

# The Rocket

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## Showroom New

Old Essex is just like new. Story on page 9.

## Flexitime Debuts Here Next Week

A one year test of Flexitime, delayed one month as an energy conservation measure, will begin Monday for MIRADCOM and MIRCOM employees at Redstone.

Starting Flexitime was delayed when the Tennessee Valley Authority asked the arsenal and other major consumers to cut electrical power use 20 percent pending the end of the strike by coal miners.

Flexitime permits employees to stagger their work hours beginning at 6:30 AM and ending at 5:30 PM with a core time from 9 to 3 when all employees would be present. Employees select a starting time and work for eight and one half hours (including one half hour for lunch).

Most employees in MIRADCOM and MIRCOM chose to come in earlier than 8, the time most presently start their work day. About 10 percent of those participating said they wanted to come in before 7. Only a small percent preferred to begin their work day after 8.

## Marine Women Train In Bomb Disposal

By SP5 Ray Rowden

"Bombs are fascinating." That opinion is shared by two Marine officers now attending the first phase of Explosive Ordnance Disposal training at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Second Lieutenants Marcia M. Shaffer and Beth A. Salamanca are the first women Marines to attend EOD training, but seem unworried regarding the extra attention and responsibility this will mean for them.

Salamanca said, "It doesn't bother me to be the first. All it means is that you will be the first to do well or the first to blow it."

Shaffer added, "Besides, neither of us feel that we are here to open up the field for women. We just decided that we would prefer hands-on work to administrative supervision."

"Neither of us go for the sterile office environment," said Salamanca. "We don't mind getting dirty."

The women have had plenty of recent experience "getting dirty." They are recent graduates of the Basic School at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The first step of each Marine officer's training, TBS trains rifle platoon leaders to perform their mission. The lieutenants reported that it rained on each of the many field exercises during the 21-week course.

It was at Quantico that the two decided on EOD careers. "Before we heard about EOD," Salamanca recalled, "we were

thinking 'engineers.' But the more we heard about EOD, the more we liked it." The women did their homework before

making their decisions. They observed the EOD activities at both MCB Quantico, (See 'Bombs', page 17)



THE FIRST: Second Lieutenants Marcia Shaffer and Beth Salamanca.

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# Lax Picked For Star

Colonel Joseph O. Lax, Jr., Project Manager for MIRADCOM's new Advanced Heavy Anti-tank Missile System, was one of 36 colonels named by the Army Friday for promotion to Brigadier General.

Also named to get his first star was Colonel Benjamin F. Register, former Director of Procurement and Production, who left Redstone in 1977 for an assignment in Europe.

A native of Savannah, Ga., Colonel Lax came to Redstone in July 1977 from Ford Ord, Calif., where he commanded the 7th Infantry Division Support Command. He graduated from the Citadel with a BS in chemistry, holds a masters in industrial management from Babson Institute, and is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

Col. Register had two other tours at Redstone in addition to his stint as P&P Director. He was a student and then on the staff of the Ordnance Guided Missile School in 1957, and served in the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff for Industrial Operations of the Army Ordnance Missile Command.



LAX



NOTE: Announcements for "Now Hear This" must be received by noon Friday to appear in Wednesday's "Rocket".

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

IEEE joint Huntsville Section-Control Society meets in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Club at 11 a.m. James B. Sterett Jr. of the Marshall Space Flight Center will discuss the Space Shuttle testing program at the Center. Reservations: Ellen Hunter, 532-1593, or Diana Sisson, 837-5520.

## All-Weather Chaparral Debuts with Intercept

The Army's first all weather Chaparral missile has made a successful debut by intercepting a high speed, MQM-107 drone in a recent flight test at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Colonel Harold Stubbs, Chaparral-FAAR Project Manager, said all test objectives were accomplished.

"It was the first flight test intercept by a Chaparral missile equipped with the new radio frequency guidance scheme, and the first smokeless rocket motor launched against a target," Colonel Stubbs said.

"Additional flights against a variety of targets are planned at White Sands during the coming months."

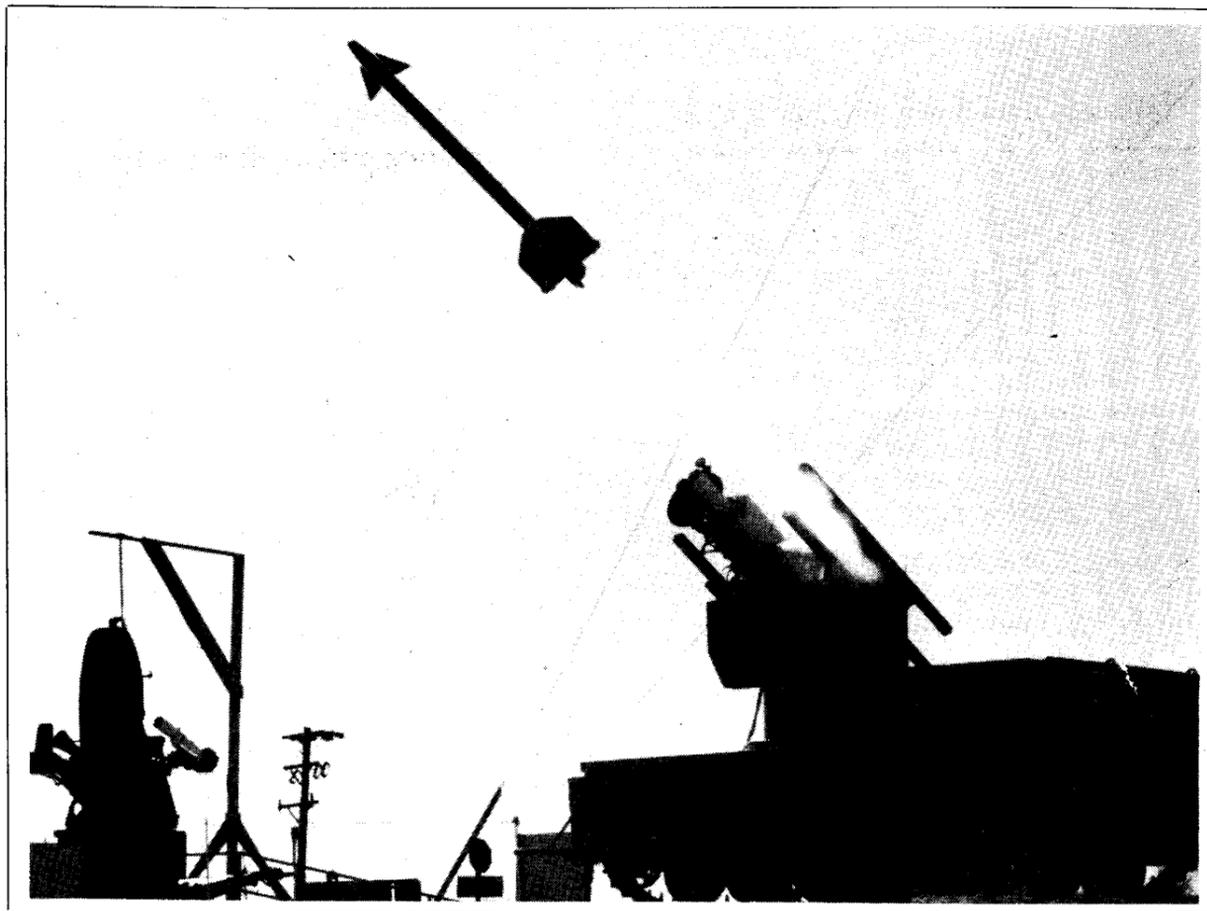
Colonel Stubbs said MIRCOM's Chaparral-FAAR Project Office signed a contract last year with Ford Aerospace and Communications Corp., Chaparral prime contractor, to demonstrate the feasibility of an all weather Chaparral missile. The demonstration program involves converting the missile from infrared to the radio frequency command-to-line-of-sight mode.

For the initial intercept flight last week, the Chaparral missile teamed with the Blindfire tracking radar provided by Marconi Space and Defense Systems, Ltd., in England; and the smokeless rocket motor developed by Hercules Powder Company of Cumberland, Md.

Chaparral is an infrared heat seeking missile mounted on a tracked vehicle that complements other Army air defense weapons, covering the battlefield above the

range of Stinger and Redeye, and below Hawk. The Forward Area Alerting Radar (FAAR), used with Chaparral, provides

early detection of attacking enemy aircraft and relays information to the anti-aircraft sites.



### Missile Away!

Chaparral all weather missile enroute to intercept at White Sands. Radar is at left.

## The Rocket

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# CSC Plan For Minority Hiring

WASHINGTON — The Civil Service Commission has a new plan to increase the number of women minorities in the federal work force and will put it into effect June 1 unless its lawyers say "No."

Known as the Sugarman Plan (for CSC Vice Chairman Jule Sugarman) the program would require agencies to have goals and timetables to add to the number of "under represented" minorities in various occupations.

Commission lawyers are now making a final review of the plan.

Under the plan, persons hired would not have to come through regular competitive merit channels, but could be converted to career status in two years if they perform satisfactorily.

CSC Chairman Alan K. Campbell emphasizes that the Hiring Plan will be reached with goals set by agencies and is not a quota system. CSC officials also believe that in some occupations such as

librarians and teachers, white males may be under-represented and would be eligible for the special hiring program.

As now proposed, the plan would call for agencies to determine the race, sex and ethnic makeup of employees in various occupations. Then if any group is found to be under-represented, the agencies may hire people from the under-represented group, outside normal competitive civil service channels. Up to 20 percent of the job openings in those fields may be identified for special emphasis hiring.

According to a recent CSC memo to all agencies, "current competitive examining procedures have not resulted in a representative work force" in many federal jobs. So, CSC says that agencies must go ahead with this special emphasis hiring to see "if broader representation can be achieved and if the selection methods used produce individuals who perform as well as those hired through traditional competitive processes.

# Missile Minder PM Named

Colonel Eugene Fox is the new Project Manager for Missile Minder, an air defense command and control system designed for control and coordination of Improved Hawk and Nike Hercules missile batteries.

His last assignment was in Germany as Commander of the 10th Air Defense Artillery Group, composed of four batteries, Improved Hawk.

Originally from Bronx, N. Y., he is a 1956 graduate of the United States Military Academy and has a masters degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Arizona. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the National War College.

Among his key assignments were two tours of duty in the Pentagon, first in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army, and later with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition. Others were at Ft. Bliss, Ft. Sill, and Hue, Vietnam.

Colonel and Mrs. Fox have four children: Eugene III, a sophomore at the University of Virginia; Edward, a plebe at West Point;



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and Eric and Ellen who are enrolled in Huntsville schools.

The colonel's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service and Air Medals, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Vietnam Silver Star.

# Surplus Sale Set for April 6

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Thursday, April 6, in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins an hour later.

Items for sale include: typewriters

calculators, adding machines, doors, tires, bicycles, cooling towers and vehicles.

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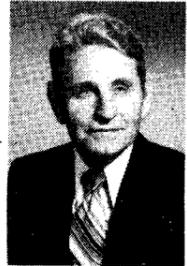
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An American-German Partnership Program was established here last December to give German and U.S. soldiers the opportunity to compete with each other in small arms and qualify for each other's marksmanship badges. Other large installations in the U.S. and in Germany have sponsored similar programs for some time.

To date 22 RASA soldiers have qualified for the German Schuetzenschnur with the G-3 rifle, the 9mm Luger and machine pistol. Twenty-three soldiers and airmen of the German Army and Air Force units stationed at Redstone qualified for marksmanship badges with the .45 caliber pistol and the M16A1 rifle.

Other qualification matches are planned for later in the year.



**MARKSMEN** — LTC Norman Propes, Commander of Special Troops, presented U. S. Army marksmanship qualification badges to four German soldiers last week. They are, front to

rear, SGM Wilhelm Wagner, SGM Klaus Maag, SSG Seigfried Heimgaetner, and A1C Manfred Riefsclaeger.

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# Soldier Of Month

Private First Class Kenneth R. Noland has been selected Post Soldier of the Month for March. Noland, is assigned to the 6th Student Company, Missile and Munitions Center and School. He received a \$25 check from the School Commandant, and a \$25 savings bond from MIRCOM, both provided by the Association of the U.S. Army. He also received a letter of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Roddy, Acting Arsenal Commander.

Before joining the Army in April 1977, Noland was employed as a police officer in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas. He is a 1968 graduate of Wichita North High School, and also attended Wichita State University.

Noland refers to the Army as something



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he's always wanted to be a part of, and is considering making a career of it. "I think I've always wanted a military career," he said. "It's very challenging and rewarding if you apply yourself."

# NCO Wives Offer Two Scholarships

The NCO Wives Club is accepting applications for two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to qualified high school seniors who are children of active duty or retired Non-Commissioned Officers.

Applicants must have been accepted by an accredited college or university, and the applicants' parents must be members in good standing of the NCO club for one year.

Deadline for applying is April 7. Applications must be accompanied by a 500

word essay, preferably typed, on the subject, "Why I Would Like to Have This Scholarship" and by evidence of acceptance at an accredited college or university.

The essays will be judged, and winners chosen based on contents, correctness of spelling and grammar.

For application forms or more information, call Emily Harbin, scholarship chairman, at 883-2476 or 876-1692.

# Civilian Awards

Seven MMCS civilians received certificates of service, one a sick leave conservation award, another a certificate of retirement and three received suggestion awards, last month.

Certificates of Service: 30 years service, Claude Lee, Dir. of Spt.; 25 years service, Alfred D. Ady, Dr. of Tng., Gerald E. Cox, Dir. of Spt., Dr. William E. May, Jr., Tng. Dev., and Andrew J. Stephens, Jr., Dir. of Spt.; 10 years service, Harry T. Bone, Dir. of Spt., and Julia N. Moncrief, Dir. of Tng.

Sick Leave Conservation Award: Gordon R. Moon, Resource Management Office, 2,203 hours.

Certificate of Retirement and Certificate of Appreciation and Pin: Otis P. Pryon, Dir. of Spt.

Suggestion Awards: Eugenfusz Cebula, Dir. of Tng., was awarded \$160 for an adopted suggestion which resulted in the substitution of one to one oscilloscope probes for ten to one attenuator oscilloscope probes, thereby saving maintenance and replacement costs. James E. Whitten, DOT, and Newell L. Varner, DOS, \$300 for an adopted suggestion which resulted in measures to eliminate noise level hazards during operations of the High Powered Illuminator Radar of the Hawk Missile System.

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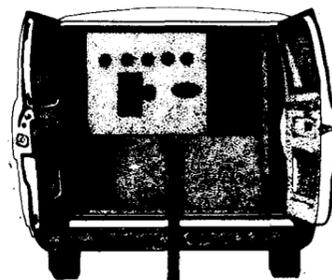
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# Sunrise Service

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The service, conducted in association with the Greater Huntsville Ministerial Association, was carried by station WAAY in a live radio broadcast.

The Easter message was presented by Colonel John P. Kirkland (Ret.), who served in three wars as a military chaplain and was Post Chaplain here in two assignments. Redstone Chaplains on the program were Lieutenant Colonel Wesley Baasen and Captains Frank Turnbow, Alfred Minor and Gerald Martin, along with pastors, Don Baily and Dr. Lee Hudson from the local community.

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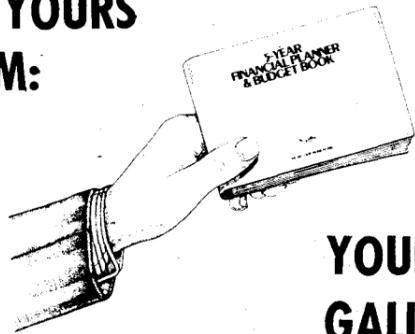


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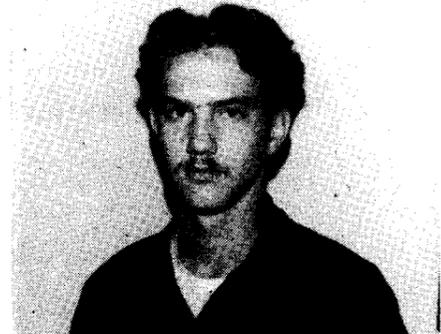
*What do you think of the Army's decision to eliminate the requirement for a seasonal uniform changeover?*



**2nd Lt. Carol Ille, Co. C**—"I think it's terrific. We were working outside yesterday, it was hot, so being able to roll up the sleeves on your fatigues was great. It gives a soldier a chance to wear a uniform to go along with the weather conditions."



**Sgt. Ralph Bradley, Mircom**—"I think it was a great idea to change the requirement, and it's about time. Now a person doesn't have to worry on which dress uniform he'll wear to work. Sometimes it's too hot or too cold for the seasonal uniform."



**Pvt. Steven Casselman, 8th SC**—"I think the Army should stick to the old regulation because if everyone is wearing a different uniform, or the same uniform in a different way, it could make a formation look sloppy. I really think they should go back to the old way."



**Pvt. John Rockenstein, 5th SC**—"I think the change is a welcome one. It's a lot more convenient to wear the kind of uniform you want, or need. The Army grants a lot more freedom that it used to, and soldiers are getting more rights."



**Pvt. Dawn Elkins, 6th SC**—"I think it's a good move if everyone knows about it and understands it. If we're old enough to join the Army, we're old enough to dress ourselves."

**Spec. 4 Robert Green, 4th SC**—"I think the change should have been made a long time ago. Many times it was too hot and you couldn't roll up your sleeves. I think the only time you should be forced to wear a certain uniform a certain way is for a parade. Otherwise, the decision should be the individual's."



**SFC Leland Hinkle, Mircom**—"I think the change was a good idea. It gives a soldier a chance to be in uniform without being miserable. One day it's hot, the next is cold, it makes it miserable to be in one kind of uniform which you had to wear from a certain date."



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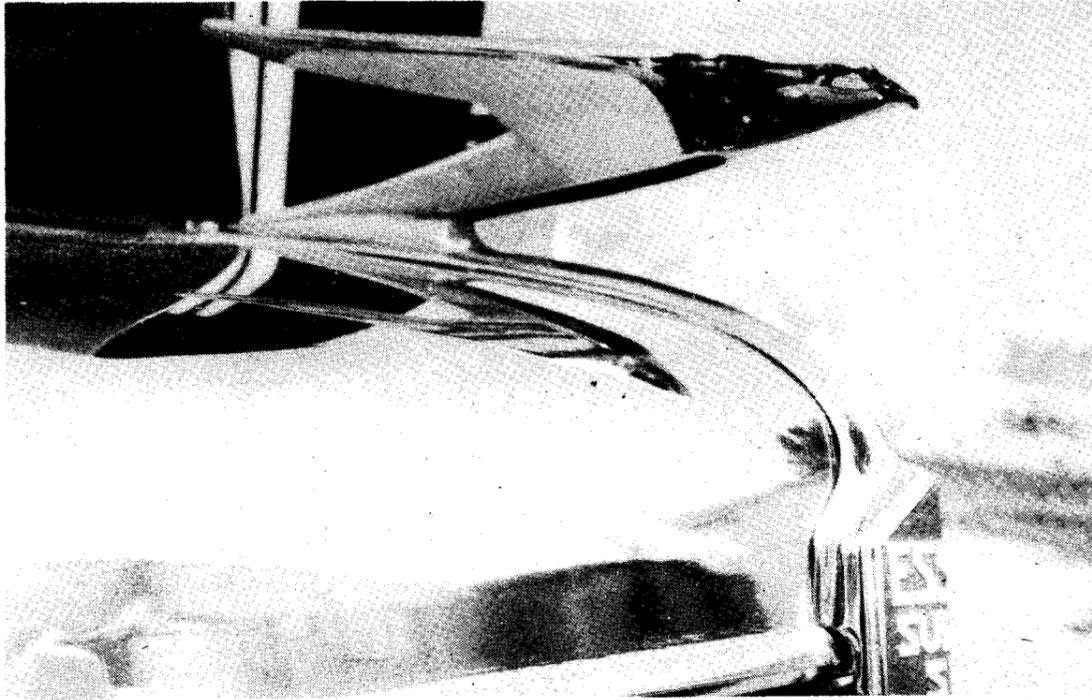
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**IMAGES OF YESTERYEAR** — (clockwise from above) The Essex's highly chromed grill gleams in the afternoon sun; Ken Grady poses with the trophies his car has won in local and national auto meets; The coupe's engine compartment shines almost as brightly as the car's exterior; No frills interior features a push-open windshield and leather upholstery.



## Essex Restored To New Condition

There was a time, not so many years ago, when there were dozens of independent automobile manufacturers in the United States. It was a time when a Franklin, Hudson, Nash, Cord, or Packard, to name a few, was as much a part of the American automotive scene as a Ford or Chevy is now. But, for reasons ranging from manufacturing difficulties to the Great Depression, independents died one-by-one until now only three huge conglomerates and one smaller corporation survive. And the world is poorer for it.

The Essex, like so many other cars of the depression era, was a casualty of the early thirties. The 1932 Essex Super Six rumble seat coupe, which this story centers around, was one of the last pure-bred Essex built, and reportedly only three remain in existence today. Two of the '32 coupes are owned by a New York doctor, and the other is owned by Ken Grady, who works with the Equipment Management Division here.

Grady bought the Essex in North Carolina in 1973 after hearing about it from a brother living near Asheville. Grady had no idea how exotic the car was until many months after the purchase. He had bought it because he wanted to restore an antique automobile.

But "restoration" would be a poor word to describe what Grady and his wife, Jean

actually did to the 46-year-old car. They came closer to remanufacturing it! In all, the Grady's worked on the Essex for four years, and spent thousands of dollars getting their "baby" back into showroom condition.

"I tore it down as far as I could go," said Grady. "I guess the only things I didn't take off it were the rivets in the frame. But I really enjoyed the restoration. I did a lot of the work, I had some done professionally, and of course my wife helped a lot too."

"That's right," added Jean proudly. "Behind every good old car is a good woman."

Along with a good woman, there's usually plenty of quality restoration behind a good old car, and the Grady's Essex is no exception. Since its completion last year, the little coupe has captured many prestigious awards in local and national auto shows, sometimes taking trophies ahead of much more prestigious classics. Whatever the Huntsville couple spent in time and money on their Essex is being repaid in satisfaction.

"It's fun to take it to the auto shows, we have a great time," explained Grady. "You get a feeling of satisfaction when you win an

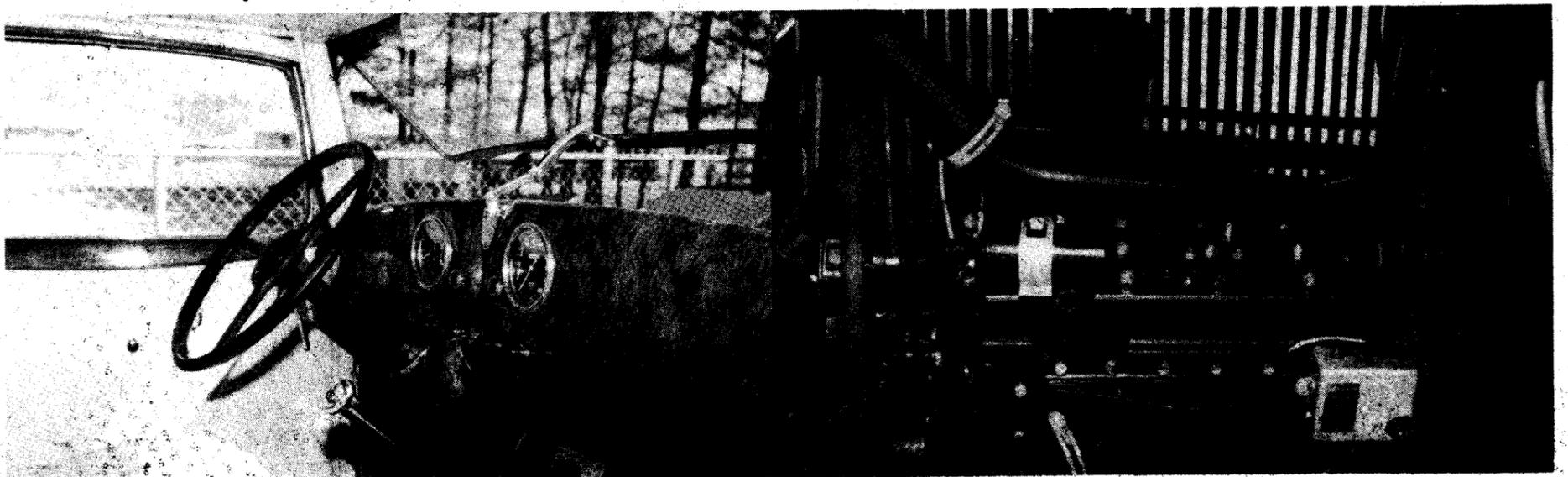
award, it feels great. It's also fun to compare your car to other old ones. My car isn't as beautiful as the Rolls Royces, LaSalles, Duesenbergs, or Packards you see at those meets, but it's still a cute little car."

The Essex was never meant to be a styling pacesetter, it was a very basic car designed to move its occupants from point A to point B. Essex bodystyles could best be described as uninspired. But for a sticker price of only about \$1000, the '32 Essex offered as standard equipment, a smooth running flat-head six cylinder under its hood, a tilt-out windshield, leather upholstery, a rumble seat, roll up rear and side windows, stylish suicide doors (doors hinged in the rear instead of the front), and most importantly, a reputation for durability and dependability.

When the Hudson Motor Company first built the Essex in 1919, their main goal was to build a dependable, low priced car. And the Essex was just that, right up to the final unit.

The Essex sold very well until the thirties, then was dropped by Hudson soon after the Depression started. The Essex died, but will never be forgotten because of auto enthusiasts like Ken and Jean Grady.

Long live the Essex . . . long live the Grady's.



# Redstone Underground

Eyes to the ground, he traverses the limestone-strewn ridge rising above the Tennessee River. He comes upon a depression in the rugged terrain. "This looks good", he remarks.

He looks over the indentation carefully, spots a gopher-size hole in a jumble of rock. The opening appears bigger as leaves and debris are brushed aside. "I'm getting cold air", he says excitedly, "and steam".

He chunks a rock into the hole, listens for muffled clicks as it bounces to the bottom of the rock shaft. "About 12 feet deep", he notes.

He unbelts a battery pack from his waist, sheds the shoulder satchel and prepares to enter. Pushing a light into the hole first, he peers inside cautiously. "Looks okay — I'm going in."

Someone grasps his ankles, alternately pushes forward and holds back as he squeezes one shoulder, then the other through the tight opening. He descends the shaft, inching along on his belly and disappears from sight in the dark passage.

There is excitement in his muffled voice as he describes his find. There is a room. A big opening that bells out. A walking passage. And a small waterfall. Knowing smiles cross the faces of those waiting outside. Randall Blackwood has discovered a new cave.

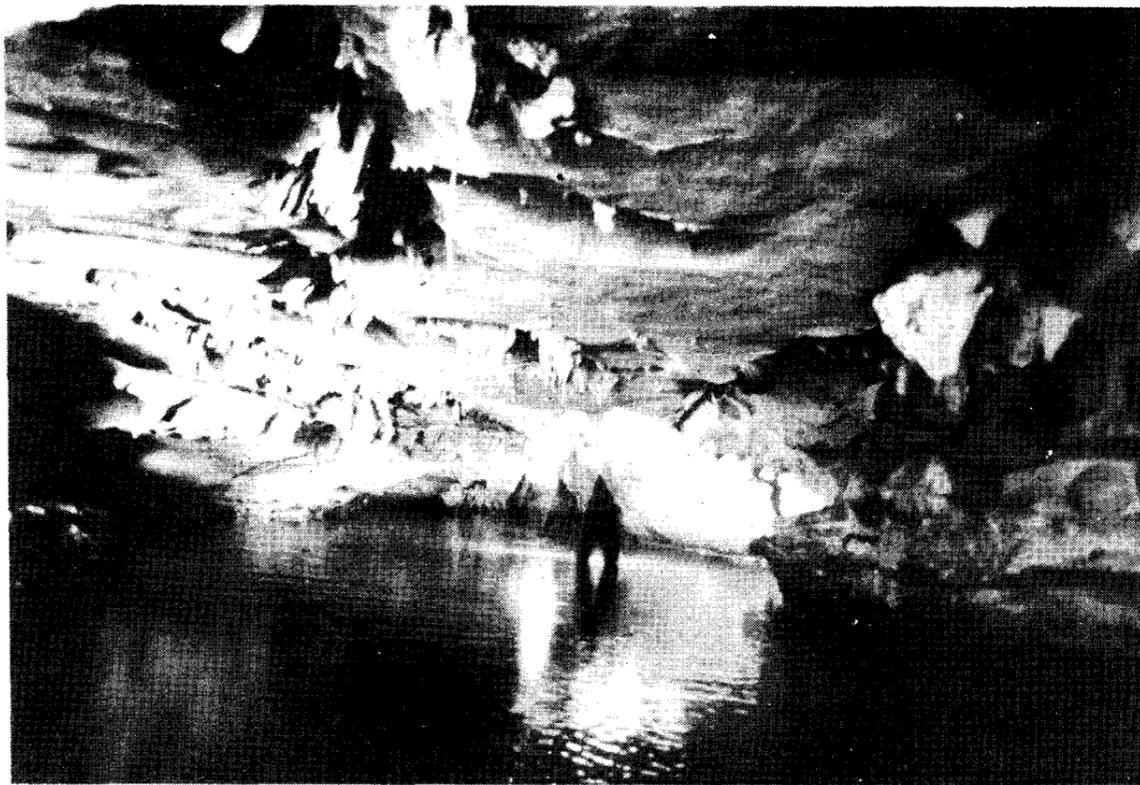
Blackwood, along with others from a local caving club — the Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society — are assisting Redstone environmental personnel in a study of caves on the arsenal.

They have explored several of the dozen or so caves known to exist here, and have discovered a couple of new ones. Their latest find is a cave in limestone bluffs near the Tennessee River. While it hasn't been explored yet, it easily meets speleological criteria for a bonafide cave.

"There's every indication that it's a virgin cave", said Blackwood, meaning in all likelihood no one has ever been in it until now. There is some indication that it may be part of a new cave system, he added.

It is planned to map the cave and examine it to see if cave life is present, Blackwell said.

The caves are being studied in response to a federal requirement that caves on Army land be identified and special protection



Inside Fishin' Hole Cave

afforded them. The Huntsville Grotto cavers volunteered to do the study when their assistance was requested by the Redstone environmental staff.

Led by Blackwood, a 20-year-old student, the volunteers presently are working Bradford Mountain on weekends when missile testing permits access to it. They have high hopes of finding the gray bat, an endangered species, before it leaves the area on spring migration. Bradford Mountain, said Blackwood, lies in the migratory path and its caves are considered good potential habitat toward the south end where test activities would not disturb the animals.

They also are seeking a linking passage between Redstone and Fishin' Hole caves on the southeast arsenal, but were frustrated in a recent attempt by flooded passages.

Caving is hard, dirty and dangerous, but the excitement of viewing rooms individually and uniquely decorated by nature over thousands of years, of discovering a subterranean passage that has existed unknown for eons, or of finding fascinating life forms that inhabit caves, make it worthwhile, according to Blackwood.

Practically all cave life is endangered, said Blackwood, because the cave environment is so fragile and the habitat can support only small populations.

In arsenal caves, explorers have observed a variety of cavernicolous, or cave-dwelling, creatures, including white fish, crayfish and shrimp, evolved sightless and colorless over generations without light, and pale crickets, spiders and salamanders.

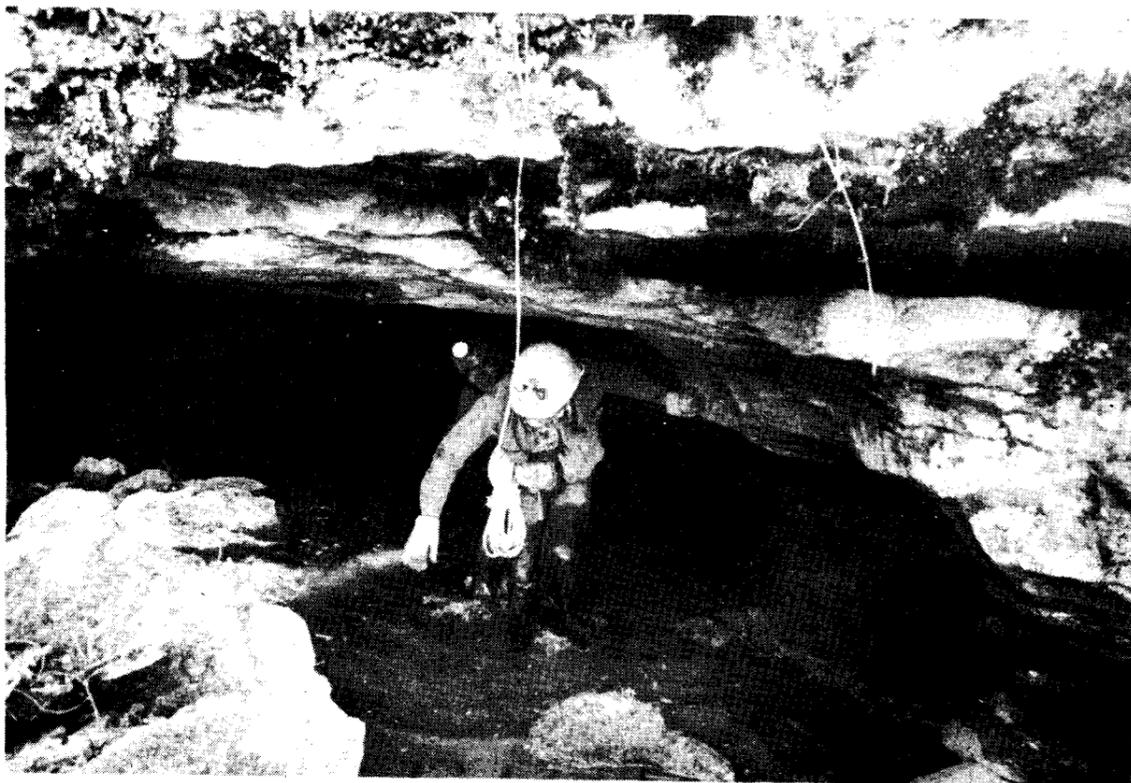
The major threat to caves and cave life, Blackwood says, is interference by humans, which is evident in some arsenal caves. Some have been vandalized, while others with pit openings have been used for trash dumps, a practice which appears to have begun in pre-arsenal days and continued until recently.

Souvenir hunters take a toll, snapping off icicle-like stalactites and stalagmites that may form at a rate of only an inch every thousand years, and capturing rare cave creatures for their curiosity value.

The environment is so sensitive that an alteration of air or water flow in the cave, might be caused by a carelessly thrown rock, can upset the cave ecology, Blackwood noted. Bats, for example, are so sensitive to temperature variations that even the heat from a human body disturbs their deep winter sleep.

Bats, despite their unsavory image, are highly beneficial animals, consuming

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Cave entrance is through water.



Randall Blackwood wades flooded passage.

# Redstone Underground

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prodigious amounts of insects. Once plentiful, several species of bats in this area are threatened because of collecting by humans and disturbance and destruction of their cave habitat.

Other factors threatening caves include pollution of feeding streams and blasting or other activities that may cause fluctation in the water table.

It is believed, said Blackwood, that some arsenal caves may be of archeological significance. Indians are known to have inhabited this area, and their artifacts have been found in caves on the south side of the Tennessee River. Four caves reported (but not yet located) on the arsenal side of the river may contain artifacts, he noted.

Interesting fossils are weathered out in the ceiling of one cave here. Another con-

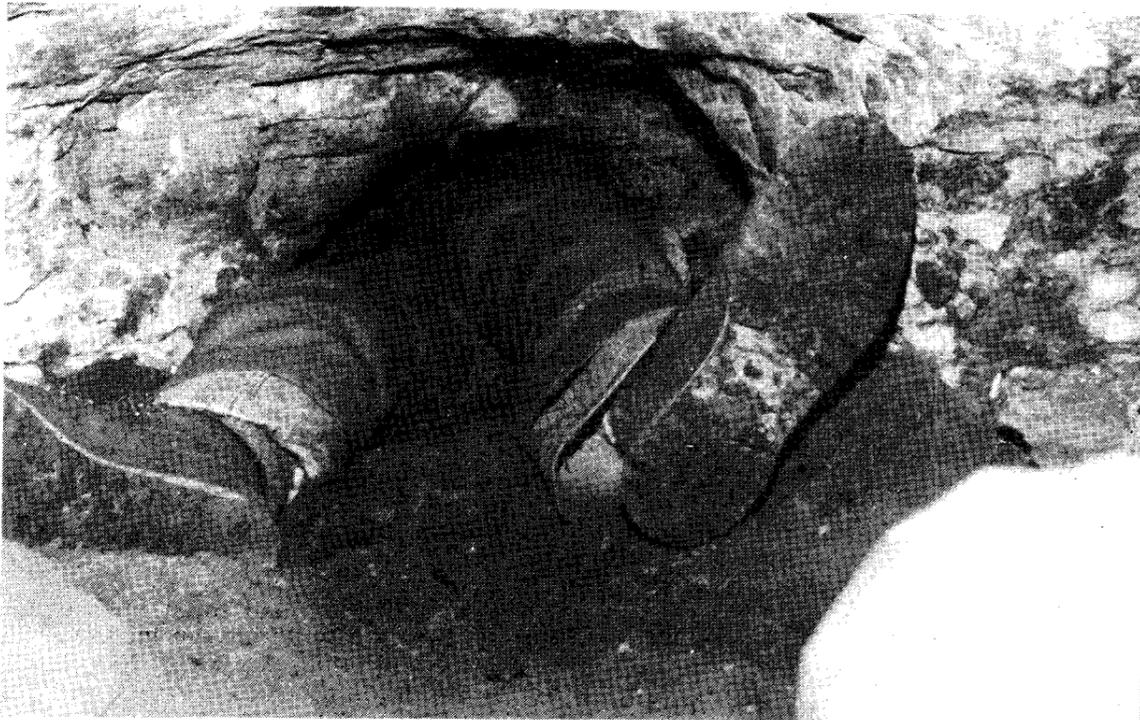
tains the remains of a whiskey still.

Cave exploration at Redstone has proved arduous, requiring wading in hip-deep water in some instances or rappelling into pits. Few passages have stand-up room. Most are negotiated by hands-and-knees or belly crawling.

In a typical weekend outing here Randall Blackwood, his brother Harold, SFC Phil Duncan of MMCS and other volunteers, split into teams.

A team with maps locates known caves for exploration, while another looks for new caves by "ridge walking".

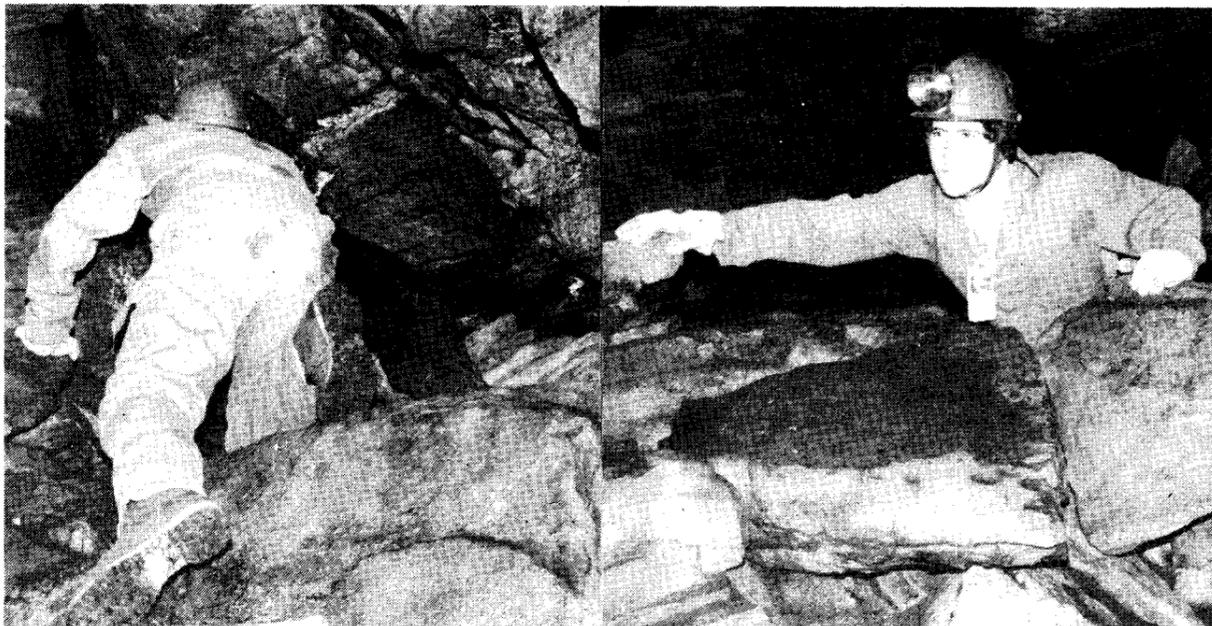
The walkers look for evidence of caves, such as sinkholes, which may have been formed by the collapse of subterranean rooms or passages. Drainage routes are walked, as they sometimes turn underground. They're looking for small holes that emit cold air and a fine steamy vapor. Inside could be a "Mammoth" cave.



Caving is not for fat people.



Caver helps another descend shaft



Exploring Five-And-One-Half Cave



Harold Blackwood emerges into daylight.

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# Swingin' and Slidin'

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The playground improvements are one of several projects being spearheaded by the Junior Officer Council.



## HAWTADS Team Briefs Industry

The DARCOM HAWTADS Technical Team conducted a briefing to approximately 100 industrial representatives, who came here last week from 41 companies throughout the Country. The purpose was to familiarize the representatives with the Helicopter, Adverse Weather, Target Acquisition and Destruction system and to give requirements for development of it.

William Lindberg, MIRADCOM, who is chairman of the DARCOM team and Howard Race were responsible for the

conference which opened by introduction to the system by Brig. Gen. E. Browne, Advance Attack Helicopter Program Manager.

The HAWTADS equipment objective is to maintain effectiveness in smoke and adverse weather for the weaponization of the advance attack helicopter. The system is expected to stop tanks, suppress enemy air defense, provide defense against air threats, and aid navigation.

## Men's Match Play

The Redstone Golf Course Pro-Shop is now accepting entries for the RSA Men's Match Play Golf Tournament.

This will be a three-round tournament, with the first round to be played during the week of April 16-22, second round April 23-29 and the third round April 30-May 6.

There will be flights of eight with a first, second and third place winner in each flight. Third place will be determined from first round losers.

Entries must be in by noon, Apr. 12. The entry fee is \$5.

### Electricity Use Drops

Redstone utilities officials have reported that electricity consumption dropped substantially during the latest billing month.

Consumption was down 23 per cent from the previous 30-day period, and was five per cent lower than it was from February 20 - March 20 of 1977.

The utilities officials praised individuals and organizations here for conservation efforts during the coal emergency.

### Microfiche Records

(ARNEWS) — Some officers are wondering why they haven't received copies of microfiche personnel files, according to MILPERCEN officials. The reason is that all officer files have not been mailed yet.

Files have been mailed to general officers, colonels, warrant officers and captains. Files are scheduled to be mailed to lieutenant colonels by April 30, to majors by May 31 and to lieutenants by June 30.

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TWICKENHAM'S COUNTRY COMFORTABLE — A must if you're interested in the Twickenham area. This home makes you feel at home and comfortable when you step in the door. Home is situated on lovely lot with sunshine through every window. Home features beautiful hardwood floor, lovely decor, gorgeous window treatments, garden rooms, full basement for your every need. 3 lovely bedrooms, 2 baths, huge living room with fireplace, huge dining room overlooking garden room, eat-in kitchen offered at \$125,000. (7CA)

HUGE WOODED LOT TUDOR TWO STORY — If you've been looking for a huge wooded lot with minimum yard work here it is. This gorgeously decorated new home is for you. Home features foyer, living & dining rooms, den with fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double garage all with walking distance to pool and tennis courts and nice quiet dead end street. Offered at \$76,900. (GEC) 883-1200.

A 4-ACRE SHOWPLACE — Custom built brick home with 4 or 5 or even 6 bedrooms, formal living room, separate dining room, 2 parlors, huge den with rock fireplace, 3 baths, covered patio plus deck, beautiful hardwood floors plus carpet and many more features too numerous to mention. This home has substantial road frontage on quiet country road just a few minutes drive from southeast Huntsville. Get back to that comfortable living and call for an appointment now. A real buy for \$120,000. HIR 883-1300.

MT. CHARON — You can be a winner with this beautiful brick rancher with cedar trim, which is truly one of the nicest homes around. Located on a well landscaped corner lot, this home consists of large entrance foyer w/stone floor, family room w/fireplace, thermoglass large windows, sliding glass doors that lead to the covered patio and a lovely view of the nature back yard; kitchen with all built-ins and lots of storage; large inside laundry room; separate living room and dining room; 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Dad will love the private master bedroom w/cathedral ceilings which has its own entrance to patio area. \$73,900 — (V11009), 533-1490.

CRINER ROAD — New listing in this Blue Chip location. 2 story home sits high on a lovely large wooded lot. 3 bedrooms plus study, large living room, formal dining, den with fireplace, 2 1/2 baths. Extra—10x18 ft. basement room, heated & cooled. Priced right — \$78,500. (6812C) 883-1200.

CUSTOM BUILT HOME — Under construction, owner transferred. Fantastic great room, with fireplace. Formal dining room, three baths, three walk-in closets. Ther mopane floor to ceiling windows. Lovely view of mountains from patio area, on an acre lot. \$75,000. EQQ.

PERFECT — 13 acre horse farm offers 1 year old 4 BR 2 1/2 bath Brick French Provincial Rancher. Great Room w/ fireplace. 4 months old 8 stall barn has feed room and tack room. Above ground swimming pool with large deck, fenced, training ring and arena. Morning Sun Farm at Cataca 592,500. 883-1200.

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BEAUTY & ATMOSPHERE—abound in this super livable country home 20 minutes from town. From the beautiful foyer thru relaxed atmosphere of large eat-in kitchen, spacious den, rec room, master bedroom with deck for sunbathing, you feel like you're really living. Of the 2+ acres, you can garden, have horses, or go fishing. This is a dream home (\$100's). (HY53). 533-1490.

MONTE SANO — Easy flowing lines describes this 3043 sq. ft. contemporary home with 3 levels of indoor and outdoor living. Great room features huge stone fireplace. Den + Rec room. Tomorrow kitchen with walls of glass. 4 Large bedrooms, 2 full + two 1/2 baths. All custom built and beautifully decorated. Unattached brick garage + workshop. \$83,000. (C-3911) 883-1200.

BROWNS CREEK: On the Water — This 3100 sq. ft. cedar and brick A-Frame offers den w/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 to 2nd bedroom. Situated on 2 1/2 lovely acres. Boat house with electric lift. Large cedar 2-car garage and separate cedar workshop. 883-1200.

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, all on twelve beautiful wooded acres. Exclusive listing. Shown by appointment only. \$325,000. 883-1200.

EXCLUSIVE TONEY DRIVE — this elegant contemporary with its rustic beauty is stained cedar and stone. It has 4 bedrooms, one downstairs with a study and bath, plus two other baths. Some of the many extras are wood-peg floors, built-in micro-wave, trash compactor, ceramic stove top and 40 year roof. It is a very spacious two-story with approximately 3400 square feet. \$89,900. (TT1010). 883-1200.

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MINI HORSE RANCH — with beautiful contemporary 2 story home in Madison. This nearly new 4 bedroom home has a great great room with a rock fireplace. Large equipped kitchen, 2 1/2 baths, inside laundry and loads of decks. There's a 3 stall horse barn with track room, 4 acres with fenced pasture. (ML Madison) 533-1490.

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CHANGE WITH THE SEASON — get into spring in this tri-level Tudor home, on a beautiful wooded lot in one of the most desirable Southeast locations. This lovely home features 4 bedrooms, big den kitchen combination w/fireplace, two car garage, auto door openers, wallpaper used very tastefully and carpet throughout over 2000 sq. ft. of living area. \$68,900 (10309AC) 533-1490.

APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES and a beautiful new home in the country. Only 15-20 minutes from University Dr., this lovely home has a foyer, formal living room, dining room, sparkling built-in kitchen, three large bedrooms, three baths, a huge comfortable den, inside laundry and a garage with extra space for storage. Plenty of closets and cabinets! Enjoy the peaceful beauty of the surrounding countryside from the large deck. Low \$60s. (HGMR). 533-1490.

TRIBE SIZED... Regardless of the size of your tribe, they'll have plenty of room to romp at 2520 Escalibur Dr., SE. Features include 850 square foot rec room, 4 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large living and dining room, eat-in kitchen, oak paneled den with bookcases and a fireplace, double garage, and its only 6 years old. Priced below the market for this area at \$69,900. Available now. 883-1200.

WALKING DISTANCE TO GRISSOM—Almost new 1 1/2 story Cape Cod with 1960 sq. ft. of finished living area plus 850 sq. ft. unfinished upstairs. Den with easy flow for entertaining, features full wall of stone; fireplace and exposed beams. Kitchen with breakfast area. Formal living room and separate dining room. Large king sized master bedroom on rear of house with excellent wall space. Two large vanity baths, inside laundry, and yet still very old. Double carport with extra room. 140x140 lot. A good buy now and great investment in your future. \$69,856, equity \$18,601. (10165R).

MADISON — Big (approx. 2800 sq. ft.) brick rancher on almost 2 acre lot. Large octagonal, sunken living room, the hub of this beautiful home. 3 big bedrooms, 2 baths, den inside laundry with extra large kitchen with lots of closets. (G-Madison) 533-1490.

ROCKMONT-ON-CARDESSA High above lake Guntersville, rest 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. Luxurious, fully equipped eat-in kitchen, and loads of storage. A full width deck perfectly complements its setting on 2.1 acres of immaculately kept grounds featuring 600' of road frontage and intensely natural landscaping, it is pleasantly close (but not too close) to schools, shopping, Turners Marina, Public docks, Guntersville and Huntsville. Asking \$66,900. We'll throw in its "Million Dollar View" of the lake below for absolutely nothing. (CL) 883-1200.

\$50's

QUARRY TILE... everywhere in this lovely custom built brick 2179 sq. ft. rancher. Situated on a lovely lot high on Russell Hill. Large living room w/fireplace. The most inviting kitchen/family room offers a wall of brick, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Lovely patios. A home to enjoy. \$59,900. (C3922).

HAYSLAND ESTATES — Tri-level featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, foyer, living room, separate dining room, huge den w/wet bar PLUS POOL TABLE REMAINS, fully carpeted, central heat/air, double garage, large covered patio, lovely yard, children can walk to Chaffee School. (C8002). 533-1490.

BASEMENT RANCHER CLOSE IN — Here is a neat, sharp basement rancher on huge lot with trees close in. Home features lovely deck with comfortable outdoor living. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen den combo, living room/dining room combo, full basement. Offered at only \$50,500. (104RL)

COMPARE!! — Compare quality, price and planning in these two new homes! This 3 bedroom home is situated on a cul-de-sac with formal living room and dining room. Den with fireplace, crown molding, eat-in kitchen, and Master Bedroom suite with spacious bath and many other features. Priced at only \$51,900. If you do not have the need for a Living Room and den, then we have the GREAT ROOM home! This home also features 3 BR, 2 baths, and large kitchen. Decorated to perfection. Offered at only \$47,800. Compare these two homes and you will discover that buying a new home can be fun. 1204/1207 A 883-1200.

11004 LOUIS DR. — Newly listed—split foyer, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, separate dining, large den/rec room, storm windows, copper plumbing, carpet over hardwood, extra insulation. Real clean. \$52,000. 883-1200.

SMOKY COLORS IN FOX RUN — From the smoky-pearl carpet to the smoky-beige vinyl in this three-bedroom brick rancher the decoration is exceptional. You need to see the large den with a fireplace and the cheerful kitchen with its bay window eating area. There is a nice dining room and the utility room boasts extra cabinets of a much larger house. Call today and you will first to see it. \$56,900, any type financing. (M14001). 883-1200.

ALMOST FINISHED — Beautiful 4 bedroom tri-level in Fox Run, 1 1/2 baths, den with stone fireplace, breakfast room with bay window, L-shaped living and dining rooms, inside laundry, large two car garage, insulated exterior doors, storm windows. \$53,500. (12035). 883-1200.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION — 3 bedrooms tri-level in fast growing Fox Run. Functional floor plan offering foyer, living room, dining room, den with fireplace, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen. Beautifully decorated with color-coordinated carpet, wallpaper, kitchen appliances & counter tops. Priced low \$50's. (12055) 883-1200.

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MONTE SANO — Well built brick ranch on lovely wooded lot offers huge living room w/bookcases and fireplace. Formal dining, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. All enhanced with a generous amount of tongue-in-groove pine paneling. Storm windows, central heat and air. \$42,900. (H-3403). 883-1200.

"THE BEST NEIGHBORS IN HUNTSVILLE" are what the Williams say you'll have if you become the new owners! Brick and frame two-story with four bedrooms; carpeted thru-out. Large living room and dining room. Kitchen-Den combination. Central heat and air, storm windows and doors, extra insulation and roof turbines. Fenced yard — mature shade trees, rear entry garage. Low 5 1/2% on existing mortgage. 1750 sq. ft. of living area in the Mt. Gap. Grissom School area. \$43,700. (302M) 883-1200.

NORTHWEST TRI-LEVEL — 3213 W. Helena — Roomy brick home nice lot — walking distance to Davis Hills school. 4 good size BR's \* (2 up, 2 down) den w/fireplace, central heat & air — carpet thru-out. Large kitchen/dining area. Good storage space. Price right — \$41,500. 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. (G6004). 533-1490.

ROOMY AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY — This 5 bedroom, 2 bath home offers lots of useful living area for only \$46,900. There's central heat & air, carpets, dishwasher, disposal, self cleaning oven. (R6015) 533-1490.

\$30's

SWIMMING POOL — We have just listed a lovely 3-BR rancher w/large den, LR/DR combo — that will just brighten your day when you see the beautiful decor. Nice carpet and a good use of walling will bring you right through to the sliding glass doors leading to the swimming pool area. (L-2006). 533-1490.

BEGINNER'S BEL AIR BEAUTY — This newly listed brick home is in excellent condition. Living room with fireplace, dining room, three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large kitchen with dishwasher, single garage and an extra large fenced back yard. \$39,500. C7216

BLOSSOMWOOD/MOUNTAINBROOK... Real nice three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, kitchen/dining, rancher on large wooded lot, dead end street. Outside/inside paint, roof, carpet. Gutters, sink, kitchen floor approximately 1 yr. old. \$39,900. (C2102). 883-1200.

LOW EQUITY—only \$6,900 Equity will move you into this beautiful 3 bedroom home. Study (or 4th bedroom), 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, den. Large fenced backyard with fruit trees (bearing) & room for garden. Carport & utility bldg. (2114N). 533-1490.

"TRIBE SIZE"—This spacious tri-level features 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, eat-in kitchen, den w/fireplace, study w/bookshelves, laundry room, fully carpeted, separate workshop, covered patio, and 0-0-0-h so much space for the children to play in the huge fenced yard with many fruit & shade trees. Other extra's too! \$39,900. (4307L). 533-1490.

FOR THE GROWING FAMILY — A spacious two-story home with four bedrooms, living room, dining room and good-sized den, this home has had plenty of loving care, from the fresh paint and new vinyl kitchen floor inside to the well-maintained outside. It also boasts pretty wallpaper, an inside laundry, storm windows and a garage. Comfortable living for only \$36,000. (4702D). 533-1490.

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LARGE SHOPPING LOT — You will fall in love with this full brick 3 bedroom rancher situated on a large approx. lot — featuring entry foyer, sunken living room/dining room combination, kitchen/den combination, 2 baths, nice finished garage. Located at the corner of North Parkway and Medaris Road. (M-2006)

COUNTRY LIVING — 2 acres right out side city 3 BR, separate LR, DR, Den 1 1/2 baths — All for \$39,500. Call 533-1490. (RT. 2 B261-A Toney A.)

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

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

\$20's & BELOW

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SUPER SHARP—3 bedroom brick home, 1 1/2 baths, extra large den/kitchen combo, single air, storm windows, central heat, central electric air. (C3309). \$29,900. 533-1490.

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MOUNTAIN LAKE RESORT — LAKE — Cottage very clean and neat beautiful lake front lot and great view of mountain, 2 bedroom, den, carpets. All furniture goes with house. Over 1000 ft. Priced very reasonable at \$18,900. 533-1490.

LARGE LOT — Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of country living in this solidly built frame home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen, living room and single car garage. Large lot provides ample space for outdoor activities. Just outside city on Miller Lane. \$29,500. (R1.10CR). 533-1490.

ON AN ACRE LOT — Neat brick rancher with three bedrooms, living room-dining room combination. Can be cozy first home with plenty of elbow room for only \$23,500. (12605MP).

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# Civil Service Reform Act, Title I

Changes necessary to put President Carter's proposed federal service reforms into effect are contained in the "Civil Service Reform Act of 1978."

In this and following issues, the Rocket will present the major portions of the Act in the belief that its provisions will directly impact every federal civilian employee.

The portion which follows deals with Title I of the Act dealing with Merit System Principles. In weeks to come there will be special articles on each Title of the Bill: Civil Service Functions; Performance Appraisal; Adverse Actions; Senior Executive Service, Merit Pay and Research and Demonstration Authority.

The articles are being excerpted from official Civil Service Commission documents.

## TITLE I

### Merit System Principles

Eight basic principles would undergird all personnel practices and actions in the Federal Government. They would require:

1. Recruitment from all segments of society, and selection and advancement on the basis of ability, knowledge, and skills, under fair and open competition.
2. Fair and equitable treatment in all matters, without regard to politics, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicapping condition, and with proper regard for individual privacy and constitutional rights.
3. Equal pay for work of equal value, with incentives and recognition for excellent performance.
4. High standards of integrity, conduct, and concern for the public interest.
5. Efficient and effective use of the Federal work force.
6. Retention of employees who perform well, correcting the per-

formance of those whose work is inadequate, and separation of those who cannot or will not meet required standards.

7. Improved performance through effective education and training.

8. Protection of employees from arbitrary action, personal favoritism, or political coercion.

The proposed law would define prohibited practices and make it clear that disciplinary action will be taken against offenders. Agency heads and their subordinate officials would be held responsible for carrying out all personnel laws, rules, and regulations, and to insure that violations of prohibited practices do not occur.

Officials and employees who are authorized to take personnel actions would be enjoined from:

1. Discriminating against any employee.
2. Soliciting or considering any recommendation on a person who requests or is being considered for a personnel action unless the material is an evaluation of the person's work

performance, ability, aptitude, or general qualifications, or an evaluation of the person's character, loyalty, and suitability.

3. Using official authority to coerce political actions, to require political contribution, or to retaliate for refusal to do these things.

4. Willfully deceiving or obstructing an individual as to his or her right to compete for Federal employment.

5. Influencing anyone to withdraw from competition, whether to improve or worsen the prospects of any job applicant.

6. Granting any special preferential treatment or advantage not authorized by law to a job applicant or employee.

7. Appointing, employing, promoting, or advancing relatives in their agencies.

8. Retaliating against employees who exercise their appeal rights or who lawfully disclose violations of law or regulations (whistle-blowing).

The General Accounting Office would be given authority to conduct audits and reviews to assure compliance.



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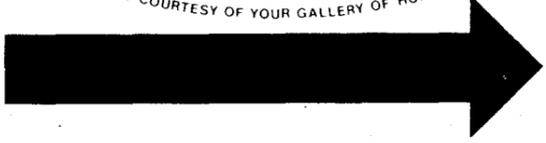
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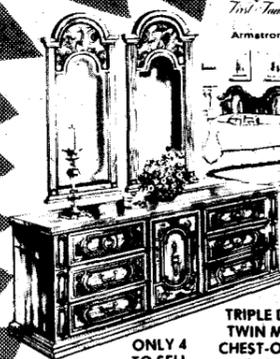
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# Yankees By a Mile . . . Or Maybe an Inch

Baseball commentary by SP4 D. Richard Fuller

The New York Yankees will be world champions in '78 . . . perhaps and perhaps not. On paper the Pinstripes have the most impressive line-up (Munson, Jackson, Nettles, Rivers, Hunter, Lyle, Gossage, etc.) in the game, and their talent supply, like their bankroll, seems inexhaustible. But baseball teams aren't always as good on the field as they are on the drawing board.

Question mark number one is the Yankee pitching staff. How good is it? According to manager Billy Martin, the Yankees have the most talented group of hurlers ever assembled on one team. With three outstanding relievers in Sparky Lyle, Rich Gossage, and Rawly Eastwick, and prestigious starters like Catfish Hunter, Andy Messersmith, Don Gullet, Ken Holtzman, Ron Guidry, and Ed Figueroa, Billy may have the right to say that. But if you were to go by last year's pitching performances, the future doesn't look quite as bright. Hunter, Holtzman, Messersmith, Figueroa, and Eastwick are all coming off bad years, and the Yanks need those arms healthy again if they are to retain the title.

In addition, southpaw ace Don Gullet is again suffering from arm problems, but it is too early to tell how serious the problem

is. Cy Young award winner Sparky Lyle is having troubles with the Yankees front office, and would like to be traded.

New York's hitting attack is awesome (they were called the Crunch Bunch last year), but it too has tender spots. The weakest links are 1. catcher Thurman Munson, 2. third baseman Graig Nettles.

They are indispensable to the Yankees. An extended injury to either one of them will cost the Bombers a clutch hitter, great fielder, and a team leader. There is not a comparable replacement for either one.

At least two teams in the American League, the Kansas City Royals and the Boston Red Sox, have enough talent to seriously challenge the Champions.

The Red Sox have the most dangerous hitting attack in baseball, possessing enough raw power to outmuscle the balanced Yankee squad. Last year the Bosox belted over 200 homers, scored around 850 runs, and finished a scant two and one-half games behind New York. This year, the Sox appear to be even stronger.

Kansas City has an enviable blend of pitching, defense, offense, and spirit, and is tough on anyone. Winners of 101 games last year, the Royals had the best record in either league, and seems to be improved for this season.

The Yankees will face some monumental challenges from other American League teams, and if they should capture another pennant, from the National League. Nothing in sports is a sure thing, and neither are the Yankees.

## Observations

Predictions for 1978: (1) The Yankees could win 120 games. (2) The Reds will regain the top spot in the N.L. West. (3) Cincinnati's Tom Seaver will win at least 30 games. (4) George Foster of the Reds and Red Soxer Jimmy Rice will both slam over 50 homers. (5) Angel lefty Frank Tanana will win the Cy Young Award in the American League. (6) Reggie Jackson will have another good year, but the "Reggie" candybar (named in honor of Reggie) will flop. (7) The Montreal Expo's will have their first winning season. (8) Al Hrabosky will grow a Fu Manchu. (9) Bruce Sutter of the Cubs, who throws the split fingered fastball (a glorified forkball), will have an earned run average under one. (10) Louis Tiant will regain his old form and win 20 games again.

Best nicknames in baseball: Red Sox reliever Bill Campbell - "Soups"; John Montefusco, S.F. Giants - "The Count of Montefusco"; Cubs slugger Dave Kingman - "King Kong"; Kansas City's temperamental relief ace, Al Hrabosky - "The Mad Hungarian"; Nolan Ryan's fastball - "Von Ryan's Express"; super pitcher Tom Seaver - "Tom Terrific"; former (?) spitballer Gaylord Perry - "Slick" . . .

Braves owner Ted Turner wants an adults only night at Atlanta Stadium to show "The Devil and Mrs. Jones" and "Deep Throat" on the scoreboard before game times . . . According to all reports, Mark Fidrich is 100 percent and ready to go after missing most of last season with a knee injury and tendonitis. The Bird, after a 19-9 rookie of the year performance in '76, was only 6-4 last year. He's 3-0 this spring . . . Onetime bonus-baby David Clyde, the pitcher who came out of high school straight to the Texas Rangers and found out that the major leagues are no place for an inexperienced hurler, is on the comeback trail once again — this time with the Cleveland Indians.

## CPMOS

You've heard of PMOS and SMOS. Now comes CPMOS (Career Progression MOS).

MILPERCEN officials say the new CPMOS is being created in a so far unpublished reg. change to help soldiers whose MOS terminates at one grade, followed by moving on to another.

A 45R, for example, can only hold that MOS through grade E-5. At E-6, the 45R becomes a 45K.

Officials say it's important for soldiers with CPMOS codes to learn them, since they're necessary for a promotion that links with another career management field.

The career progression tables for all MOSs are in AR 611-201. (ARNEWS)

### Re-Up Bonus

(ARNEWS) — Three MOSs have been added and two others cut from Selective Reenlistment Bonus rolls, according to MILPERCEN.

MOS 91G (Behavioral Science Specialist) has been awarded an SRB or 3A while 62E (Crawler Tractor Operator) and 62F (Crane Operator) have been awarded an SRB of 2A, effective April 17.

Effective that same day will be the dropping of MOS 31E (Field Radio Repairman) and 61C (Watercraft Engineer) from SRB rolls.

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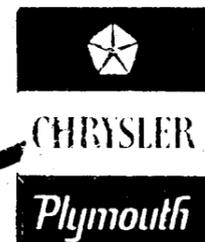
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Although they feel it may take some time for their future co-workers to adapt to their presence, they feel that every new person joining a unit as close-knit as EOD detachments must undergo a trail period before being accepted. They do not feel that tradition will change radically just because they are women.

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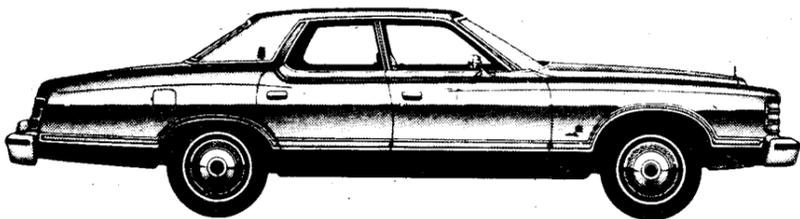


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