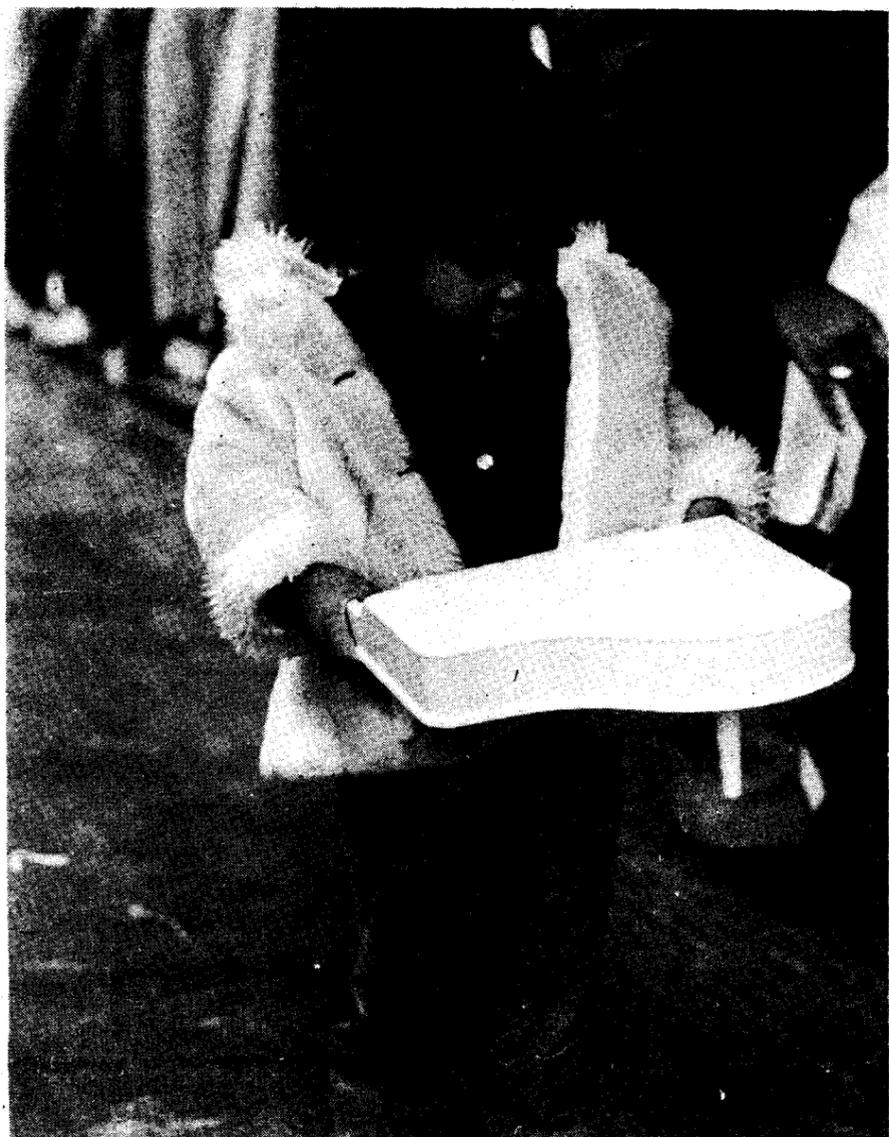


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A little bargain hunter

... is pleased with his find at the booming business at this time of post thrift shop, which does a year. Story on page 8.

Swarming birds said bothersome

BY DEBBIE GEHLBACH
AND KATHY HOUSE

"It sounds like hail falling. I wait until it's dark before I go outside and get the paper . . . Those darn birds. You can't go out in your yard without the threat of being bombed." That, says Bill Porter, is what it's like in his neighborhood evenings when the blackbirds fly over.

Porter lives in Sherwood Park. The quiet, working class housing development lies just across highway 20 from the arsenal. It also lies directly in the flight path of millions of blackbirds that descend on the arsenal golf course each evening to roost.

Aside from the mess and annoyance, Porter's worried that the birds are a health and safety hazard. He's a member of Redstone's flying club and says he's seen the birds swarming across the runway at the arsenal airfield.

Duane Uken, chief instructor for the flying club, agrees with Porter that the birds may be an aviation hazard. "It's a concern, especially when students are up soloing for the first time", Uken said. "I have seen them (the blackbirds) many times.

Sometimes the sky's almost black with them. They cross the runway every evening, flying at about 300-400 feet."

Porter is also concerned about histoplasmosis. The symptoms, according to Porter, are same as the flu — runny nose, tired feeling. Porter said he controlled the disease with sulfa drugs when he found he had it several years ago, but it left a calcium deposit on his lung. The malady is caused by a soil organism that grows in bird droppings.

He characterized as "nonsense" the red tape involved in getting something done about the blackbirds. "They're more interested in protecting the birds than the health of the people here. The EPA stuff is nonsense. We've got as much right to good health as the birds do," Porter said.

Porter's not the only one who's notices the birds. "We sat at the supper table and watched them fly over for about 15 minutes", says Beverly Hamlin of Sherwood Park. She also claimed the birds had "made a mess of her car".

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Army meets UAH in ice hockey

The Ft. Bragg Dragons take on the UAH Chargers in ice hockey exhibition games to be played at the Civic Center on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The Dragons are a U.S. Army post-sponsored team of 29 players, most originally from the northeast or north central U.S., with a lot of hockey experience on their record.

The Dragons have the reputation of being a team with tough play and aggressive checking but a team spokesman said they are also polished and well-disciplined.

Dragon coach CW2 Bruce Niles said this will be the Dragons' first trip of the season and

that they're looking forward to coming to Huntsville.

"The players want to have a good time," Niles said. "They play hard, but they don't play rough."

The Dragons currently have a 1-0-0 record. They defeated Norfolk Naval Base. The team is four years old and boasts an 8-1 record for last year.

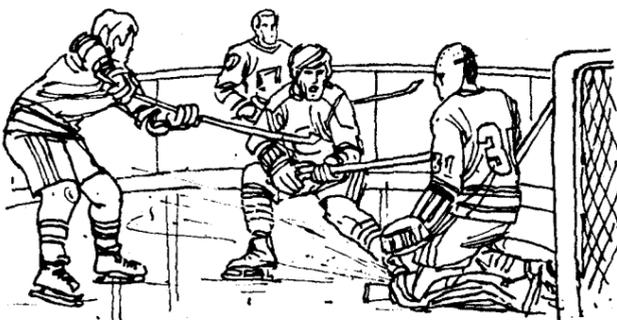
Ten Dragon players went to the eastern regional Olympic tryouts last year, but only one of those players remains on the team this year, according to Niles.

Bragg is the only military installation besides West Point with its own ice rink.

Playing the Dragons in the exhibition activity will be "a new twist and a tremendous challenge for the chargers", according to coach Joe Ritch.

"The players are extremely excited about the competition prior to an extremely busy season that starts again immediately following the new year," Ritch said.

A special ticket price of \$1 for each game is being extended to military personnel. Other adults pay \$2 per game. Tickets are available at the Civic Center box office.



Holiday notice

A special Christmas issue of the Redstone Rocket will be published on Dec. 19 highlighting charitable giving and other holiday activities of individuals and organizations at Redstone. Holiday items cannot be used except in that issue, as the Rocket will skip publication on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

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Letters

FEORP goals

Editor:

Ms. Pat Gallagher's attempt to justify the FEORP hiring goals as the means of achieving minority and female job equality can only result in a situation in which the "White-Male" can now look to an extended period of "Discrimination". In fact, this conclusion is further reinforced by the fact that the FEORP goals are so biased that vacancies which cannot be filled with qualified people will be filled from a pool of people which, quote: "May become what we are looking for". This clearly shows that job opportunities will become practically nonexistent for those white males striving to achieve some measure of recognition and career advancement.

I do not feel that the Civil Service Reform Act was intended to create the sort of working atmosphere that will result if Ms. Gallagher pursues her present interpretation of the law. I definitely feel that the equality goals should be met; however, every consideration must be given to insure that the overall civil service force continues to be motivated so that maximum productivity is maintained.

Disregard for the white male work force could result in an underlying feeling of frustration — particularly in those instances where one who has achieved a grade level proficiency suddenly finds himself in the role of assuming the responsibilities of one less qualified in the same grade level.

I would appreciate it very much if Ms. Pat Gallagher would explain in a clear and direct manner how she proposed to implement her program without discriminating against the white male. Furthermore, if she intends to fill vacancies based on national census data, she should consider the circumstances if this program was implemented in San Antonio, Texas, which is approximately 60 per cent Hispanic. Will she then strive to offset this ratio by hiring only white males? It would be interesting.

Nathan A. Dasaro

Help the needy

Editor:

Prior to joining the military I was very active in programs being formed during the holidays to aid the underprivileged families in our community and to make the Christmas holiday season a special one. The response

from the community was very delightful. This is where my complaint starts.

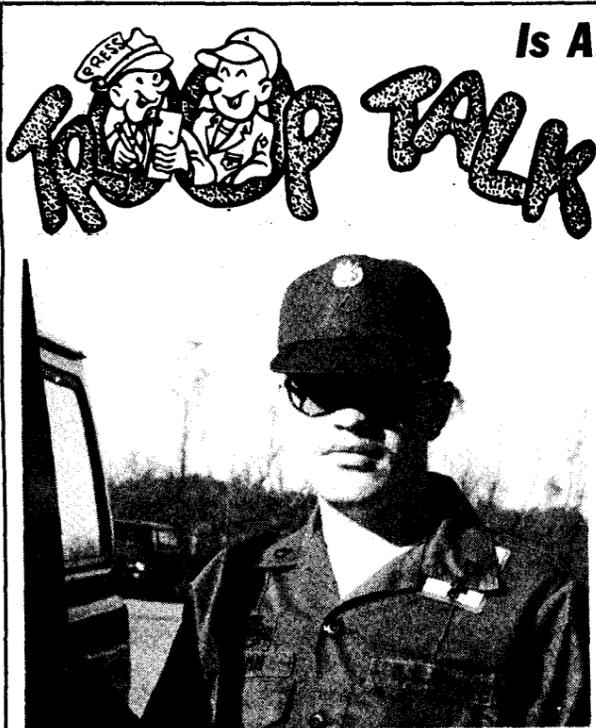
I was informed about a week ago that the Arsenal was forming a canned goods drive for needy families in the Redstone area. Since this drive has started I have been doing a little observation myself as to how well it was going to work.

The following ideas might aid in this drive:

1. Make the boxes stand out by giving them a Christmas motif.
2. Spark some competitions within the various companies and organizations.
3. Have an individual who has been designated as coordinator go around to the drop off areas and push the program a little bit.
4. Have each command put a little more emphasis on this area so the people can stay involved.

One last idea to keep in mind as we approach this new decade is to put behind us this last decade of "I" and think of "WE". This is a season of giving so we should open our hearts and wallets to those unfortunate families who are in need. Let us make this a happy season for everyone.

Sp4 Wendy C. Aiello

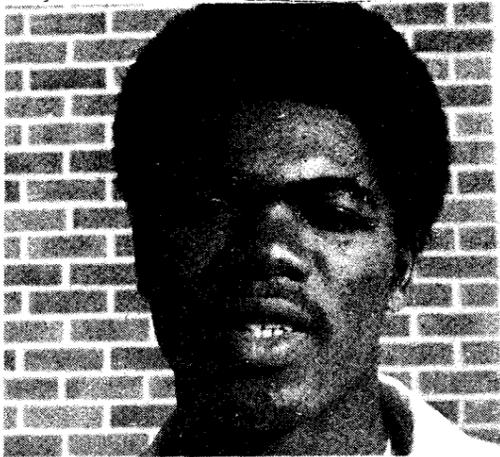


Is America growing more patriotic?

PFC Thomas Arvin, Co. A — "I think it is, due mostly to the crisis in Iran. Americans may bicker among themselves over issues like race or religion, but they stand together if an outside country starts messing around. That's the American way."



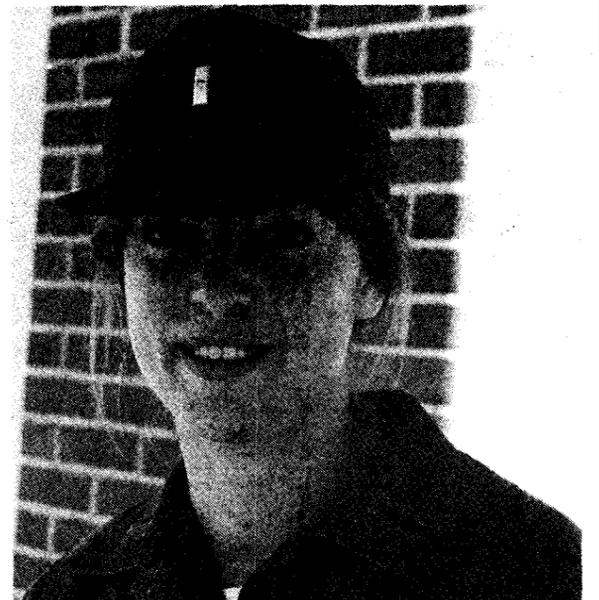
Sp4 James Madison, Co. B — "I feel it is. Have you noticed how the people are pushing the president to do something about the Iranian situation? They want out people free, both civilian and military."



Sp5 Charles Simmons, MEDDAC — "I think the reaction to the Iranian situation shows that the American people are getting more patriotic. They don't want a smaller country pushing the U.S. around. The people are proud, and that's good."



SSgt. Morris Herron, Air Force Detachment — "On the whole, I believe they are. Certain recent international incidents brought the American people together and united them under a common cause. Now that it's started, I think people will get more patriotic as time goes on. The generation that was so much against patriotism in the '60s is growing to find we need it in the '70s and '80s."



2nd Lt. Chris Lober, Co. B — "The country is getting more united. The Iranian crisis is bringing the American people together. I think it's awakening sentiments that many people have suppressed since the Vietnam era."



Sp5 Jerome Bias, Co. B — "The people are united for a common cause — freedom for all Americans in Iran. Khomeini tried to split us by releasing the women and the blacks, but that didn't work. We want all Americans freed."

Rachmeler urges community to plan mass transit system

Redstone's commander has urged community leaders to begin planning now for a mass transit system to serve both the community and the arsenal.

And in the same speech to the Huntsville Rotary Club Dec. 4, Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler said that young men and women who volunteer to serve as soldiers "deserve and are worthy" of the nation's support.

The general warned the community leaders that Huntsville could be painting itself into a corner by depending on private automobiles as the only means of getting people to work, schools and business.

Reminding the Rotarians of the gas shortage last summer, Rachmeler said if it had gone on much longer . . . "we, and I mean the Army at Redstone as well as Huntsville and everyone in it would have found ourselves in a very unusual situation where private vehicles, at least, ceased to move.

Redstone, he said, will operate in an emergency and probably has enough buses, cars, trucks and other vehicles to move people from their homes in Huntsville to their jobs on the post if fuel is available. But he reminded the community that it lacks the means to move civilians to schools, work sites and stores, if private vehicles run out of gas.

That points, he said to a need for a mass transit system, capable of moving large

numbers of people and "ideally, one not dependent on gasoline".

"We (at Redstone) would like to be actively involved in any community planned effort toward that end," the general added.

The Army's current number one priority is manning the force, Rachmeler said. Though some people are in favor of a return to the draft, Rachmeler said that Congress, not the Army, decides whether there is a draft or not. The Army's job is to man the force in whatever way it's directed to by Congress.

"Whatever the reasons that bring them to us, let me assure you that the volunteer soldiers of today — just as the volunteers of 200 years ago — are ready to serve, ready to fight for their country," he said.

"With proper training and leadership, they make good soldiers, as good or better than any who have served in the past. If they must fight, they will fight well," said Rachmeler.

Besides these two main topics, Rachmeler told club members that the government is studying the possibility of contracting out some of its functions to private industry. He also mentioned some of Redstone's top achievements in the past year — the successful merger of the two commands, taking on new responsibilities in repairing test equipment, and having record highs in programs and payrolls.



Smile time

March of Dimes poster child Betsy Burch gets to know Army Chief of Staff Gen. Edward C. Meyer on a recent visit to the Pentagon.

GSRS now called 'Multiple Launch' system

BY BOB HUBBARD

The Army has renamed its new free flight artillery rocket currently under development at MICOM to Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS).

Col. Richard Steimle, Army Project Manager for the MLRS, formerly called the General Support Rocket System, said the new name conforms with the name already established by NATO allies.

The United States, Germany, United Kingdom and France signed a memorandum of understanding in July calling for cooperative development of a standard NATO rocket. The system is known internationally as the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

The U.S. change is official as of Nov. 16.

Boeing and Vought Corporation currently are competing for the MLRS development contract, and the Army early next year is expected to select one contractor for final qualifications and initial production.

The Army plans to field the rocket system in the early 1980s.

Under the memorandum of understanding, MLRS will be developed and coproduced in both the United States and Europe. The joint

program and the new weapon will strengthen the NATO alliance, reduce development costs through the cooperative effort and enable the four countries to share production benefits.

MLRS will feature a 12-round launcher

mounted on a highly mobile, fully tracked vehicle that can be emplaced quickly and deliver massive firepower. Hardware will be standard except for communications and perhaps the ammunition resupply vehicle.



Multiple Launch Rocket System — that's the new name of the former GSRS

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CC3. That's what the small sticker reads that is now displayed on the back of Marvin Throneberry's van.

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Alabama. It also means that after several weeks of haggling with state and federal officials, not to mention insurance agents, Throneberry's Tennessee-to-Redstone vanpool is legitimate in official eyes. The vanpool

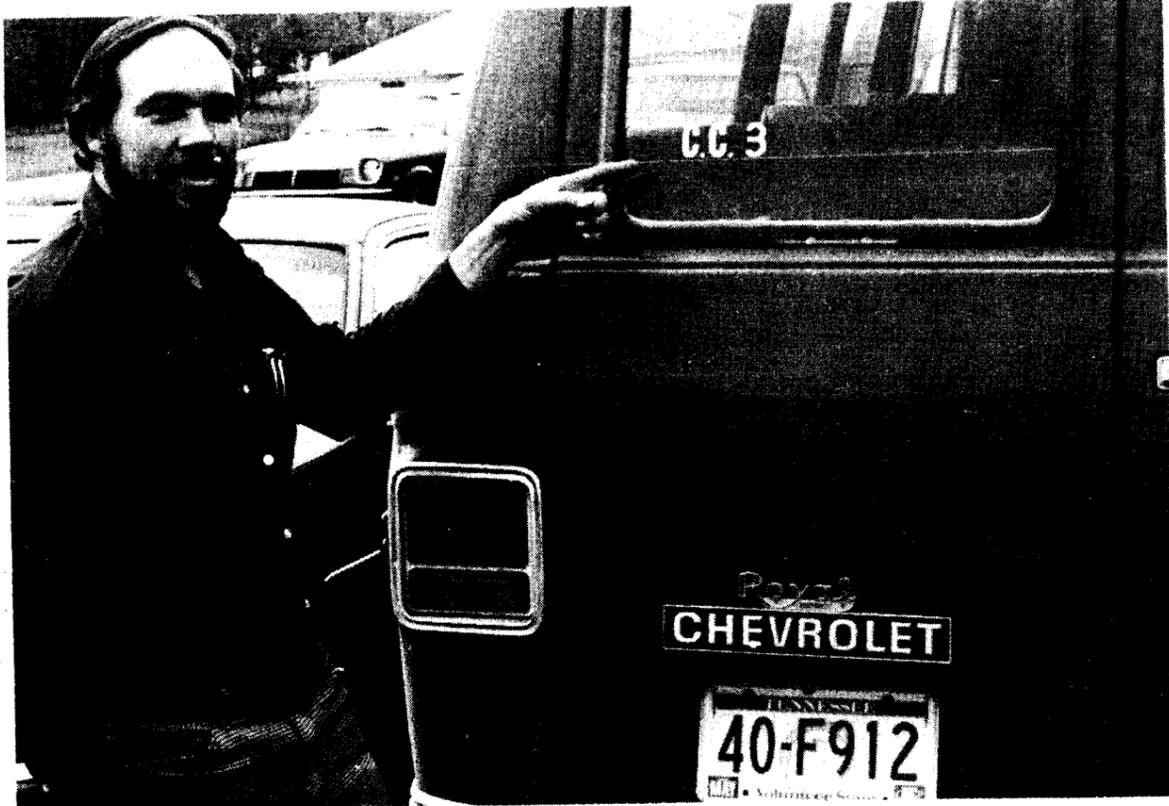
was exempt from Tennessee's Public Service Commission regulations since it is used primarily for hauling fifteen or fewer passengers to and from their regular worksites.

In his efforts to save his energy-conserving venture, Throneberry even wrote to the White House about his plight. The official reply, signed by a staff assistant, read in part:

"While we are sympathetic to the problems you are facing, it would appear that your particular situation falls under the jurisdiction of State, not Federal, officials. If you want to pursue the matter, we suggest you do so through your State agencies. . . ."

To that, Throneberry said, "Being as the government is pushing conserving, they should get into the program on the federal level more than they are now. I'd like to see them get with the states and give incentive to help the program rather than hurt it, like the Alabama regulations do."

Now that he's overcome all the roadblocks that have come up along the way, Throneberry and his vanload of ten passengers are still jovially rolling to work and home each day. And barring any change in those regulations he's come into compliance with, they plan to keep that vanpool running for a long time, Throneberry said.



Throneberry points out his new sticker

Emergency temperatures set in all buildings

BY KATHY HOUSE

All buildings on the arsenal should now be in compliance with the president's emergency temperature restrictions, according to Ron Hagler of Facilities Engineering.

The program calls for certificates to be posted at central locations in each building, showing that the building's thermostat is set for a 65 degree maximum in winter and a 78 degree minimum in summer. Maximum hot water temperature should be 105 degrees in public buildings.

Certain buildings are exempt from the temperature requirement, Hagler said. These include hospitals, and buildings where goods and equipment must be maintained at a certain temperature.

The facilities engineers completed inspection of arsenal building thermostats in

mid-November. After that, building custodians had until Dec. 1 to make sure their buildings were in compliance by the first, and we were receiving calls from custodians (to get the certificates) right up till Nov. 30," Hagler said. "But we haven't gotten any calls since then, so I assume all buildings are in compliance."

Besides stating the building's temperature restrictions, the certificates also list the name and number of the building's custodian, so that workers can go to him if the building isn't in compliance. If the custodian doesn't take care of the problem within a reasonable time, workers can call the number of the facilities engineers' Minor Repairs office, also posted on the certificate.

A spokesman at the minor repairs office said so far callers had complained about being not or too cold, but that no one had complained yet about a building being out of compliance with the temperature restrictions.

An inspection of all buildings to make sure they are in compliance with the restrictions is being planned for the near future, Hagler said, but added that exactly how the inspection would be handled and who will conduct it has not been decided yet.

In a related development, November's electric bill shows a reduction in electricity use of 10.73 per cent over the same month in 1978.

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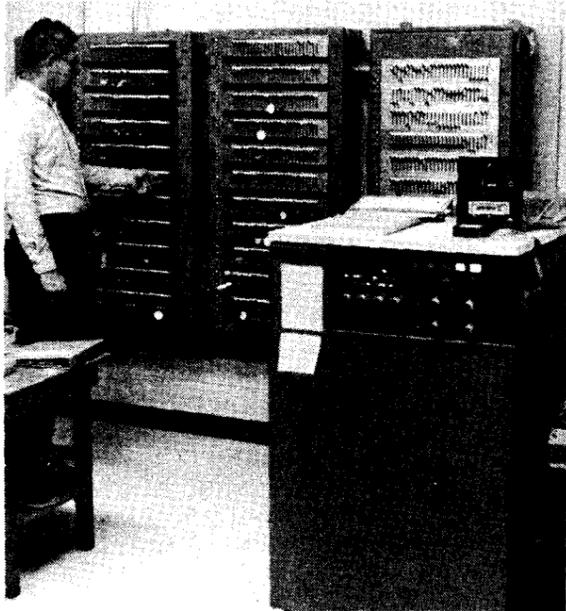


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Energy-saving switch installed in homes here

A radio-controlled switch that will save substantial amounts of electricity is being installed on all air conditioners in Redstone family housing.

The switch will automatically shut off air conditioners briefly in military residences during periods of peak power demand, or when the outside temperature reaches a present level. The switch will be activated by a controller in building 5414, where a similar system tied to arsenal work buildings has been in operation for several years.



Control room in Bldg. 5414

"The controller turns off air compressors only, leaving the fan running to circulate air", explained George Huse of Facilities Engineering. "The temperature in the house probably won't change more than one degree and, in fact, I don't think you'd ever know the controller was at work unless you were listening for the compressor to come off and on", Huse said. It is planned to have control switches installed on all family houses by the time cooling season arrives, he added.

Compressors will shut off automatically when the outside temperature is below 78 degrees during the day or below 75 in the evening. Additionally, selected compressors will be shut off for five to nine minutes during periods of peak electricity demand, which may occur on very hot days. No one's compressor will be off more than once in a 30 minute period.

In the event of high demand, not all air-conditioners in the 1,171 houses here will shut off at once. The air conditioners are grouped approximately 250 to a circuit on five circuits. "If deactivations of circuits one and two relieves the peak demand, the next time a peak demand is reached the remaining three circuits will be deactivated before circuits one and two" said Huse. The controller will restart the units on a staggered basis in seven, plus or minus two, minutes, he said.

The controller is expected to save yearly 2.9 million kilowatt hours of electricity, worth more than \$50,000. It is calculated that the electricity saved in a year's time would provide power to an average home for 150 years.

Promotions scheduled for holidays

WASHINGTON — Some officers and enlisted soldiers may get to wear their next rank earlier than they expected.

For soldiers whose promotion date falls on a weekend or national holiday, the promotion ceremony may now be held on the last duty day before the effective date of the promotion, MILPERCEN officials announced this week.

Although the ceremony may be held early, the promotion does not become effective until the date on the promotion orders. The early ceremony will not affect the soldier's pay or seniority.

In addition, the soldier must be in a promotable status on the effective date of the promotion. A soldier's ceremony, for example, may be held on a Friday because the

effective date is a Sunday. Friday night the soldier is involved in a car accident and is arrested. In this case pending an investigation he would not be in a promotable status Sunday and the promotion would not legally take effect, an official said.

This early ceremony policy does not change the 'frocking' provisions in AR 624-100. In certain cases, with the approval of the deputy chief of staff for personnel, an individual may be authorized to wear his new rank before the effective date of promotion.

This usually happens when a general officer is moved into a position requiring the next higher grade and his promotion is not yet effective. (ARNEWS).

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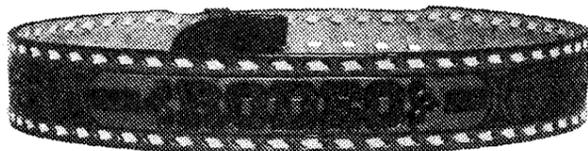
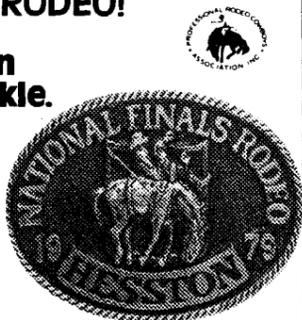
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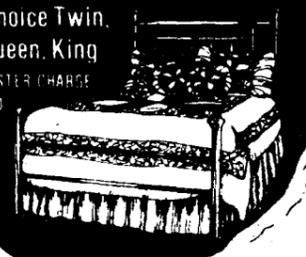
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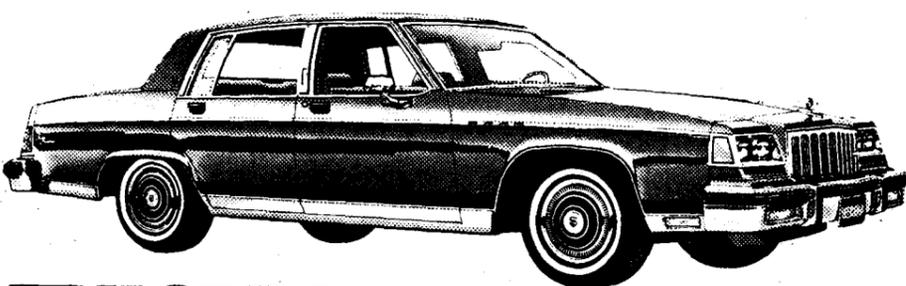
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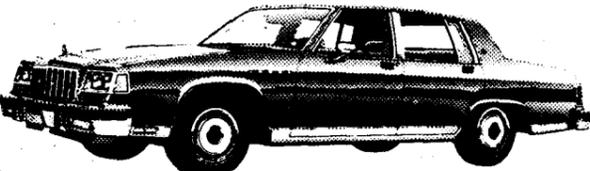
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Thrift shop 'grows on' customers, volunteers

BY DEBBIE GEHLBACH

"Anything that's a good buy goes fast."

So said Lois Thompson when she was describing the most popular items at the post Thrift Shop that she manages. And the shop's faithful customers would be the first to agree that if the thrift shop ever adopts a motto, that would be it.

"Our customers take an interest in the thrift shop," Thompson said. "It's not like going in a store. They feel at home here."

Anyone can shop there. The checkout line on a recent morning turned up one arsenal worker who came by on his lunch break to check on some of his items there and ended up buying a tire and some electrical wire. Behind him were two elderly women, their arms piled high with clothing. Another buyer was a woman who ran a flea market who visits many area thrift shops. All said they come by the thrift shop regularly.

The shop, part of Morale and Welfare, regularly makes a profit of \$6,000 which goes to Dependent Youth Activities. Nearly \$125,000 worth of goods are sold there each year.

It works like a big garage sale. Eligible sellers are all active and retired military personnel, and all current civil service employees. A maximum of 15 salable items can be taken in each Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 a.m. to 12:30. The sellers set the price, of which the shop takes ten percent. Because of increased operating costs, the shop will raise its take to 20 percent on Jan. 1, but that should also mean more money for DYA, Thompson said.

Lots of people pass through the shop when it's open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Sometimes it seems like 10,000" one volunteer said. Still, Thompson estimates the



Young shoppers make their Christmas selections at the thrift shop

shop will have close to 1,000 customers on a normal day. The crush of shoppers adds to the shop's one big problem — theft. Stickers used to tag items are easily switched and because the shop cannot assume any responsibility for loss, damage or destruction of articles left on consignment, the seller suffers the loss.

"We do have a lot of theft and we try to watch it," Thompson said. They now tag clothing with plastic tabs to cut down on theft. Volunteers working the floors helps cut down too, she said.

Nearly 30 volunteers help Thompson keep the shop running. Most of them are military wives. Some, Thompson included, were volunteers in the past when their husbands

were on active duty here. Now they've come back to Redstone to retire and have joined ranks with the thrift shop volunteers again.

Volunteering "grows on you," said one of the shop's longtime volunteers, Fran Tyra. "It's like therapy — you go home feeling great."

"It's enjoyable to work here because it's a people-oriented place. I like watching what people buy," said volunteer Margaret McBrearty.

"I started working because of the causes the money went to — and I enjoy people," said Helen Budd, shop manager from 1967 until 1970 who recently returned to Redstone — and the thrift shop.

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Senate subcommittee plans local hearing on high energy laser

A Senate subcommittee plans a hearing here early next year to learn more about the Army's high energy laser program.

Senator Howell Heflin of Alabama and other members of the Senate subcommittee on commerce, science and transportation will be in Huntsville Jan. 8. The group will begin hearings this week in Washington. At least one closed session there is planned when DoD representatives discuss military research on laser weapons.

MICOM manages the Army high energy effort which has as its objective investigation of possible weapon applications.

Spokesmen for the Senate subcommittee said NASA and Department of Energy people would probably also testify during the Huntsville session. He said the subcommittee was interested in laser weapons research and on possible uses of lasers as sources of energy.

There is research under way on energy source applications but the Army here is not involved in that work.

Whether or not local Army witnesses would be expected to testify in open session is also not yet known. Much of the Army laser work is classified.

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to Paul Hancock, Redstone facilities engineer. Hancock requested that family housing residents turn off an equivalent amount of household lighting or appliances to help continue the arsenal's energy conservation program. Only one lighting display for each residence will be allowed, he said.

Soldiers launch two Pershings

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Pershing missile tests for this year were completed with two successful launches carried out by U.S. soldiers.

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The launches were conducted by Europe-based U.S. Army troops, in conjunction with testing sponsored by White Sands.

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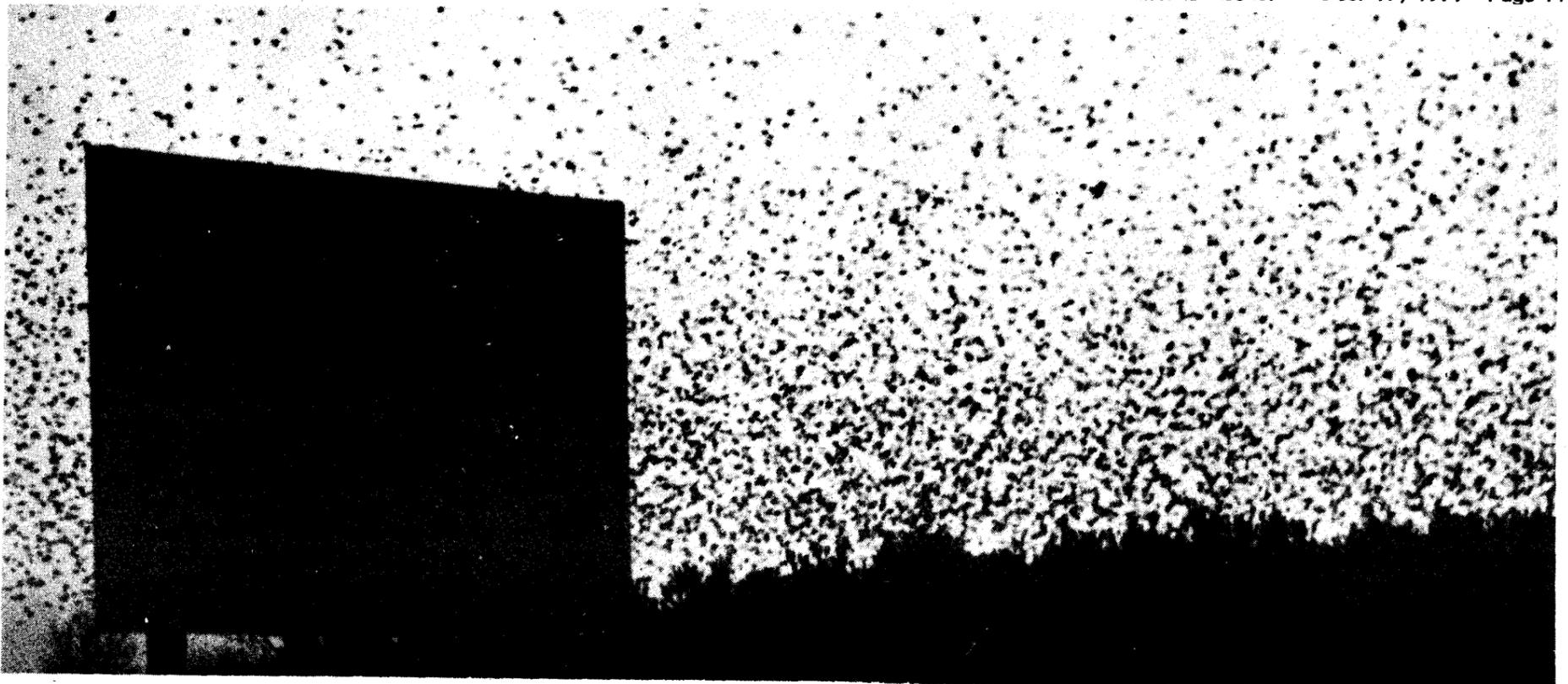


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Bothersome

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"It looks like rain's coming down on the surface of the water when they fly over," said a faithful duck hunter who's afield on the arsenal early most mornings.

"We passed under them on the way home the other night and about 15 cut loose. There was crap on the hood, roof, windows and even running down the side of the car," said an arsenal worker who uses Gate 9.

The birds distract drivers, according to Sp4 Paul Holcomb, an MP who has worked Gate 9 in late afternoon. "They (drivers) stop their cars, take their eyes off the road and just don't pay attention to their driving", he said. Another problem for the MPs is that "plenty of bird crap lands on the cars . . . when we're patrolling the area, big splotches of it get on the windshield — so much that if you don't have fluid on your windshield washer, you have to stop you car and clean it off so you can see", said Holcomb.

Golfers also complain about the birds, "They're roosting between two holes on the course", one said.

"I don't know what the potential for disease is but the golfers are worried. Of course the smell is atrocious."

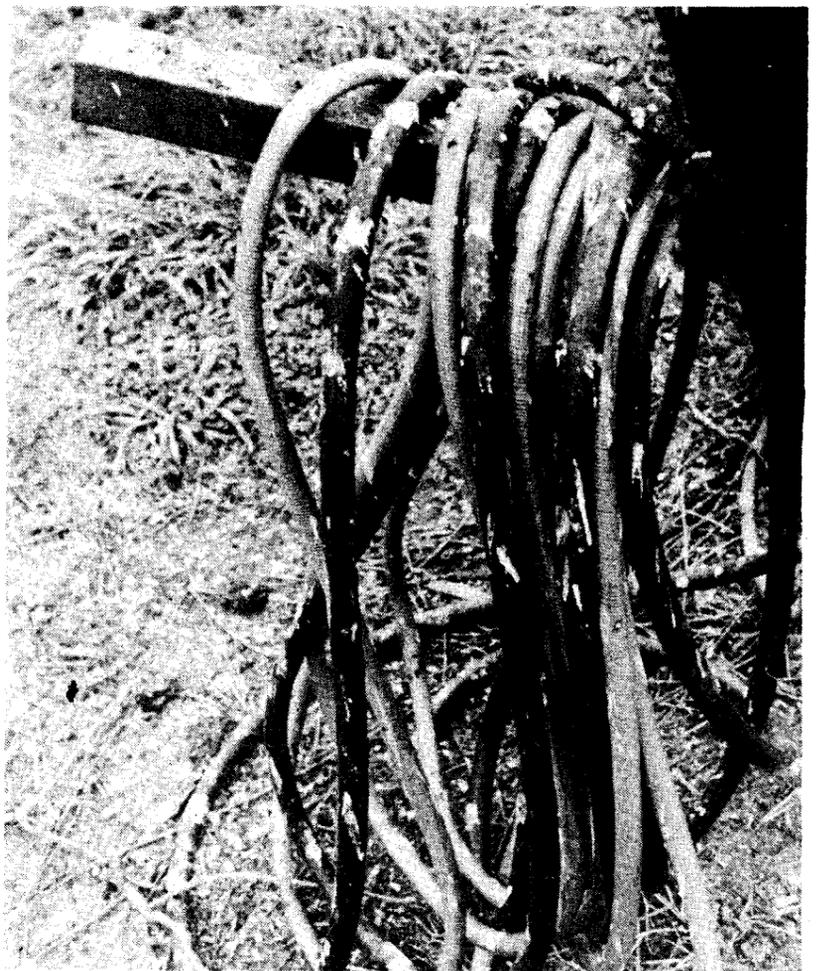
"I won't even go after a ball if it's hit into the thicket", another golfer said.

Some facilities near the birds' roosting area, such as Fox Army Hospital and the Space and Rocket Center, report no problems with the birds.

But there's one person who's noticed the birds, and doesn't mind having them around. Pvt. 2 Harold Greene, an MP at Gate 9, says in some ways the birds make his job more pleasant.

"You get to meet a lot of nice people who stop to ask about them", Greene said. The words had no sooner left his mouth than a car stopped near the gate. The driver, who said she was a bird-watcher, started talking excitedly to Greene.

"Yes, if you clap your hands together twice — like gunfire — the birds will form a circle and dance around you", she said, as she and Greene clapped their hands and peered skyward



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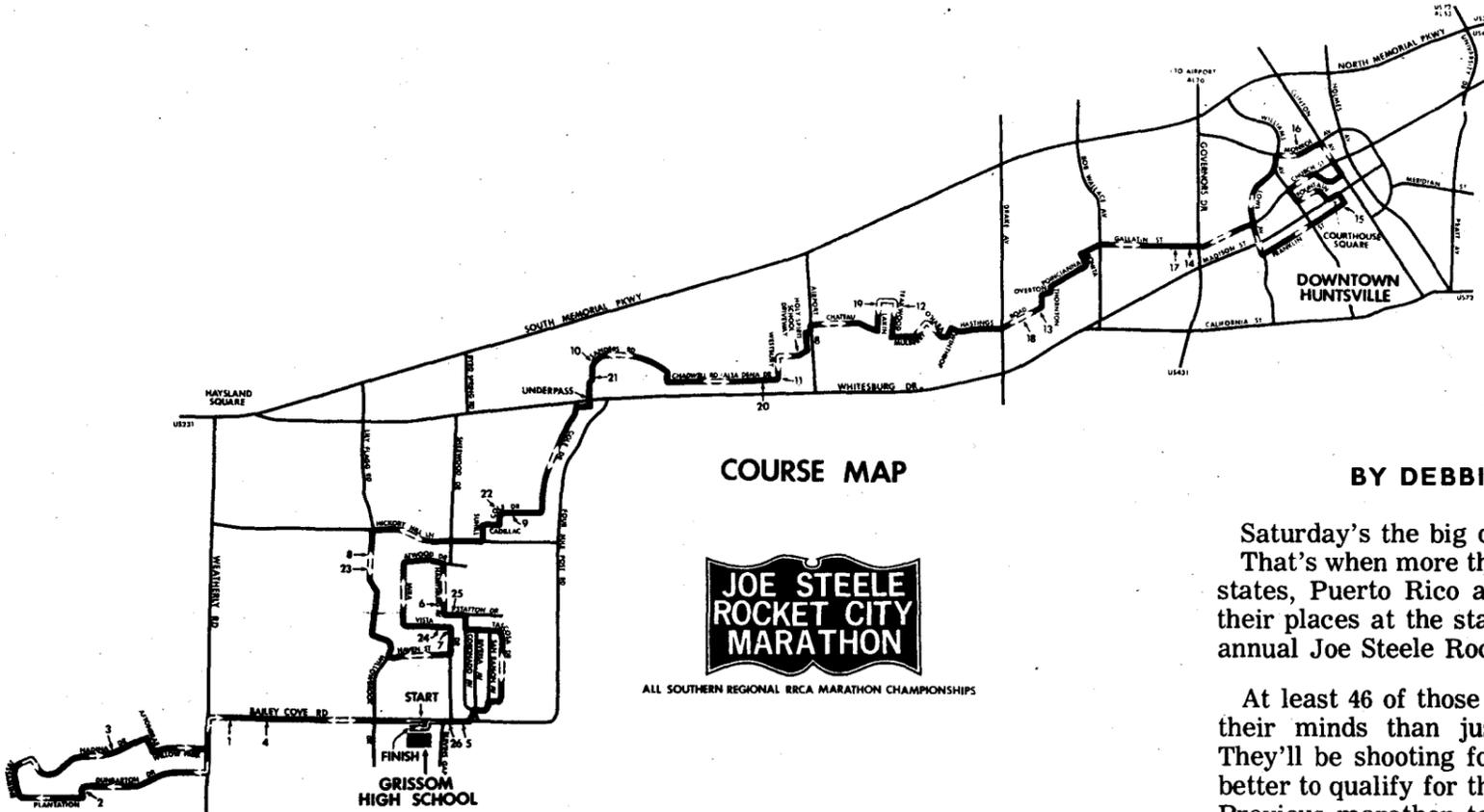


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BY DEBBIE GEHLBACH

Saturday's the big day.

That's when more than 900 runners from 18 states, Puerto Rico and Germany will take their places at the starting line for the third annual Joe Steele Rocket City Marathon.

At least 46 of those runners have more on their minds than just finishing the race. They'll be shooting for a time of 2:21:54 or better to qualify for the USA Olympic Trials. Previous marathon top finishers Steve Bolt, Ed Leddy, Michael Ham and England's Ron Hill will be in competition with the likes of Wesley Paul, world record holder for the marathon in the 9-year age group, and Lou "Doc" Gregory, 77, a 1932 Olympian from Pensacola, Florida.

There will be a good field of local runners too, as 138 Huntsville residents are entered in the race. More than 30 of those runners are associated with Redstone Arsenal. Among that group are young and old runners, some seasoned marathoners and many attempting their first 26 mile run.

Why run a marathon?

"To prove to myself that I can do it. It's an ego thing," said Chris Thurner of the legal office, who's attempting his first marathon since taking up running 22 months ago.

"For the challenge of it," said one of the older Redstone entrants, John Mumaugh, 53, of R & D. A charter member of the Huntsville Track Club, Mumaugh has trained for the Huntsville marathon twice before, but did not compete because of injuries. He's been training again for his still-to-be-run first marathon.

Capt. Leo Martinez of the trail defense service says, "It's an 'it's there' sort of thing" that's making him try his first marathon. He's



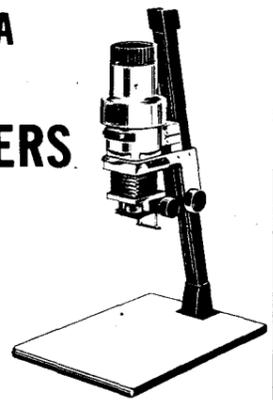
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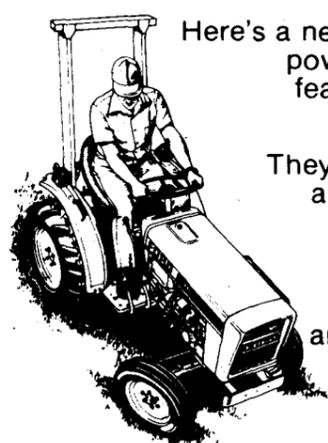
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Stone runners ready for the big Rocket City race

been running for 15 years and has been preparing by running 55 to 60 miles a week.

Another arsenal worker attempting his first marathon is Capt. Jay Troy of Missile Intelligence.

"My goal is to get across the finish line on my own power," Troy said. He began running last February in Redstone's Run for Your Life program, enjoyed the progress he saw himself making, and began running 30 miles a week to train for the marathon. He's increased that distance to 70 miles a week but cautiously says, "I'll wait until after the marathon to see if I want to run again."

"It's a goal you can set for yourself and can attain. It takes a real effort but I feel anybody can do it if they devote the time to it," said Don Hankins of the legal office. Hankins ran in last year's marathon, which he likened to a "big running party."

Some of the Redstone entrants are veterans of several marathons. Gary Gee of Missile Intelligence will be pushing for a time of 2:45 in this marathon, his ninth. SSgt. Jack Durkin, post gym facilities manager, has run several marathons, including Boston, since his first, last year's Rocket City marathon.

Redstone can also lay claim to some military offspring entered in the marathon. Mary Bisch, 14 daughter of Col. Frederick and Mitzi Bisch of Procurement and Production, will be running her first marathon Saturday. Bisch is a member of the cross country team at Grissom High School.

For two brothers — Jeff, age 9, and Eric Gates, age 10, this will be their second marathon. The boys took up running with their father, Maj. Richard Gates, two years ago because it was something the family could do together. This fall, they have trained with the help of their mother, Marsha, since their dad was sent to Korea. He'll be home on leave this Saturday to watch the race.



These and many other Redstone running enthusiasts will be a part of the run which has the distinction of being the first marathon to be run in Alabama. The 26 mile, 385 yard race will follow the new course shown here, which begins and ends at Grissom High School in southeast Huntsville. The new course winds almost entirely through residential neighborhoods, eliminating long, lonely stretches for the runners and providing a flat course with a maximum elevation deviation of 70 feet.

That flat course combined with ideal weather could make the Joe Steele Rocket

City Marathon the third top contributor to the Olympic Trials. By September, 104 runners had become qualified for the trials, primarily through two races — 44 from the Boston Marathon and 43 from the NIKE-Oregon race. Forty six Olympic hopefuls will be going for their times here.

Running's sustained popularity is reflected in the ever increasing number of marathons conducted in the U.S. Of the 275 marathons that will be run this year, only three were in existence in 1950. Ten years ago, there were 44 but by 1978, all 50 states had a marathon listed in racing schedules.

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HHC collects Commander's Cup

BY RAY ROWDEN

The '78-'79 company level sports program officially ended yesterday when MICOM Headquarters and Headquarters Company received the Post Commander's All-Sports Trophy.

Usually referred to as the Commander's Cup, the trophy is awarded to the company accumulating the most points through competition in seven sports during the year.

HHC collected four post titles in their drive to the top this year. They took championships in bowling, softball, tennis and racquetball. Each championship added 25 points to their season total of 409.7.

The remaining post titles went to runner up Company B (368 points) in volleyball and third

place Company A (312 points) in basketball and flag football.

HHC fielded the only undefeated team of the year. Their softball team set an astonishing mark of 32 consecutive victories and the tennis squad never suffered defeat in the post tournament. There was no regular season tennis competition.

Although the second, third and fourth places in the standings switched after almost every sport, HHC maintained the lead they gained from the basketball season throughout the year. Co. A, the 95th Service Company, Co. B, the 8th Student Company and the 291st MP Company each held the second spot at one time or another, but the top spot always belonged to HHC.

1st Sgt. Dieter Post said HHC was trying for the Commander's Cup from the beginning of the season and that they are proud of winning the award. But he didn't think that winning was the most important aspect of the sports program.

"I think the best thing about the sports program is that it helps get the company together and get to know each other. Our

company has more than 650 people assigned as permanent party.

"People from HHC work in 32 different duty sections scattered all over post. It's hard to get them together on paper, much less in person. And the amount of spectator support we had leads me to believe that our success in the sports program raised the morale. Personally, whether I was on the team or just cheering, it was a lot of fun."

He added that HHC probably has the talent on hand to win every year. "This year it just happened to jell. It took the concerted effort of a lot of people, but we pulled it off."

HHC has not won the Commander's Cup since the '73-'74 season, but now that they have it, they want to keep it. Athletic and Recreation NCO, Sp5 Bill Gaffney is confident they can.

"We have a lot of excellent athletes, and we get good support. I think we'll be tough again next year," he said. "I'm really confident that we'll take the softball championship again next year. Besides myself, we expect John Powell, Prentiss Thomas, Ted Gerard, Arthur Young and Gerome Garth of last year's team to return next season.

"We're looking forward to it."

MICOM wins soccer tourney

MICOM Special Troops went undefeated in four games to win Redstone's soccer championship for 1979.

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BUS 152	Business Mathematics	M-W	5-7:30
BUS 281	Accounting II Section I	M-W	5-7:30
BUS 396	Corporate Finance	M-W	7:30-10
PSY 101	General Psychology	M-W	7:30-10
PSY 320	Tests and Measurements	M-W	5-7:30
MA 350	Statistics Section I	M-W	7:30-10
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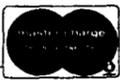
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Sun Bowl sets Bradley tribute

WASHINGTON — The sun bowl game at El Paso on Dec. 22 will include a military tribute to General of the Army Omar N. Bradley during half-time.

The game will pit 11th ranked Texas against 13th ranked Washington. Both teams have 9-2 records.

The ceremonies scheduled for the pre-game show and for half-time will serve as the "centerpiece" of the Army's campaign to increase public awareness of the need and value of service to our country, according to Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer.

The pre-game show is slated to include a parachute jump into the stadium by the Army's Golden Knights. The Knights will carry in the American flag during the playing of the national anthem.

The half-time show will begin with a joint-

service march with colors and will feature the presentation of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal to Bradley.

Bradley has dedicated his entire life to service to his country. While best known for his service as a troop commander during World War II, he has served in many key public positions since the war. From August 1945 to December 1947, Bradley was Administrator of Veterans Affairs. He then served as Chief of Staff of the Army until he served through the Korean conflict.

In Oct. 1949 Bradley was also appointed as the first chairman of the military committee of NATO.

More recently he has served on the president's committee for employment of the physically handicapped and the U.S. wheel chair sports fund.

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Officials say the soldier must ask for a 'pregnancy deferment' at his home station. Some soldiers are waiting until they out-process from their old unit and go on PCS leave to ask for a deferment, an official pointed out.

Requests for pregnancy deferments sub-

mitted after the soldier has left his unit are only considered in emergency situations, the official stressed.

Pregnant women soldiers who receive overseas orders must also request a pregnancy deferment through the installation commander. Their orders will be changed or canceled since pregnant soldiers are not normally sent overseas.

Those who want to go overseas must ask for an exception to policy from Milpercen. Usually, officials say, exceptions are granted for women in the early stages of pregnancy. Exceptions will not be made, however, for women on orders to unaccompanied short tour areas.

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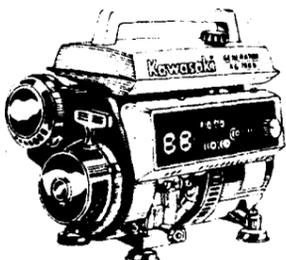
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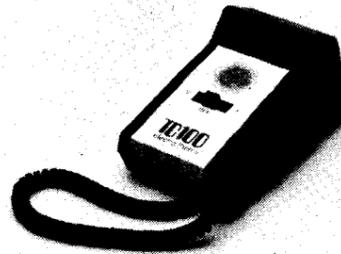
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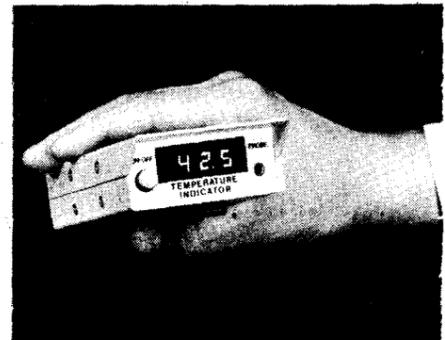
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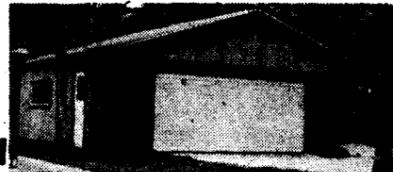
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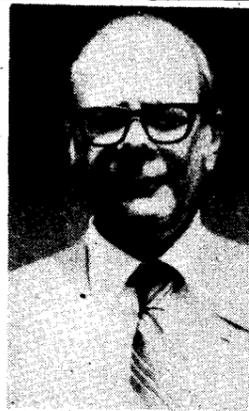


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WASHINGTON — An increase in clothing allowance rates retroactive to Oct. 1 has been approved, according to Army Finance Officials, who anticipate the new rates will appear in the Dec. end of month pay.

The monthly basic maintenance allowance for male soldiers has increased from \$5.10 to \$5.70 and from \$6.90 to \$7.50 for women. Soldiers begin receiving this allowance after their first six months of service.

The monthly standard clothing allowance which soldiers begin receiving after three years service is increasing from \$7.20 to \$8.10 for men, and from \$9.90 to \$10.80 for women. New rates have also been set for civilian

clothing allowances authorized for soldiers on special assignments requiring civilian clothing. These soldiers receive a one time 'lump sum' payment in addition to the regular monthly allowance.

Soldiers authorized in allowance for both winter and summer civilian clothing will now receive \$627 instead of \$580. Those receiving an allowance for either winter or summer civilian clothing will now receive \$405 instead of \$375.

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Announcements

Mechanical engineers meet

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will meet at Michael's Restaurant on Dec. 13. Dr. Robert Seitz will speak on "Strategy for Improving an Engineer's Lot in Today's Economy." Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and the speech at 8. For further information, call Michael Morrison, 882-8222.

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Control Systems Society to meet

The Control Systems Society will have a luncheon meeting Friday at the Officers' Club. Their speaker will be Frank J. Nola of MSFC, who will discuss his latest invention, the "Power Factor Control System for AC Induction Motors," which could save from 10 to 20 percent of the electricity now used by electric motors. The program will follow a social at 11 a.m. and lunch at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Mary Campbell 876-3120 or Steve McKay 876-8131.

Holiday hours for cafeterias

The holiday schedule for arsenal is as follows: Cafeterias in buildings 4505, 8027, 7101 and 5678 will close the afternoon of Dec. 19. and will reopen Jan. 2. During the 20th and 21st the mobile unit will stop at these locations. Cafeterias in buildings 5250, 4488, 5681 and 5400 will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 21 and will open Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. for full operation.

Christmas dinner will be served in all cafeterias on Dec. 18. Cafeterias are taking orders on turkey and ham to go. All orders must be picked up by noon Dec. 21.

Protestant women meet tomorrow

The Heartsongs, a singing group directed by Virginia Pettit, will perform at the December meeting of the Protestant Women of the Chapel tomorrow. The meeting will be at 12:45 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 376. For more information or a ride, call Sandy Martin, 837-4276 or Renee Henderson, 837-0506.

Aetna agent to be here Dec. 12

Aetna insurance representative Doris Gilliland will be on post to answer questions about Aetna health insurance from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in room 50, Bldg. 7442 on Dec. 12. Gilliland will not be at the arsenal on Dec. 26, when she was originally scheduled to come.

Astronomical society open house

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an open house and "Star Party" on Friday at 7 p.m. at the society's observatory grounds at Monte Sano State Park. The party will include the showing of a planetarium show "Einstein's Universe" and, weather permitting, the society's 21-inch telescope will be open for public viewing. For more information, call Gert Schmitz at 876-7018.

Government accountants to meet

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Officers Club. Social hour will be at 11 a.m., dinner and business meeting to follow. Guest Speaker Brig. Gen. Max W. Noah, commander of Huntsville Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will talk about resource management.

For reservations call Fred Agee, 876-7514, or Eckford Jones, 876-1366.

Dental clinic holiday schedule

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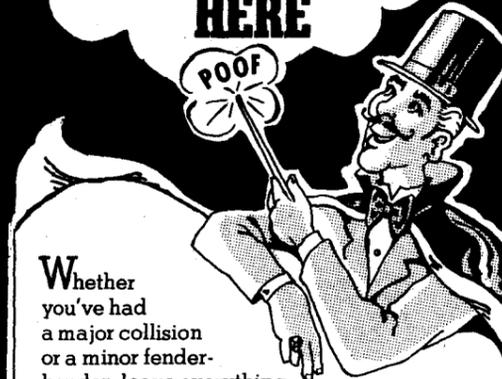
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