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Record Spending Sought In Budget



Connie and Kathy Freeman enjoy tossing snowballs, and missing school.
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WASHINGTON — President Carter will ask Congress to approve record-high defense spending of \$115.2 billion during FY 79.

The new budget, made public Monday, is up about \$10 billion over the current fiscal year, an increase of about three percent after allowances for inflation.

Army missile funding went about as expected with some programs managed at Redstone nearing the end of their production run and others, notably Patriot, Roland and Stinger, moving into or nearer production.

DOD proposes to cut back active and reserve strength of the three services by a total of 34,000 spaces and projects a cut of civilian employment of some 13,000 jobs.

In briefings during the weekend, administration spokesmen forecast foreign military sales of about \$9.2 billion, at or slightly above totals for the current year. Foreign sales have major impact at Redstone in both MIRCOM which manages sales of Army missiles and MMCS where foreign students train.

There was no indication of whether or not the oft-studied consolidation of MMCS and the Ordnance Center and School will be reopened. DOD spokesmen told newsmen that another round of base closings and consolidations is being considered but none would be made public until March.

Line item breakouts released to the press by DOD indicate Patriot, managed here by the Patriot Project Office, is nearing production status. Funding for the high priority program totals \$307.1 million, the majority for continued development, but it also includes \$67.3 million for procurement of production equipment and special tooling.

Roland funding rose to \$225.4 million, a major jump reflecting transition from development to production funding. Stinger, another MIRADCOM managed item, goes into full production with \$144.9 million requested. Some \$112.4 million of the total is procurement money.

Pershing funding jumped from \$48.3 million to \$75.7 and includes \$65.6 million for missile procurement. Reversing a practice of recent years, DOD in some cases such as Pershing, refused to reveal how many missiles it intended to buy for security reasons.

Hellfire R&D money rose from \$50.5 million to \$65.1 million. GSRs, the new artillery rocket weapon, showed an increase from \$46.4 million to \$70.8.

Funding for Dragon dropped sharply in the DOD budget, as U. S. Army inventories are close to planned objectives, but full production of the missile system will continue for foreign sales. Chapparral production continues with \$31.9 million programmed, a slight decrease from this fiscal year.

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Proud Moment In History

A proud moment in Army history—the orbiting of the first American scientific earth satellite—will be commemorated at a community sponsored banquet Tuesday night.

The event on January 31 will mark the 20th anniversary of the launching of the satellite — Explorer I — by the U. S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency, predecessor to today's missile activities at the arsenal.

General John R. Guthrie, Commander of DARCOM, will be the principal speaker, representing the Army, on a banquet program that also includes Governor Wallace, MG John B. Medaris, retired commander of ABMA; Dr. Eberhard Rees of Huntsville, and Durward L. Crow of NASA Headquarters.

The banquet in the Sheraton Inn starts at 6:45 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets can be bought at the Public Affairs Office, MIRCOM, or from the Chamber of Commerce which is sponsoring the event with support from local Army commands and the Marshall Space Flight Center.

The community banquet will climax several days of observances of the satellite launching locally.

General Medaris is to address the Huntsville Press Club at lunch tomorrow. Friday and Saturday the World Future Society is sponsoring a conference at the Sheraton that includes panel discussions and technical sessions both days, a ball Friday night and a banquet Saturday night. Hugh Downs, retired television personality will be the banquet speaker.

An organization of Army Missile Program Old-timers is sponsoring a luncheon on Tuesday in the Officers Club for all men and women employed in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at the time the satellite was launched. Tickets are \$4.25 per person. Spouses are welcome. Individuals who plan to attend should call Mrs. Louise Nesbitt at 881-0236.

The Alabama Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville Art Museum and Huntsville Public Library are conducting special programs daily on the satellite project.

Veterans Preference: **Keep It**

By Peter S. Cooke
Ft. Douglas, Utah

Did you know that about one half of the 15 million civil service jobs in this country are held by veterans of the armed services?

One reason is that our society repays the sacrifices of its defenders by favoring them over others seeking federal employment. Some citizens resent this practice, but they get little sympathy from the Supreme Court.

The court nullified a lower court ruling that the "veterans preference" law in Massachusetts was unconstitutional because it discriminated against women.

This occurred when a woman challenged the law after doing well on several civil service examinations but lost out in the job race to male veterans with lower scores.

The lower court called this assistance to veterans a worthy purpose but ruled that the state should find a better way to accomplish it without penalizing women, few of whom are veterans.

"In practical application," the lower court said, the law "absolutely and permanently forecloses on the average 98 percent of this state's women from obtaining significant civil service appointments."

Our society has rewarded its soldiers as long as it has fought wars, such as giving grants of land, bonuses, college tuition and other rewards for military service.

The first law favoring veterans in hiring practices was passed by the Plymouth Colony in 1636. Today, 46 states have such laws. Usually, preference is given in the form of five or 10 extra points to raise earned scores on civil service tests.

We cannot afford not to continue to support our soldiers in this matter.

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Contrary to what you may have heard on a local radio station, cars that attempt to enter Redstone Arsenal must have proper bumper decals issued either by the Army or NASA. That requirement is being enforced. During rush hour periods when traffic flow through the gates peaks, Military Police on the gates are using selective enforcement. They are not trying to



WHY?

stop every car without a sticker then because it would create massive traffic tie ups. Instead they rely on roving patrols to pick up unregistered vehicles that may enter.

No Effect on Unit Performance

(ARNEWS) — The addition of 6,000 women soldiers should not affect Army field performance, according to an Army Research Institute report released last week.

"In plain language," the Max Wac study summarizes its report by stating, "the data indicates that the proportion of women, up to the percentages studied (35 percent or less of total unit strength), had no effect on measures of unit performance in the field."

The study was based on the unit readiness tests, or ARTEPS, held by 40 units in CONUS and Hawaii between October 1976 and June 1977. The tests involved units from signal, transportation, medical, maintenance and military police fields.

Currently, there are more than 45,000 enlisted women soldiers and DA plans to increase this number to 50,400 by the end of FY 1979. An additional 6,000 women, or 56,400 by the end of FY 1979 will not affect unit performance, according to the report.

In addition to comparing ARTEP results from units from few to many women, and reporting no significant differences, Army researchers gave questionnaires to ARTEP

participants. The answers led researchers to conclude that officers and NCOs need more leadership training to deal with special problems of enlisted women.

Max Wac is a study to determine if women can be used in more MOSs and a study of their performance in accomplishing Army missions. The ARTEP evaluation studied only their performance in a limited field environment.

The Rocket

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Advanced Testing Near

Hughes and Boeing have completed the second Roland fire unit for delivery to the Army and are conducting preliminary tests on the short range air defense system before sending the equipment to White Sands Missile Range for more advanced testing.

At the moment, Hughes and Boeing are performing system integration, tracking and adverse weather tests on the second unit at the Boeing facility in Seattle. The unit will join Fire Unit No. 1 at White Sands in March.

The Army plans extensive tests on both units during the coming months including crew training, verification of maintenance procedures, road tests, tracking exercises and live firings. After concluding tests at White Sands, equipment will be sent to Panama and Alaska for hot and cold weather tests.

Roland is the French-German developed system selected for production in the United States and deployment as the Army's self contained, all weather, short range, low level air defense system. Hughes and Boeing, under license to Euromissile to transfer European technology to the U.S., are building U.S. Roland in this country and mounting it on the M109 vehicle.

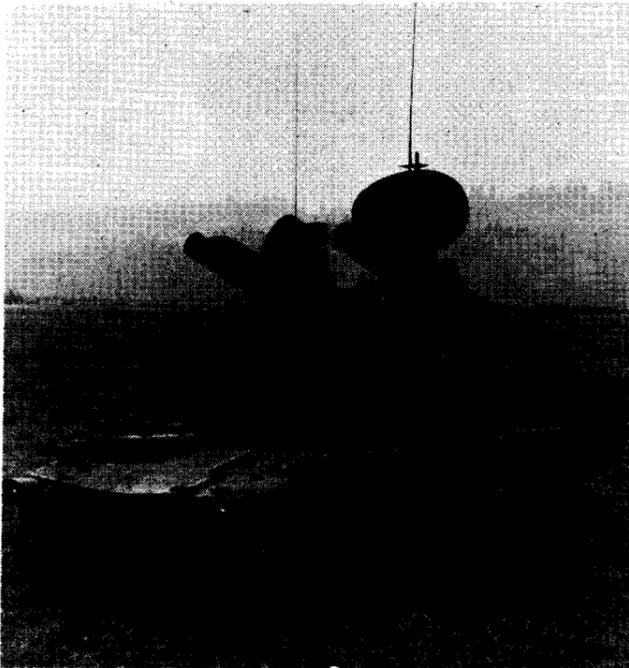
Brig. Gen. Frank P. Ragano is Project Manager for U.S. Roland which will protect air bases, fortifications and rear area targets against low flying aircraft.

Benefits in Dollars

(ARNEWS) — Leave and Earning Statements should reflect Regular Military Compensation beginning February, DA officials say.

On a monthly basis, LESs will spell out in the remarks section how much your tax benefits, mess facilities and quarters are worth in dollars.

For people in government quarters and for others who do not receive separate rations, the additional information should give an idea of what their non-cash benefits are worth, according to an official.



Prayer Breakfast

Redstone's observance of the National Prayer Breakfast will be held in the Assembly Room of the Bicentennial Chapel, February 2, at 7:15.

Taped comments by the Secretary of Defense and the Army, Navy and Air Force Chiefs of Chaplains will be played during the breakfast.

There is no charge for the breakfast. But a container will be available for those who wish to contribute. Reservations are requested for planning purposes. For reservations call 876-2337 or 876-5751 before January 31.

The regular weekly Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Recreation Center, February 1, at 6:15. Everyone is invited to attend.

Record Dividend

(ARNEWS) — For 4.1 million veterans holding GI life insurance policies, a record \$445.6 million in dividends will be paid during 1978, according to the Veterans Administration.

The 1978 insurance dividends represent a \$42.2 million increase over those paid in 1977.

Payments will be made throughout the year on the anniversary dates of individual policies kept in force from World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict. There is no need for policyholders to contact VA regarding the dividends. The payments will be made automatically.

VA officials said 3,465,000 veterans holding current World War II GI insurance policies will receive dividends totaling \$405,600,000—an average payment of \$117. The average 1977 dividend on these policies was \$104.

Dividends totaling \$24 million go to 106,900 World War I policyholders—an average of \$224 each, up from \$202 in 1977.

The 550,000 Korean Conflict veterans who kept their GI insurance policies in force will receive dividends totaling \$16 million—an average payment of \$29, up from \$22 in 1977.

Dividend amounts vary with each veteran according to the type of policy, amount of insurance, age at issue or renewal and the time the policy has been in force.

Dividends on VA insurance policies represent a return of funds not needed to pay the cost of the insurance. Dividends have increased on most VA insurance programs in recent years because the funds have been earning higher interest.

The higher interest rates have been of greatest benefit to those veterans who have converted their insurance plans to permanent type policies, rather than continuing to hold the original term policies, VA officials said.

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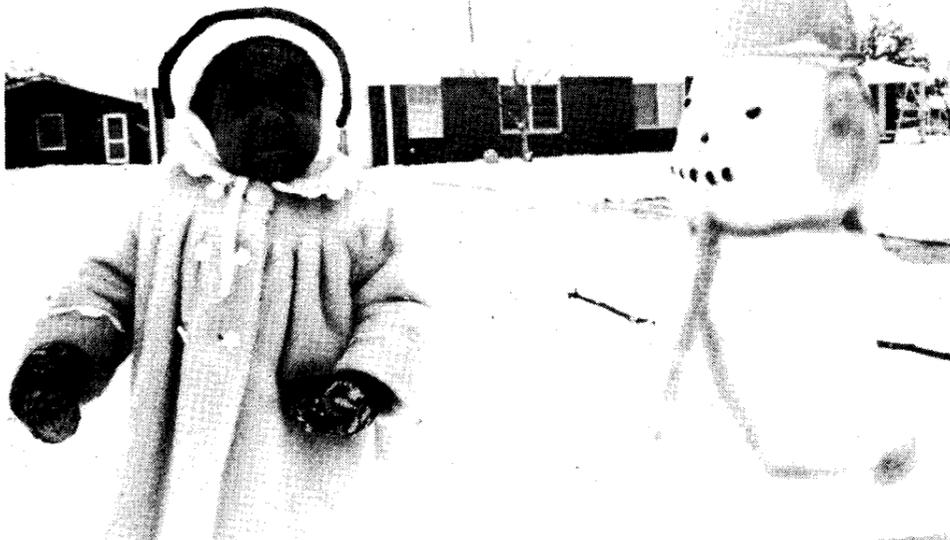
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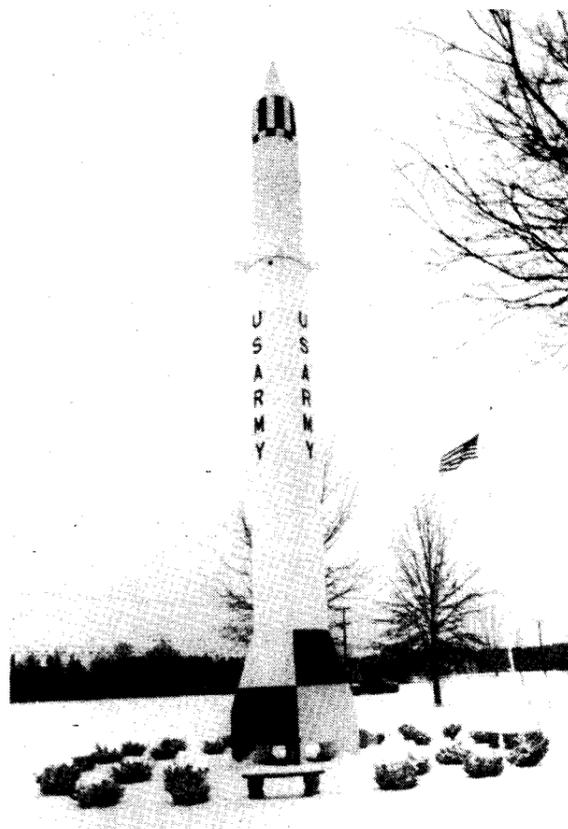


Vanessa Hobson doesn't quite know what to make of Mr. Snowman which her mother built for her.

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Snowfall enhanced background of Redstone missile in front of building 5250.

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Operator — If telephone calls moved as slow last week as the iced-down traffic, it was due to the fact that about one-third of the usual number of persons were on duty as a result of the storms. Vivian Douglas, foreground, spent more than 17 hours at the switchboard when other operators could not make it to work. Other operators shown on the "Big Snow" day are, from front, Virginia Perky, Ann Seguin and Faye Smart, who was the only overseas operator on duty. At another board Mildred Harmon was on duty, and Chief of Operators Burmah Lee covered where necessary.

IEEE Luncheon

Joseph W. Cremin will speak on the space shuttle and early spacelab payloads at the luncheon meeting of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, January 27 at the Officers Club.

Cremin, is Assistant Manager for Spacelab Mission Three at the Marshall Space Flight Center having joined the Marshall team in 1963. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission Analysis for the Skylab program from 1972 until last year, has held many other key positions in the Science and Engineering Directorate.

Lunch will be served at 11:30, and Cremin's presentation begins at noon.

For reservations call Ellen Bufkin, 532-1593, or Diana Sisson, 837-5520. Reservations will not be accepted after noon tomorrow.

Officer Promotion Lists Out Sooner

(ARNEWS) — Officer promotion lists will now be published immediately after approval by the Secretary of the Army, DA officials announced last week.

Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander, Jr., approved the policy change late last month. Formerly, lists were not published until after formal approval by the Senate. This has been a source of criticism of the system since it could delay promotion list publication up to three months.

With the change in policy, Army publication of recommended promotion lists occurs at the same time the Navy publishes its lists. The Air Force retains a policy similar to the one discarded by the Army.

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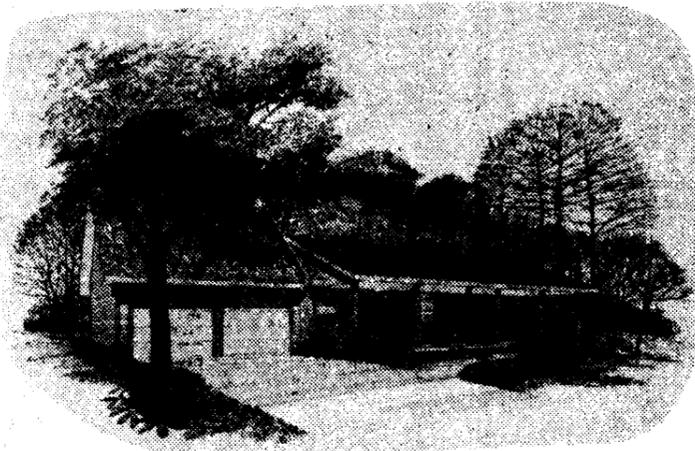
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Branch Chief Closes Career After 36 Years

Trying to keep his desk cleared of papers on his last day at work, Martin Davis, talked of his years of government service, 36 plus enough sick leave to make his service over 37 years credited for retirement purposes.

He headed the Management-Employee Relations Branch of the MIRCOCM Civilian Personnel Division since August 1967.

"I've been seriously planning my retirement for two years," he said. "I didn't make a firm commitment on it that long ago, but I told the Civilian Personnel Officer three months ago that I had set the date as January 6, 1978."

Why is he retiring? "I have not been able to do a lot of things as often as I would like—golfing and fishing, plus many other hobbies. I also wanted to retire while healthy and young. This is the happiest day of my career," he said.

Davis started his Civil Service at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, July 29, 1941, with the Local Board of Civil Service Examiners there. He transferred to the Chemical Corps in Huntsville on January 6 1942 as the first Executive Secretary of the Civil Service Board here. He went into the Army for four years. After release from the Army, he returned to the position he left and was subsequently promoted to the Civilian Personnel Officer for the Chemical Corps here.

The Chemical Corps closed in June 1949,

Results Expected

(ARNEWS) — A Department of Defense survey of military retirees to determine what problems military people encounter in finding and establishing second careers should be finalized soon, according to the Retired Army Bulletin.

The August 1977 survey, composed of 86 questions, sought to determine the length of unemployment immediately after retirement, the number of jobs held since retirement, the nature of the first job after retirement, and whether that job was with the Federal government.

Other questions concerned medical and dental care, retiree use of commissaries and exchanges, and whether the retiree elected to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan—and if not, why?

The questionnaires were distributed to a random sampling of 13,000 retirees. DOD is receiving a 50 percent response, and should have results tabulated in a month, the bulletin reports.

then he went to Oliver General Hospital, Augusta, Georgia, as the CPO. The Hospital closed a year later and he became the CPO at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Davis returned to Redstone in 1958.

He said, "During the past 36 years, I have worked in every function of the Civilian Personnel Office."

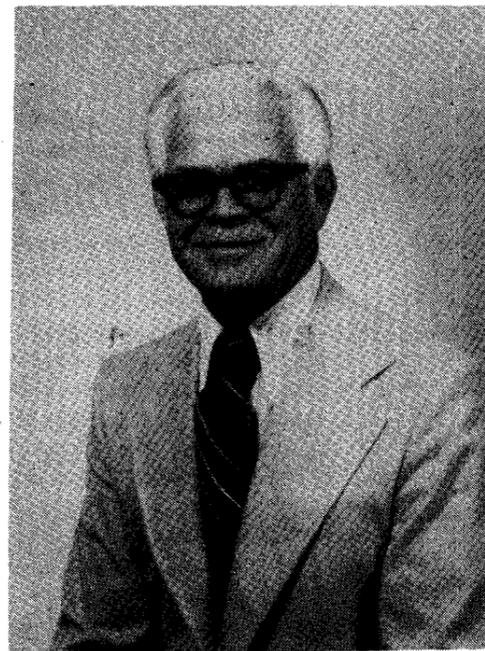
Pushing aside one of the last official papers Davis said, "Heading the Management-Employee Relations Branch here has been the most challenging position.

"I am proud of the record of this Branch. During the past several years, we have been assigned additional work and the people have accepted added responsibilities and performed beyond expectation. This group of people has been the most efficient and dedicated group I have ever had the opportunity to work with," he said.

"This job involves reviewing disciplinary actions against employees, recommended awards, and the suggestion program which has grown from a \$2 million in savings in 1970 to \$12 million, from adopted suggestions. The Command has received three commendations from higher headquarters for outstanding success in the awards program.

"Our handling of disciplinary actions, grievances and appeals has been recognized by many as being the best in the Department of the Army." He said, "My objective was for all to receive a fair and impartial decision based upon the facts and regulations pertaining thereto."

Davis, originally from Ellijay, Georgia, a place he describes as "a small town 90 miles north of Atlanta," plans to stay in Huntsville. His wife, the former Jane Schild, is a native Huntsvillian.



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System Over 300 Years Late Now

(Editor's Note: In an effort to promote the use and better understanding of the Metric System, ARNews presents the first part of a three-part article on the development of the Metric System. Article courtesy of the National Bureau of Standards).

The need for a single worldwide coordinated measurement system was recognized over 300 years ago. Gabriel Mouton, Vicar of St. Paul in Lyons, proposed in 1670 a comprehensive decimal measurement system based on the length of one minute of arc of a great circle of the earth.

In 1671 Jean Picard, a French astronomer, proposed the length of a pendulum beating seconds as the unit of length. (Such a pendulum would have been fairly easily reproducible, thus facilitating the widespread distribution of uniform standards). Other proposals were made, but over a century elapsed before any action was taken.

In 1790, in the midst of the French Revolution, the National Assembly of France requested the French Academy of Sciences to "deduce an invariable standard for all the measures and all the weights." The commission appointed by the Academy created a system that was, at once, simple and scientific.

The unit of length was to be a portion of the earth's circumference. Measures for capacity (volume) and mass (weight) were to be derived from the unit of length, thus relating the basic units of the system to

each other and to nature. Furthermore, the larger and smaller versions of each unit were to be created by multiplying or dividing the basic units by 10 and its multiples.

This feature provided a great convenience to users of the system, by eliminating the need for such calculations as dividing by 16 (to convert ounces to pounds) or by 12 (to convert inches to feet). Similar calculations in the metric system could be performed simply by shifting the decimal point. Thus the metric system is a "base-10" or "decimal" system.

Record Spending

Continued from front

TOW production continues with \$54.1 million requested. Hawk spending for U. S. requirements would drop from \$111.2 million to \$74.5 million. Both systems are in full production for foreign sales.

Lance funding dropped from \$81.7 million to \$70.2 million.

DOD asked for \$113.5 million for the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology program, up about six million over this year. Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Technology requests also rose from \$106.2 million this year to \$114 million asked in FY 79.

Other local programs carried in the budget, include laser target designators, \$12.6 million; Viper, \$6.3 million and high energy laser research, \$17.3 million.



George Robinson, an engineer in MIR-COM's Maintenance and Engineering Directorate, last week became the first 15-gallon blood donor in Redstone history. Robinson has donated blood to the American Red Cross every other month during the entire 25 years he has been at Redstone, except when on TDY. "It doesn't bother me a bit and somebody else can use it," he said.



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QUESTION: What Events Would Make The Observance Of National Black History More Interesting?



Pvt. Cynthia Steele, 6th S.C.—
 “The issue of Black History Week should be emphasized more to the black people on an Army post. Programs should be planned. People should be made aware of what is going on as far as black history goes. The past should not be the biggest issue, more on what is happening today with blacks in America today should be. Suggestion: a special publication on black men and women in the service.”

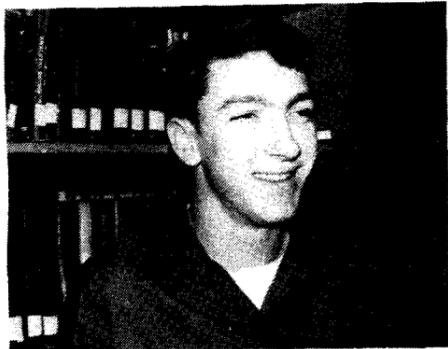
SFC Phillip Duncan, 5th S.C.—
 “A little more publicity on post on what Black History Week is all about. Also, to emphasize that anyone can participate. It should be a learning experience for everyone. It's not the race of people being celebrated, but instead the great things they've done.”



Spec. 6 Charles Hettler, Mircom—
 “Have people get together at the Rec. Center, or some place like that, to discuss black history. Movies on black history and black fashion shows are interesting.”



Pvt. Djon Jaunes, 5th S.C.—
 “It should be made more noticeable to people all over post. Many people don't know much about black history. If more publicity of the event is given, more people will participate. I didn't know anything about it until this question was asked.”



Pvt. Leslie Lewis, 7th S.C.—
 “They should put plenty of notices on the company bulletin boards, have plenty of advertising. It's important for people to learn what blacks have done for this country.”

Spec. 4 Roy Ebron, 4th S.C.—
 “More publicity, inform the people on what's happening. Displays of things blacks have done to help develop America—sports, medical, teaching, and all the things done to help make this country what it is today. I think the biggest thing is getting people aware of when Black History Week is.”



SSG Norman Davisworth, 6th S.C.—
 “The community centers put out a lot of information telling people about what blacks have contributed to America. I think a lot of years went by and people were not aware of what blacks have done for America because it was not included in the history books. I think it helps people that don't know black people that well to understand each other.”

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"Wear a hat at all times outdoors, for the hat is a part of the uniform."

"Either wear it buttoned--every button, all the way--or don't wear it."

"Hands in pockets are taboo; wear gloves if your hands are cold."

The uniform is worn as a unit. That is, the winter uniform is worn complete; the summer, or fatigue uniform, complete. Part civilian and part Army garb are never appropriate.

The correct wearing of the uniform is the mark of a soldier. It identifies him as a member of a profession with a proud heritage and rich tradition.



Army clothing is divided into two basic categories: personal and organizational. Personal clothing includes all of the items on initial issue allowances for enlisted men and women. It also includes the required uniforms for officers; the optional dress, mess and evening dress uniforms; and the insignia, accouterments, and accessories for these uniforms.

Organizational Army clothing comprises all combat or mission-related garments which are issued through common tables of allowances. Organizational clothing is basically a part of the normal Army research, development, and acquisition process. On the other hand, personal clothing and insignia fall under the auspices of the Army Uniform Board.

ARMY UNIFORM BOARD

The Army Uniform Board's charter is a Chief of Staff Regulation (CSR 15-15). Membership on the board is based on position held, rather than branch affiliation. The majority of members, however, are in personnel-type assignments. Others, such as the member from the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, represent the commander responsible for the development and fielding of clothes. Members representing the Deputy Chief of Staff for

Logistics and the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans at the Department of the Army level keep track of logistical and operational considerations.

The board leans heavily on major commanders and troop surveys to learn what the soldier thinks of the uniform. Last year, for example, a large troop survey indicated that soldiers were adamantly opposed to changing the outward appearance of the Army Green Uniform. Both troops and commanders, however, demonstrated an overwhelming preference for the new single-breasted combination raincoat-overcoat and for the men's garrison cap as the sole hat for wear by enlisted men with service uniforms.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

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- Looks at policy pertaining to wearing the Army service and dress uniform.

- Provides recommendations on proposed changes of related policy through the Vice Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff.

HOW LONG

How long does it take for an item of clothing to go from development to issue? It may take several years. Development of the Army's AG 44 Wool Green Uniform, for example, was initiated in 1949 and made mandatory 11 years later. The AG 44 Green Overcoat took just as long.

New women's and men's raincoats, with liners, under development during the early seventies, took much less time to become available.

CONCLUSION

Army uniforms are adopted only after careful study and tests. They are distinctive and dignified. Soldiers can--and should--wear them with pride.

Flying Club

There will be a mandatory general membership and flight safety meeting for all members of the Redstone Flying Club tomorrow at 7 p.m. in Toftoy Hall.

Election of officers will also be held. Nominees for the council include Lt. Col. John Brannon, Maj. George Miott, Capt. Kenneth Shepard, Capt. George Cole, CW2 William Clark, SFC Errol Rasmussen and SSgt James Morrison.

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"System Must Be Fair for All"

By Maryanne Tish
Pentagram News

(ARNEWS) — Army Chief of Staff General Bernard W. Rogers told the President's Commission on Military Compensation that "any military compensation system must be fair . . . and it must be fair to all taxpayers—including those in uniform—who pay for it."

Rogers went on to outline the special needs and expectations of the groups within the Army—the junior soldier, the middle grade soldier and the senior soldier. In addition to these factional differences, he noted that the compensation system must meet the needs of a worldwide environment.

The cost and availability of housing varies widely from region to region. Rogers suggested "On-post housing for most of our soldiers of all grades would not only provide a solution to the regional differences in compensation but would reinforce the Army community."

Rogers cited "financial counseling, housing referral, child care and food lockers" as areas where the Army is already attempting to provide for the soldier's welfare. He also briefly discussed the change to a salary system versus the present pay and allowances system; increased costs to the individual due to taxes would not justify the change to salary.

Rogers spoke most extensively on "a subject of great importance": the retirement system. Calling it indispensable, Rogers outlined how the retirement system

acts to attract and retain the necessary quantity of quality soldiers. Additionally, it eases the economic disadvantage faced by military members who must enter the civilian job market in middle age. Rogers also stated that "it is obvious that a younger person is generally better conditioned to meet the physical demands of military service, particularly in the combat arms, than we of the Geritol persuasion."

The cost issue, which is frequently cited in discussions of the retirement system, was presented in a reasonable perspective by Rogers. He explained the increases in the last decade were the result of "larger standing forces required during and after World War II."

Furthermore, the costs when presented in inflated dollars for the year 2000 are tremendous, until looked at in more meaningful, constant 1977 dollars. "Retired pay as a percent of the Federal Budget will also be essentially the same than as now (about 2 percent) provided the budget, as a fraction of the Gross National Product, remains fairly constant."

Rogers went on to review the unique conditions of military service—long, irregular hours, hazardous conditions, moving, and a multitude of other special considerations. He remarked that "money alone cannot engender the required degree of loyalty that must be aroused if we are to have the kind of Army our nation needs and deserves." He spoke of the "psychic compensation" which the soldier derives from belonging to the worthwhile,

honorable profession of soldiering, and from meeting its challenges.

In summation, Rogers told the commission, "Most of all, the compensation system must strengthen the military community which underlies, in large measure, soldier commitment."

Close Encounters

Redstone Arsenal will soon experience "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The highly acclaimed Steven Spielberg movie will begin a limited engagement at the Post Theater January 29.

The movie, featuring special effects by "2001" wizard Douglas Trumbull and starring Richard Dreyfuss, was released nationally last December. The brilliance of the special effects and the power of the story created an immediate sensation, and the movie continues to draw crowds to the theaters where it is playing.

In order to show "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" at post theaters so soon after its national release the Army and Air Force Exchange Service was forced to make a record financial commitment to Columbia Pictures.

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The standings in the eastern and western conferences of the Company Basketball League changed very little last week because of continued dominance by the "power teams."

Mircom won two more games to widen its lead in the east to 1½ games in front of Company B, while Company A and the 5th Student Company raised their records to 4-0, ending the week tied for first in the west.

Mircom, paced by 21 points from Ben Colston, rolled over Company B, 59-45, Tuesday night. Calvin Benson also made a substantial contribution to HHC, scoring 13, 10 of which came in the first half, helping Mircom to open up a 31-16 halftime lead. Ernest Hobson hooped 21 to lead Bravo, while teammates Ken Ellis and Tony Patillo combined for 22 points.

A balanced scoring attack from four Mircom starters, Ben Colson, Edward Beheler, Calvin Benson, and Ted Gerard, led HHC to a 65-50 decision over the 4th SC. Colston netted 21, Benson 16, Beheler 14, and Gerard 10, while the 4th was paced by 14 points from Aubrey Askew, 12 from Roscoe Brown, and 10 from Otis Gupton.

A spectacular 23 point performance by Ernest Hobson enabled Company B to slip by the 7th Student Company, 54-53. The 7th SC led the game through the first three quarters, but couldn't handle a 19-point surge by Bravo in the closing minutes of the

contest, and lost another close one. Arthur Johnson hit for 16 points, Calvin Shedrick scored 15, and Louis Paxton 10 for the 7th, while Tony Patillo and Ken Ellis each scored 12 in the Bravo victory.

In another nail-biter, Company B edged the Marines 48-46. Ernest Hobson pumped in 17 points, Ken Ellis 14, and Tony Patillo 11 for the winners, while Pat Newsome and Curtis Powell combined for 28 points to pace the Leathernecks.

The 7th SC lost its third close game when the 4th SC nipped them 52-50. Roscoe Brown led the 4th with 17 points, and Aubrey Askew and Ernest Holmes each connected for 10. Calvin Johnson paced the 7th with 16, Louis Paxton added 12, and Michael Scott and Calvin Shedrick scored 10 apiece.

Meddac put a team together and played for the first time this year, but their effort wasn't good enough to contain powerful Company A, losing 57-44. Lawrence Meneese and Joshua Mickler each connected for 14 points to lead Alpha, while Meddac's Roland Colom and Mark Hulse each netted 16, and Maurice Buchanan scored 11.

Behind 14 points from Johnny Chandler, and 10 from Cornelius Williams, Company A won its fourth straight with a 47-35 pounding of the 8th SC. Thomas Young, with 15 points,

and Gerald Harrington's 14 points led the 8th. Alpha, now 4-0, tied the 5th SC for the western conference lead with the victory.

The 5th SC, behind Pierre Patton's 22 points, and Ronnie Bulliners 14, polished off the 6th SC 50-40. The 6th, paced by 12 points from Milton Grubbs, played well but couldn't follow the slick play of the 5th. The 5th Students won their fourth consecutive game with a 2-0 forfeit victory over Meddac later in the week.

The 6th Student Company got back on the winning track by edging the 8th SC 38-36. Milton Grubbs led the 6th with 10 points, while the 8th's Thomas Young led all scorers with 18, and teammate Gerald Harrington added 12.

The 291st MP's won their first game this season by downing the 6th SC 41-31. Clarence Davis paced the Cops with 12 points, and Graham Van Oostram topped the 6th with nine.

The Policemen's winning streak ended at one when the 8th SC downed them 32-29. Thomas Young put on a one man show for the 8th, scoring 19 points, while Stanley Williams hopped 11 to lead the Cops. The 291st, now 1-3, is in fifth place in the west, while the 8th SC holds down the number three spot with a 2-3 record.

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Big K Keeps Slate Clean

The Arsenal's two entries in the Huntsville Women's basketball league won three of four contests last week with the civilian girls winning twice and the military team splitting a pair.

Big K breezed to a 69-20 rout of Governor's Drive Car Wash on Tuesday evening and came back two nights later to waltz past the Huntsville Merchants to the tune of 75-20.

The Rockettes battled the heavily favored Putnam Realty through three periods before dropping a 39-31 nod on Tuesday but sprung a big upset in grabbing an overtime win over Big Ed's Pizzeria on Thursday.

Every member of the Big K team saw action in the win over the Car Washers and nine of them broke into the scoring column. The civilian girls jumped off to a 19-0 lead and from there it was just a matter of what the winning margin would be.

Catherine Wade and Julie Ellis paced the balanced scoring attack with 13 points apiece. Sunny Scott, B. J. Evans, Anita Whittaker, Janice Riddle, Terri Butler, Sandy Recio and Pat Hemphill each had a part in the scoring.

Ellis and Wade once more had the scoring lead in the win over the Merchants with 31 and 10 point outputs, respectively, as Big K maintained an unbeaten slate through seven games.

The Rockettes trailed by a single point, 20-19, after three quarters of their contest with the second place Realtors. But the woman soldiers were unable to stem a fourth period rally that Putnam put together.

Linda Colon and Chenetta Davis topped the bredstone team in scoring with 13 points apiece.

Coach Whitfield's Rockettes had the closing surge two nights later after battling Big Ed's to a 41-41 deadlock at the end of the regulation game.

The overtime was all Redstone as the Rockettes rung up four goals while holding the pizza makers scoreless for a 49-41 victory.

The Colon-Davis duo accounted for 43 of the Redstone points with the former hitting a season high 26 points.

Deer Take Up

Hunters who braved the snow Saturday bagged 54 buck and doe deer on the arsenal. The hunt on the last day of the season for soldiers and their guests drew 300 people.

Saturday's kill brought to 334 the number of deer taken on the arsenal since the gun deer season began November 20. Nineteen hunts were held this year, including five archery hunts early in the season in which deer of either sex could be taken. There were four hunts in the gun season in which unantlered deer could be taken.

Master Sergeant Ray Thorpe, deputy game warden, said the season had been expected to go much the same as the 1976-77 season had. There were 328 deer taken last season.

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When LTC Harry L. Quinlan and CWO 3 Morris Clopton were serving with missile battalions or units overseas, they could scarcely have foreseen that the experience they were getting would be just what they need in an entirely different kind of assignment.

They are now in MIRCOC's Readiness Intelligence Center, the focal point at Redstone for all reports on the readiness status of MIRCOC managed missile systems deployed world-wide.

Quinlan was recently named to head the Center, and Clopton has been there several months. The colonel was the first Distinguished Military Graduate at his University and was offered a Regular Army commission upon graduation in 1956. "I decided to take it, and have had a very rewarding and exciting 22 years of duty," he said.

Clopton has been overseas with missile units several times—Korea twice, Germany twice, and Italy once, he recalls.

Because of the nature of the work done at the RIC, only the best qualified, experienced officers and men among military personnel, who have served with missile units, could qualify for duty in the Center where a variety of readiness reports are collected, collated, evaluated and analyzed to get a current picture of missile readiness around the world.

In the process they may identify problems not previously brought to light. The information they glean — readiness status and any problems — is furnished the MIRCOC Commanding General and his staff who then go to the responsible organization at Redstone for solutions to problems impacting on the Command.

"We aren't here to solve problems, but to find them and make recommendations," Quinlan said. "We may detect something that could become a readiness problem and do something before it becomes critical."

"There are many things that present

problems to troops in the field that we may discover from the reports and thereby assist the units in the field. We help by seeing that people in the field receive prompt and proper attention. I think our job is an extremely important one to anyone concerned with missile system readiness."

In order to analyze reports successfully, it helps to have been where such reports are prepared. "I can look at a battalion report, for example, and get a pretty good feel for what it means because I've been a missile battalion commander," Quinlan said.

"We have to be a lean and mean outfit in the Center, and we have to have people who have lived with Air Defense units and Land Combat units. We must know how to separate the wheat from the chaff."

The Center is relatively new. It was established at MIRCOC last February following the Command split, and the Commanding General wanted a source right at hand he could rely upon to keep him abreast of missile readiness.

Previously most of the same information was going to various elements of MIRCOC, in bits and pieces, as Clopton sees it.

"We've also tapped some new sources," he said. "We now get the Unit Readiness Report from the Maintenance Management Center at Lexington Army Depot, Ky., for instance, something that hadn't been coming to Redstone before we went into business."

A formal presentation is made quarterly to the MIRCOC Commander, and monthly reports go to the Project Managers and the Directorates. "We send the same information to be put on a tape the CG can see any time," Clopton said.

"We are flexible for special projects beyond our regular duties," Quinlan pointed out.

Last summer, personnel from the Center conducted MIRCOC's first War Game. "The CG was pleased with the results, and

follow-up reports indicate MIRCOC organizations are correcting deficiencies brought to light by the Game," Clopton said.

"We've done an in depth analysis of the supply for one missile system and are working on another."

Another Center responsibility is a report that goes to DARCOM each month on missile readiness.

There are plans for the Center staff to expand. All those originally assigned have been transferred or have retired, except the secretary, Jeanne Hajos.



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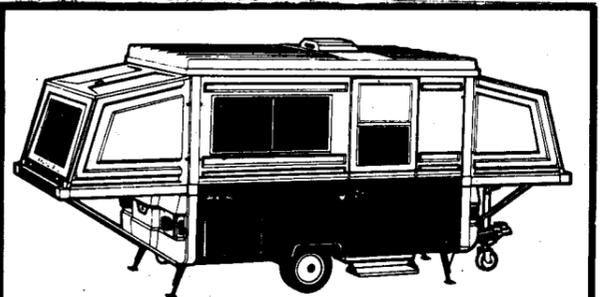
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FOR ALL SEASONS - This year around home on the water at lovely Point of Pines, 4 year old home offers great room, built-in kitchen, 3 large bedrooms, central heat/air. Pier with 2 slip boat house and attached screened in porch. Many extras. Must see. \$62,500. 883-1200.

\$50's

ROOMY AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY - This 5 bedroom, 2 bath home offers lots of useful living area for only \$51,500. There's central heat & air, carpets, dishwasher, disposal, self cleaning oven. (R6015) 533-1490.

MONROVIA SCHOOL DISTRICT - On Rainbow Dr., 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath brick rancher. Extra space where you want it, in large formal dining, den (with fireplace and built-in shelves) and master bedroom. Huge pantry storage plus mud room off double garage. \$57,900. 533-1490

WILLOWBROOK - 2,400 sq. ft. brick home. Beautifully decorated with lots of wallpaper and carpet, large den with room for a pool table. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, eat-in kitchen, 2 car garage. Walk to Grissom. \$59,900. (BHT1302)

SUNSET COVE - A lovely contemporary ranch located in this secluded cove on almost an acre lot. 4 bedrooms, large living room with a free standing fireplace, den with cathedral ceilings and lots of glass - Huge patio, fenced back yard and 10x12 workshop. All of this \$55,900.

BEAUTIFUL HOME - Beautiful view - This super nice English Tudor is located on the Lake in Arab's Pine Lake Village subdivision. Home features 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, large den with fireplace, living room, dining room, and eat-in kitchen. Fully carpeted, tastefully decorated. Choice location - low equity - swimming, fishing, tennis, or boating. \$51,900. Call 1-753-2295. (20G)

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. This home is an all brick energy Saver! Purchase equity and assume monthly payment of \$294.25. (2600W) 883-1200

A STEP AHEAD OF THE REST - This neighborhood is ideally located within 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. (495A) 533-1490

HANDYMAN'S DREAM...this basement rancher in Madison can be a fantastic home with some repair. Land is ideal for 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 HILL - 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)

LET THE CHILDREN WALK TO CHAPMAN SCHOOL - only half a block away. This lovely brick rancher has 3 big rooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, built-in kitchen with island stove, fenced den with fireplace, inside laundry. Storm shelter, great yard. (813M) 533-1490

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. (140115) 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. (2902T) 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 572 sq. ft. in basement which is partially finished. (8703E) 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. 533-1490.

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 home, 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 - 4BR, 2B, separate LR, DR - You will fall in love with the KIT/Den combo which features beautiful blue cabinets 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

DO-IT-YOURSELF-AND SAVE - Just a dab or two inside will do it! Large 4 bedrooms, 3 bath tri-level. Good-sized paneled den and large eat-in kitchen. Hard woods thru-out with attractive carpeting in living, dining room and den. Priced to sell as is - \$45,500 (1923) 883-1200

COUNTRY LIVING - 3 bedroom brick home on 3 1/2 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

FLEMING 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 \$40's. (FH7603) 883-1200

MADISON - These are the good ole days when you can buy a lovely brick home with over 2,000 sq. ft. for only \$40,000. (This does not include 2 hobby rooms in the basement.) Located in good neighborhood about 5 minutes from RSA gate. 533-1490.

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. \$48,500. (C4013) 533-1490.

TENDER LOVING CARE - always shows! This mint condition Calif Tempo has 1960 sq. ft. of living area featuring 4 bedrooms (2 King Size) 2 baths, living dining room combo, end. kitchen with built-ins. Double garage and fenced yard PLUS walking distance to school. \$40,500. (K6004). 533-1490.

WALKING DISTANCE TO RECREATION CENTER - We're proud to offer this immaculately kept 4 bedroom tri-level. Energy and maintenance saving features have recently been added to this well maintained home. On a corner lot that is 140x140, it features a bright and cheerful kitchen with lots of windows, a large den with covered patio out back 4th bedroom is downstairs. Laundry room is inside. Quarry tile entry foyer & pretty wallpaper, large living room, single car garage, central heat & air, 2 baths. Only \$12,821 equity - \$48,000. Close to recreation center and schools. (12009Q)

SHERWOOD PARK - Ideal for a growing family. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room, den, eat-in kitchen, storage plenty plus workshop. Located on quiet cul-de-sac. Central heat and air. (521D) 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. \$53,1490.

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 wallpaper. Elec. FP w/heater/air. Priced below market value at \$44,800 will consider trade. (7702C) 533-1490

\$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, 1 1/2 baths, large living room, huge den 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.

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 every where, 2 bedroom. Offered at \$7,000. Equity with payments (including maintenance) of \$340. Close to pool and tennis courts. (5V 204) 883-1200.

"ALL TREASURES ARE NOT BURIED" Some are safely tucked away at the middle of a cul-de-sac like this very neat brick rancher on Darby Court. Priced at only \$33,950 it features 3 bedrooms (you could make it four), two baths, kitchen with built-ins and wallpaper, comfortable den and formal living room and dining room. There's a rec. room, too! New heat pump recently installed and freshly painted and some of the carpet is new, too! Large fenced back yard and the children can walk to school! (4008D) 883-1200

HOLIDAY SHORES - This pretty two-story brick home is on more than 1 acre of land with water access to Guntersville 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

EDGEMONT - Super nice 3 bedroom home in top condition. Spacious den with woodburning fireplace and heater, large kitchen with built-in pantry, 2 baths, central heat and air, nice carpeting, 20 x 20 covered patio, fenced yard, garage. \$32,500. (ECN409) 533-1490

ARAB - Sharp new listing in Arab. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full carpet, beautiful den with rock heat-o-lator fireplace, built-in hutch, many other extras. One acre lot. \$39,500 w/small equity & payments of \$294. (904 9thA) 883-1200

SHINY BRIGHT... We proudly offer this freshly painted and wallpapered 3 bedroom brick rancher for your inspection. It's fully carpeted, has a living room, kitchen with large dining area, inside laundry paneled den, and it's reasonable priced at \$23,500. (B6105) 533-1490.

HAPPY HOME - I am a comfortable 3 bedroom brick rancher. You'll enjoy my large den, eat-in kitchen, and living/dining room. I am happy because my owners have taken such good care of me that I am proud of my neat appearance and nice yard. Please come look me over. I'm sure we can make each other happy. (2219B) 533-1490

LIKE OLD HOUSES? This frame house on nice corner lot has real potential. Make it a tax shelter (using it as duplex) or make it a lovely home for yourself. You could accentuate the beautiful mantels and high ceilings. (1020P) 533-1490.

TIRED OF RENTING - See this little brick home in a good location. Owner is transferred, so you won't have to wait to move in. (RO) 533-1490.

GRACEFUL STYLING accurately describes this professionally landscaped yard and attractive brick rancher. You'll appreciate the tasteful decor, the convenience of 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, and den overlooking patio and fenced-in yard. There's also a garage. Priced to sell in middle \$20's. (B4304) 533-1490.

\$18,500 is the total price for this 3 bedroom home in convenient location. Large eat-in cul-de-sac with nice garden spot. (YC3212). 533-1490.

JOHNSON HIGH AREA - 3313 Deerfield is a ranch style home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central heat & air, built-in kitchen, single garage, and fenced yard w/fruit trees. \$25,900 any type financing. (3313D) 883-1200

OKWOOD COLLEGE AREA - Owner Pays Closing... 6205 Pamela. Features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, den-kitchen combination, carpets, nice chain link fenced yard, single car garage. \$21,900. (6205P) 883-1200.

EDMONTON HEIGHTS - extra nice 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath ranch style home near Ala. A&M University. Living room, paneled den, eat-in kitchen with range and dishwasher, central heat & air, laundry room, carpeted drapes, carpet, fenced yard, ready to move in for \$25,500. (W156) 533-1490.

LAKEWOOD MANOR - Owners of this home have kept it in immaculate condition. Your choice of 3 bedrooms or two and a paneled den L-shaped living and dining; spacious kitchen; ceramic baths; rear-entry garage; fenced, well landscaped yard with a great garden spot. Good value for \$27,500. (B2116) 533-1490.

KING SIZE COMFORT - This split foyer has four bedrooms, 2 full baths, large living room, eat-in kitchen, dining room with doors opening on redwood 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 \$34,500 (PP2919) 533-1490

LOTS OF ROOM TO EXPAND - this three bedroom basement rancher already has a den and eat-in kitchen and can become a home with four bedrooms and a rec room or whatever you want, because the huge daylight basement is unfinished. Also, has a single garage; on a nice wooded lot. \$32,900 (2801GG)

NEVER PAINT AGAIN... with maintenance free vinyl siding on this 3 bedroom rancher in Madison. It's situated on lovely tree covered corner lot with large fenced back yard. Other features include large eat-in kitchen, huge living room, separate dining, new roof, plus lots of storage. Priced low \$30's. (H 602) 883-1200

RIVERBEND CONDOMINIUM - GUNTERSVILLE - Super nice condominium with great lake frontage & view. Two BR's (Master - Large) LR has door to Deck! Plush carpet and drapes. Central Heat & Air. Will trade for house in Huntsville. 533-1490.

KING SIZE SOUTHEAST LOT - within your budget, has large isolated patio sporting a brick Bar B Q. Neat 3 bedroom brick rancher, eat-in kitchen, large living room/dining room combination. Carpet and huge workshop. \$38,900 (C7316) 883-1200

ARAB - Brick rancher features large living room, cozy den, 3 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, large laundry room. Single garage. \$35,000. Extra finished bldg. 621 sq. ft. could be office. 1-753-2295

EARLY 1900 VINTAGE - Very clean well kept 3 BR home. Located at 701 Holmes Ave. 3 fireplaces, LR, and DR room, high ceilings. Excellent for restoration. Low \$30's. (H 701) 533-1490

\$20's & BELOW

MOBILE HOME on a large lot, not in crowded parking place. Features two bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen complete with stove and refrigerator and a covered patio PLUS: A well-built concrete block underground storm shelter and a concrete-block dog house with high fence. (2817PD) 533-1490.

NEW HOME - \$23,700 - Just one of Twenty one brand new homes on Mt. Vernon Rd. NW. Excellently located to schools, shopping, churches etc. Three bedrooms, plush carpet custom cabinets, central heat & air, wooded lot. Very cozy and comfortable. V.A. or FHA 235 subsidized loans if you qualify. Will trade for your present home. 533-1490.

VERY NICE 3 bedroom, 1 bath, home located on nearly an acre. Approximately 7 miles from Huntsville. Nice wallpaper, inside laundry room, completely carpeted. 18x25 patio, plus storage shed. City water. (R1B40B). 533-1490.

RT. #5, BOX 127 ARAB - Super nice 3 bedroom rancher located on a large lot. Home is in A-1 condition, fully carpeted. Priced right at \$22,500. Good investment property or a nice home to live in. 883-1200.

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. \$25,500. (G12003). 533-1490.

ON A CUL-DE-SAC - This 3 bedroom bath 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. 533-1490.

VIEW LOTS WITH TREES

...the view lots you've been waiting for. These heavily wooded lots with views toward the Tennessee River and Huntsville contain the prettiest huge hardwood trees and building sites to be found anywhere. Just walk around one lot and you will be sold on the views! Scenery and the close proximity to the city. City water available. Lot sizes range from 7 to 17 acres. Lots offered at \$950 an acre. 883-1200.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

... We have excellent office space for lease on Lily Flagg Rd. and other areas. Call for detailed information. 883-1200 or 533-1490.

INVESTMENT

INVESTMENT PROPERTY - Large tract with 48 1/2 feet on Highway 231. Good commercial property. 753-2295.

STORE FOR LEASE - Hamilton Square finished store 20'x80'. First 50' carpeted. Storage and bath, 3 1/2 years on lease \$720/mo. (HS) 883-1200.

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