each level. Three fireplaces, 5 cedar decks, in-ground heated pool, lighted tennis court...

\$60's

BEAUTIFUL 2 STORY IN THE TREES. Before you buy you must see this lovely 2 story in a story book setting. Outstanding neighborhood, beautiful lot. Home features 2 1/2 baths, formal living & dining rooms, warm den with fireplace, double garage...

APARTMENT COMPLEX — Southwest — Eight units in 3 bldgs. Seven units furnished. Return \$720 monthly now — can increase to \$880. Located off Governors & Parkway intersection close to several factories...

NEARING COMPLETION IN THE TREES — is this beautiful tudor tri-level featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, den with fireplace, hobby room or 5th bedroom, formal living & dining rooms. A must before you buy...

ROOM FOR A LARGE FAMILY — in a super size brick basement rancher. 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den with fireplace, living & dining, rec room, eat-in kitchen, rear entry double garage...

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ROCKMONT-ON-CARDESSA High above lake Guntersville rests a home of unique dimensions and character. A modified A-Frame, its three levels feature 4 bedrooms, 3 baths 28x24 Great Room with a massive full masonry fireplace...

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FOR ALL SEASONS — This year around home on the water at lovely Point of Pines. 4 year old home offers great room, built-in kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, central heat/air...

\$50's

NEWLY REDECORATED rancher only 5 years old. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sewing room. Extra large lot. \$13,500 equity and assume payments of \$305.80. (M2006) 883-1200

6 Months Young... is our new S.E. listing featuring a lovely great room with brick fireplace, separate dining room, wonderful, cheery kitchen, pantry, large utility room...

A STEP AHEAD OF THE REST — This neighborhood is ideally located for easy access to University Dr. & still have a private atmosphere. This 4 bedroom tri-level is on a lovely wooded corner lot featuring 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, den/brick fireplace, eat-in kitchen and a double garage...

HANDYMAN'S DREAM... this basement rancher in Madison can be a fantastic home with some repair. Land is ideal to farm a truck (2 acres) crops & still have a 3 acre pasture. Features 3 bedrooms, living/dining room, den/kitchen combo and a large rec room down stairs. (W.T. Mad.)

GRISSOM HIGH — Outstanding 2-story is only two blocks away on quiet circle. Features 4 spacious bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, separate living & dining, large den, eat-in kitchen, fenced yard, heating & cooling system on each level, storm windows & doors. \$59,900. (7806FC)

BASEMENT RANCHER THAT'S BIG & ROOMY. Beautiful brick home that's perfect for the large family that will love a rec. room, family room, den & workshop. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$53,000. (C4013) 533-1490

FLEEMING HILLS, SW. over 2,300 sq. ft. for only \$55,900. Three full-level Dutch Colonial brick home on lovely landscaped lot. Four extra large bedrooms, 3 baths, huge den with fireplace, spacious country kitchen. Fully carpeted over hardwoods. Exceptional buy on quiet dead-end street. (7704T) 883-1200

MOTHER-IN-LAW APARTMENT — This basement rancher located in Grissom School area offers 3 bedrooms upstairs, living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, fireplace, double garage, inside laundry, 1 bedroom down, extra kitchen and 1/2 bath down. Situated on lovely wooded lot. (8814VV) 883-1200

FOX RUN — Gorgeous new rancher, a large cul-de-sac lot in Fox Run. You must see this beautifully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath rancher before you buy. Home features large warm den with fireplace. Convenient inside laundry, double garage. Offered at \$51,500. (1401S) 883-1200

CHURCH — If you're a congregation looking for a church we've got it. Nice rock building on corner lot with seating capacity of 250 (Easter Sunday), central heat and air, kitchen with equipment, over 6000 sq. ft. Ideal location, could be commercial warehouse also. Offered at \$50,000. (2903T) 883-1200

"NOT AN AVERAGE HOME" — As the owners say (and we agree) about this lovely 2 story home of 2240 sq. ft. offering 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large den, brick fireplace, double garage, etc., etc. Beautifully decorated with all the extras so often sought but seldom found. Large level well landscaped lot with mature trees, too. Priced to sell. (10020WP) 883-1200

A RARE FIND — All brick raised rancher on a beautiful corner lot in a prime southeastern location within walking distance to Weatherly Elementary School and Southeast "Y". Features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and large den - 1927 sq. ft. of well decorated and comfortable living area and \$72 sq. ft. in basement which is partially finished. (8703E) 883-1200

GUNTSVILLE LAKE — Holiday Shores — Authentic reconstructed 170 yr. old log house on 3 1/2 acres. 170 ft. of two hand-cut limestone fireplaces and foundation. Cedar roof, hardwood floors, mature pine trees. Sand sandy beach. \$53,900. 883-1200

AFTERNOON DELIGHT — Come home early and relax on this beautiful acre lot with trees. This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath, paneled den w/fireplace home is a wish come true! You will have peace, comfort & location when you purchase this home located at 8705 Lusk Dr., S.E. \$52,500. (8705L) 533-1490

UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN — on this well maintained brick rancher. Master bedroom, foyer and living room open on to huge quarry tile covered patio. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den, fireplace, breakfast room. Large tree studded lot. \$55,900. (8103W) 883-1200

HERE IT IS — lovely two story home in beautiful Fox Run, one year old and immaculate featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, den with cathedral ceiling, fireplace and bookshelves, lovely wallpaper, nice drapes, fenced back yard, double garage. Offered at \$59,900. (2513W) 883-1200

REDUCED ONLY \$55,000 Twickenham District. An investment that is sure to grow. Restored Victorian offers all the old charm and the newest in modern conveniences. 2394 sq. ft. of living area. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 5 fireplaces. A must on your viewing list. (518R) 883-1200

7827 HORSESHOE TRAIL — Charming 3 yr. old tri-level in an outstanding neighborhood convenient to schools, shopping and recreation. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 tastefully decorated baths, den with fireplace, L-shaped living and dining, foyer, eat-in kitchen, inside laundry room, large two car garage. \$44,570. 883-1200

PAINT ROCK VALLEY — Beautifully 40 acre farm with extra nice 3 bedroom brick rancher, includes large living room, den, fully equipped kitchen, 2 baths, central heating & cooling, covered patio; excellent land good for pasture or farming; creek at rear of property, total price \$59,750. \$33-1490

MADISON — Very neat 4 bedroom rancher on a large lot. Fenced back yard with garden spot, double garage. Den with fireplace. See this one soon on Rainbow Dr. 533-1490

THREE POOLS — "Pool" number one — is a 16x32 Spartan in your own back yard. "Pool" number two — play pool in the 20x25 rec room. "Pool" number three — forget about the car pool because the kids can walk to Grissom from this immaculate four bedroom brick rancher with 1 1/2 baths, large den with fireplace, lovely kitchen with breakfast bar; and many other fine features that you'll have to see for yourself. (1010C) 883-1200

GOOD COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT on Oakwood Ave. Large 3 bedroom in good condition suitable for renovation to office use. Lot is 60 x 331 and would be suitable for use to build office complex, retail store ETC. (0-306) 533-1490

\$40's

FOR THE FAMILY — Who wants value, beauty, quality, located in S.E. area - 4 BR, 2 B, Den, combo LR, DR - You will fall in love with the Kit/Den combo which features beautiful blue cabinetry w/wallpaper & drapes to match - This home has personality + don't miss out on this super buy - (11306H) 533-1490

VESTAVIA — One of Huntsville's most desirable areas. 4 bedroom brick rancher on a large corner lot. Den with fireplace and double end-entry garage. Total price only \$47,900. Hurry it won't last long in this neighborhood at this price. (800P) 533-1490

APPLE PIE ORDER — This pretty brick rancher on a large level lot which is partially fenced affords a generous 1885 sq. ft. of nicely decorated living area with 3 bedrooms, study, 1 1/2 baths, big den, country kitchen, and inside laundry. Convenient to everything and READY FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY. (8008N) 883-1200

COUNTRY LIVING — 3 bedroom brick home on 3/4 acres of land near New Hope. Living & dining combination, large den, 1 1/2 baths, inside laundry, eat-in kitchen. Call for more details. Low \$40's (OGR) 883-1200

FLEEMING HILLS — Just listed, nice basement rancher in one of S.W. finest neighborhoods. Featuring 2900 sq. ft. of heated and cooled living area (downstairs area partially finished) 3 baths, large living and dining area, all built-ins, large fenced yard. High 40s. (FH7603) 883-1200

ONE — TWO — ONE block to Byrd Spring Park for tennis and playground activities. Two blocks to Chaffee School. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths tri-level, hardwoods under much new carpeting. Large living room, dining room, sunken den and eat-in kitchen w/self cleaning oven. Fenced yard with mature trees and shrubs. High 40s. (7702L) 883-1200

BRIGHT SUNNY DAYS — can be enjoyed to the fullest in this one-level home because the large window allows the light in. Of course, the fireplace will provide many cozy nights, too. Begin by finding this home in a very convenient and desirable south location. Walk in the arched entry way for summer or winter enjoyment followed by a large foyer that leads you through a separate living room and dining room, well lighted modern kitchen, secluded master bedroom with plus 2 others. Two baths, fireplace and inside laundry. Double garage also has entry from arch. The back yard is fenced plus it has a privacy fence around the covered patio. This is all - Call and see the rest. \$49,900. (B2010) 883-1200

A FOUR BEDROOM BRICK RANCHER in the Southeast for \$45,500? Call and we'll show you. It is in move-right-in condition and the floor plan is very functional; yet unique, too. If your taste is traditional or contemporary this one will appeal to you. The master bedroom is a suite with vaulted ceilings and his and hers closets. 2 vanity baths. Entry foyer leads into den or living room both of which have cathedral ceilings. Even the kitchen has cathedral ceiling with exposed beams. The den is richly paneled. There is an inside laundry, double car garage with a garage door opener, a central heat, a fenced back yard and lovely deck with privacy fence around it. (11202W) 883-1200

EQUITY — 3 large bedrooms, large living room, den, dining room, newly remodeled kitchen & newly remodeled carpets thru out. Exclusive listing. (E 7008) 533-1490

ONE OF A KIND — Classic styling with quality features! Spacious livingroom; diningroom with oak floor and 3 great sized bedrooms. Den with bookshelves; self cleaning oven, beautiful cabinets, 2 sparkling baths in gorgeous color! This is a new home with a well established lawn in popular Fox Run. \$32,1490

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED — in these quality new homes from Homeside Builders. You'll marvel at new ideas, new concepts, new street appeal and a unique style of living that's long overdue. Two models ready for immediate possession. Mid \$40's. 883-1200

7702 CARLTON DR.—PARKWAY ESTATES—Very appealing home on shaded lot in excellent SW neighborhood. Over 2100 ft. 4 nice bedrooms (Master BR large) den and rec. rooms clean & tastefully decorated extensive use of carpet. Excellent value at below market value at \$44,800 will consider trade. (7702C) 533-1490

SOMETHING DIFFERENT — If the standard appearance of all the tri-levels on the market does not appeal to you, then let me show you 11010 Salmon. It's slightly contemporary with vaulted ceilings in living room and dining room. Other features include: four bedrooms with king sized master, 1 1/2 baths, large den, new carpet, freshly painted inside and out, double car garage, fenced rear yard with 18' above ground pool, 2015 sq. ft. of heated and cooled living space in super condition. (11010S)

\$30's

NORTHWEST — 2617 ROCKWELL — Attractive tri-level in excellent condition. Three good size BRs - Kit/den combo, large garage and storage are on lower level. Central heat and air at \$34,850. Equity \$9,600 - Will consider trade. 533-1490

TLC — This lovely raised brick rancher has had plenty of tender loving care. Lovely drapes and carpet throughout. Three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large den, eat-in kitchen, double car garage with beautiful stone fireplace. Rear entry garage. A steal for only \$34,000. (PP6014) 533-1490

LOOKOUT DR. — Beautiful wooded lot level top of Monte Sano Mountain with good view. 125 x 190. Total price \$30,000. 533-1490

VERY WELL KEPT — 4 bedroom tri-level in Davis Hills. This home has living-dining combination, kitchen-den combo, 2 baths, inside laundry. Barbecue, fenced rear yard with fruit and nut trees and grapes. Nice patio with gas grill. (3206-H) 533-1490

CONDOMINIUM IN MADISON — You must see this beautiful condominium. Outstanding decor, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, 2 1/2 baths, storage everywhere, 2 bedroom. Offered at \$7,000. Equity with payments (including maintenance) of \$340. Close to pool and tennis courts. (5V 204) 883-1200

CHASE AWAY GLOOMY DAYS — By ending your search for that perfect home. All you have to do is pick up your phone and call. The rest is easy! Low maintenance brick rancher with a new heat pump providing the comfort of central heat and air. Three good sized bedrooms, two baths, a combination kitchen/den PLUS a REC ROOM! Formal living room and dining room. Fenced in back yard and within walking distance to Highlands School. \$11,260 equity! \$33,960. (4008B) 883-1200

HOLIDAY SHORES — This pretty two-story brick home is on more than 1 acre of land with water access to Guntsville Lake; beautiful stone fireplace in the great room; two bedrooms; kitchen; 1 1/2 baths; 9 x 30 redwood screened-in porch; stocked fish pond; price at \$31,900. (HSMCA) 533-1490

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NEW CEDAR RANCHER — 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, den with stone fireplace, central heat and air, beautiful carpet and wallpaper. \$30,900. (14002G) 883-1200

KING SIZE COMFORT — This split foyer has four bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living room, eat-in kitchen, dining room with doors opening on radwood deck. Tremendous den, inside laundry. Central heat/air. Double car garage with workshop area. Lovely fenced yard with beautiful mature trees. 2100 sq. ft. of great living area for only \$38,400. (PP2919) 533-1490

\$6,600 EQUITY — Fantastic carpets throughout this beauty. Nice use of wallpaper too. Love a fireplace? This one even has a glass screen. There's a large workshop out back for Dad, and Mom will adore the roomy kitchen with cabinet space galore. Don't miss this one! \$33,300 (F3111) 533-1490

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BEGINNERS LUCK — Exceptionally nice 3 bedroom brick rancher with room for the young family. Enjoy the living/dining room, eat-in kitchen plus den with Fisher stove. Storm windows. Nice yard with two storage buildings, garden spot, apples, pecans and grapes. (2219B) 533-1490

MOVE RIGHT INTO this lovely, well maintained 3 bedroom brick home. The living room and dining area with custom drapes create the right impression as you enter. You will also go for neat eat-in kitchen. Convenient to Blue Springs Rd. (B4004) 533-1490

WORK SHOP + 1/2 bath for easy clean up comprises one whole level of this neat split level home. 3 large bedrooms, formal living and dining. Built-in kitchen. Central heat and air. Lovely fenced lot. \$27,500. (A3113)

WALK TO CHAPMAN SCHOOL — From this popular priced home in Northeast, 3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, den with free standing fireplace and extra large covered patio. Only \$27,500. (2114B) 533-1490

HOUSE & GARDEN SPOT — would surely be your answer for economical living. This 2 bedroom home with large "great room" is sturdy and convenient. It is located on 1/2 acre with perfect garden spot. Better call now for this price. (\$14,000) 533-1490

IF YOU QUALIFY — You can purchase this 3 bedroom home on a HUD 235 loan. The living/dining room & bedrooms have wall-to-wall carpet. The kitchen has built-in range and dishwasher. Down payment is \$750.00 with builder paying closing costs. This one is ready for occupancy. 533-1490

LOOKING FOR THAT FIRST HOME? You've found it in this 3 bedroom brick rancher. Vanity bath, separate living and dining rooms, eat-in kitchen. New roof and carpets this year. \$27,500. (G12203) 533-1490

ON A CUL-DE-SAC — This 3 bedroom back rancher is on a large lot with nice garden area in back yard. \$18,500. (YC3212) 533-1490

NEAR A&M UNIVERSITY — Cozy 3 BR, 1 bath home. A perfect first investment. \$750 down FHA, payments less than \$150 mo. You can't miss with this one. \$33-1490

BEGINNERS IDEAL — low initial investment in a new home. Protected under the home owners warranty program (10 year limited warranty). Three bedrooms, fully carpeted, central heat & air. Total price \$23,700. (2426MV) 533-1490

Big and roomy country home in very good condition. Large LR & DR plus den and 4 big BR's. Country kitchen w/eating area and nice cabinets. Carpet and paneled thru out. Located approx. 5 Bkts. from town (walking distance to school.) 200 x 150 lot. Total Price - \$22,000. 533-1490 (5th A)

Bright As Sunshine — is the best way to describe this year old three bedroom rancher! It is unbelievably clean and neat! Color coordinated wallpaper and carpets, 1 1/2 vanity baths, kitchen with pantry plus dishwasher and range. Single car garage. Low equity is only \$4200 with payments of 229.70. Pretty formal living room and dining room. Better call today! (2448Y) 883-1200 \$28,928.00

ELKWOOD SECTION RD. — Brick rancher on 1.7 acres. Huge den & country kitchen area. 3 bedrooms — (Nice carpeted MBR added on 1 yr. ago.). 1400 livable area w/carport. Storage bldg. Located in excellent

(ARNEWS) — Just why is the United States going metric after having lived with the English system for more than 200 years? The answer is quite simple: We cannot afford not to.

All of our major trading partners have either gone metric or are in the process of doing so. In fact, the only countries still not committed are Brunei, Burma, Liberia, and Yemen. Before the 1975 Act, we literally were an island in a metric sea. The British Commonwealth countries, with whom we shared the pounds-quarts-yards system for so long, have all committed themselves to metric. This includes Canada, our closest neighbor, which has an unofficial goal of being all-metric by 1980.

Our industrial community has also seen the necessity for metric conversion as markets for American goods and services expand overseas. In order to do effective business abroad, these large corporations have had to dual-dimension their products, create a separate production capability to turn out metric products for export, or abandon customary design altogether and produce all products in metric dimensions. More and more corporations are doing the latter.

We are also seeing some barriers being erected to U.S. products in customary dimensions. The Common Market in 1971 adopted a directive that requires all exporters to the nine Common Market nations to indicate the dimensions of their products in metric units by 1978. Dual dimensioning will be allowed only if determined not to be confusing, with each nation to judge compliance separately. This action could bar American goods from these markets or could lead to costly relabeling of products.

Ultimately, it is in our national best interest to convert to metric. And there is a decided advantage for American industries that "go metric." In addition to opening up new markets, the benefits of standardization under the metric system will be realized in reduced inventories. Manufacturers will not have to keep on hand as many product lines to correspond with various size requirements. For example, the Treasury Department's new regulations, scheduled to go into effect in 1979, will reduce the number of "standardized" wine bottles offered in this country from 16 to seven. The U.S. fastener industry will replace 59 customary sizes with 25 metric sizes for threaded fasteners.

A question frequently asked is what effect this changeover will have on the average citizen. Everyone will be affected, but the disruption in normal living will be minimal. Experience in other countries suggests that the American public will have little trouble in mastering the few metric units it will need for everyday living.

Most persons will need to know only three measurement units—

meters, liters and grams. A meter is a unit of length slightly longer than a yard; a liter is a measure of volume and is a little larger than a quart; a gram is a unit of weight about as heavy as a paper clip. Because gram is such a small unit, it is easier to think about the kilogram (1000 grams), which amounts to a little more than two pounds.

Metric is a decimal system that uses multiples of 10, as does our currency system. Each basic metric unit can be multiplied or divided by factors of 10 to get larger and smaller units. These multiples and submultiples are indicated by prefixes such as kilo (one thousand), centi (one hundredth) and milli (one thousandth). Thus a kilometer means 1000 meters, a centimeter is 1-100 of a meter and a millimeter is 1-1000 of a meter.

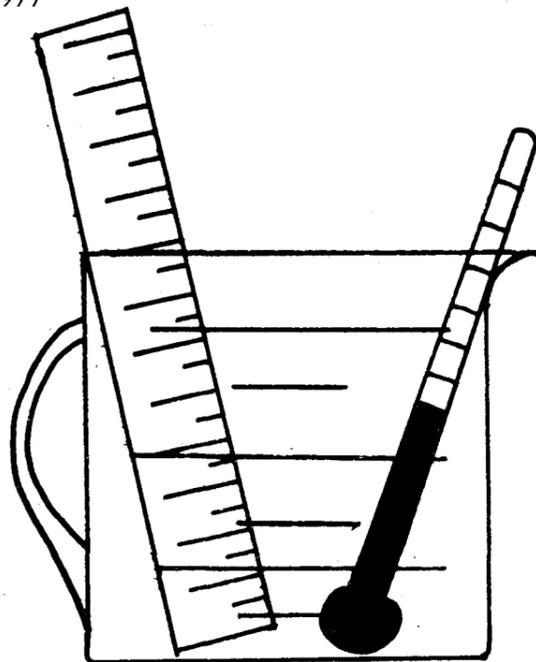
Temperatures in metric are measured on the Celsius scale rather than Fahrenheit scale. (Celsius was formerly called Centigrade.) In the Celsius scale, water boils at 100 degrees and freezes at 0 degrees. This is easier to remember than in Fahrenheit, where water boils at 212 degrees and freezes at 32 degrees.

The changeover will create minimal confusion. Initially most items such as road signs and consumer goods will be labeled in both customary and metric dimensions. This is already happening with some automobile speedometers that are dually labeled. In the supermarket, canned goods will be labeled in both ounces and grams for a time (many are already) and eventually in grams alone.

The Metric Conversion Act of 1975 and the U.S. Metric Board which that Act creates will provide the necessary focal point for a smooth, coordinated conversion to the metric system in this country. No one will be forced to "go metric." But gradually, as each of our country's economic sectors see the desirability of going metric in a rational way, we will become a predominately metric nation.

Editor's Note

(Adapted from DIMENSIONS, National Bureau of Standards, Feb. 1976)



Metric: Get With It!

Holiday Schedule

The Redstone Post Exchange has announced holiday schedules for several of its facilities for the period of December 22 through January 2.

The barber shop and the laundry and dry cleaning facilities in Building 3451 will be closed throughout the period as will the Troop PX in Building 3479.

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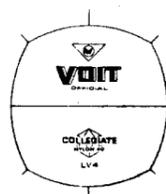
D. R. Emmons, the Exchange Manager, said that all services offered by the above mentioned activities, will be available in the Exchange Shopping Complex (Bldg. 3220), during this period.

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