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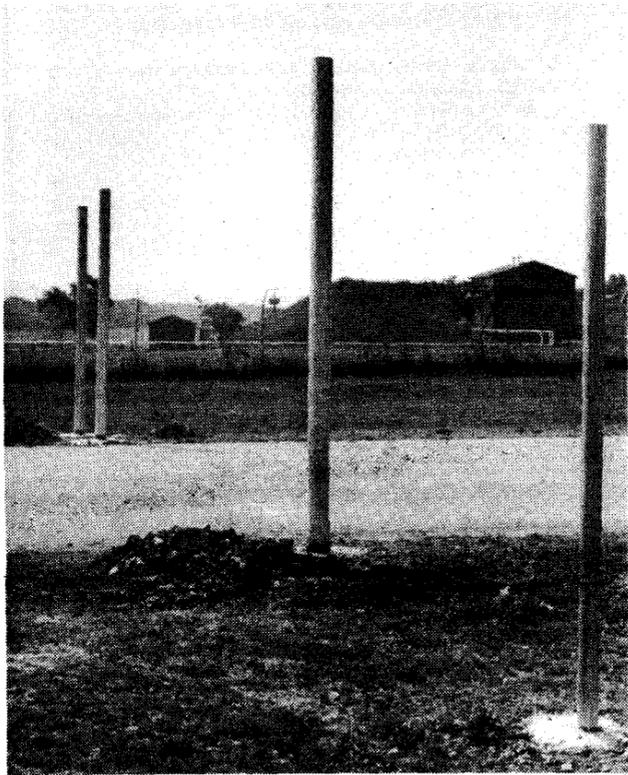
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Line Road to be closed soon



GATE POSTS are in place on Line Road in preparation for closing it.

A portion of Line Road and all of Matthews Road on the arsenal fall within the safety fan of the new "Thiokol south" propellant facility and will be closed soon.

Matthews Road which borders the old Rohm and Haas area to the south and leads to Gate 2 will be closed completely to traffic. Gates will be placed across Line Road to prevent traffic passing along the west side of the new propellant facility.

No firm date has been set for closing the roads, but it will coincide with Thiokol's expected opening of the new facility late this month or early in August.

The facility will produce minimum smoke missile propellants for use by the Army and other military services.

Ben Woodham, arsenal forester and land manager, said the new facility has also resulted in the termination of two agricultural leases — one for grazing and one for hay crop — on 130 acres. Two additional leases have been restricted so that the leasee will allowed in only twice a year to cut hay.

He said hunting in areas 41 and 42 within the safety fan will be affected "at least partially". These have

been used mostly as small game hunting areas.

As a result of the road closing, the only access to Army buildings on Line Road will be from Redstone Road to the north. The north end of Line Road will be closed near building 7574.

In all, said Woodham, the new propellant operation restricts access to about 200 acres of the arsenal but inconvenience should be small. "The only thing anyone's going to notice is that they can't use that (Line) road anymore," Woodham said. "About all it was used for was a short cut to Gate 2," he added.

The new propellant facility is part of a \$7.5 million expansion of Morton Thiokol's arsenal operation. The chemical company has been here since 1949 occupying more than 1,000 acres on the north side of Redstone Road.

For the new smokeless propellant facility, Morton Thiokol has put up several new buildings and is renovating others in the old ammunition plants area south of Redstone Road known as the Rohm and Haas area for the propellant contractor that once operated there.

DARCOM gets new commander

In a ceremony June 29 at Fort Myer, Va. Gen. Richard H. Thompson took the oath and became the eighth commander of the Army's Materiel Readiness and Development Command.

A veteran of over 39 years of enlisted and commissioned service, Thompson had been the Army's deputy chief of staff for logistics since August 1981. Recently, Thompson, 57, was asked to give two or three primary goals he would set for DARCOM as its commander. The general's answer:

"First, I intend to build upon the solid foundation that Gen. Don Keith established in executing the Army's research, development, acquisition, and logistics support processes. Second, I intend to pursue with

vigor the Army's equipment modernization program, assuring that it is accomplished on-time and within cost—we must practice cost discipline in everything that we do."

In other responses, Thompson said he:—supports a strong logistics research and development program which will assure that the capabilities of combat support forces and the CONUS sustaining base are sufficiently modernized to adequately respond to the needs of our modern combat forces. He also supports programs for improving the career development and quality of life of the DARCOM work force, both military and civilian.

Most fireworks injuries involve head and face

A 12-year-old lights the fuse of a firecracker, then tries to extinguish it with his hand. Before he can toss it away, the firecracker explodes and his hand is partially amputated.

This true incident demonstrates that the use of fireworks all too often has tragic consequences, particularly for children. The Alabama Department of Public Health warns that if you must use fireworks you should handle them only with extreme caution.

The use of fireworks of any description is prohibited on Redstone Arsenal.

During 1983 approximately 8,300 Americans were treated in hospital emergency rooms for injuries associated with fireworks, according to Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates. More than half of these preventable injuries were burns and involved head and face; including mouth, ears and eyes. Forty-five percent of the victims were under 15 years of age; 73 percent were under 25.

A particular concern this year is the sale of mail order kits and components for making fireworks. Some of the contents of these kits can produce

dangerous explosive devices. Parents should supervise the ordering and use of these "make your own" fireworks kits or components.

Fireworks safety rules

Before you buy fireworks, make sure there is a manufacturer's label and instructions for proper use. Illegally manufactured fireworks rarely have either.

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Check instructions for special storage directions.

Never allow very young children to handle fireworks. If you permit older children to use the devices, provide adult supervision.

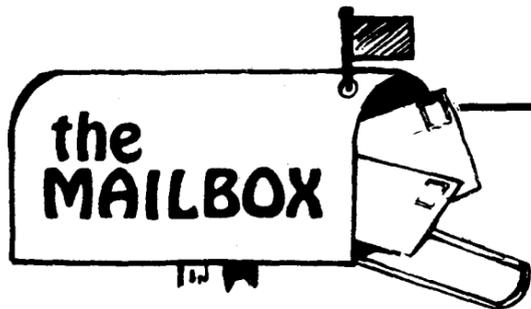
Light fireworks outdoors in a clean area which is away from house and flammable materials such as gasoline cans and dry brush.

Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergency use and for dousing fireworks that do not ignite. Do not

try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.

Never light fireworks in a container, especially one made of glass or metal. Make sure other people are out of the range before lighting fireworks.

Remember, fireworks are not toys. They are illegal in many areas, so check with your local fire or police department before purchasing them. The Alabama Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of fireworks, but if you choose to use them be sure to exercise caution. The use of fireworks of any description is prohibited on Redstone Arsenal.



Safety belts

Editor:

The U.S. Government, Department of Army and MICOM are taking off on another safety drive. This time it's safety belts. You "will" wear them or be ticketed or refused entrance to the base etc.

It's another case of "Damn the torpedoes, full speed

ahead". My father used to tell a story about a town situated on a cliff that had problems with people going over the edge. They wanted to buy an ambulance to put down in the valley and everyone jumped on the bandwagon until one intelligent person asked why they didn't put a fence around the cliff edge.

Safety belts are the ambulance in the valley and safe driving, tickets for speeding and reckless driving, and vehicle inspection are the fence at the top of the cliff.

My daughter is alive today because she wasn't wearing a seat belt when the car flipped and was crushed just after she was thrown out. I do know that seat belts can save much injury, but a command-built "fence" to stop accidents would prevent many more.

Graydon K. Parker
Missile Intelligence Agency

This month in history

- 43 years ago:** The Office of the Quartermaster General issued the original construction authorization for the Huntsville Arsenal (July 1941).
- 41 years ago:** Redstone Arsenal won its second Army-Navy "E" Production Award for high achievements in the manufacture of war material (July 17, 1943).
- 35 years ago:** The Huntsville Arsenal ceased to exist as a separate Chemical Corps installation (July 1, 1949). Acting in a caretaker capacity, Redstone Arsenal, with 450 former Chemical Corps personnel, proceeded with the disposal of surplus and salvage property and the transfer of installed property to the District Engineer for disposal action. (Nine months later, the "for sale" sign was removed and the Huntsville Arsenal installation was consolidated with Redstone Arsenal.)
- 33 years ago:** Following the entry of the United States into the Korean War in August 1950, the four ammunition production lines not occupied by Thiokol and Rohm & Haas were reactivated from standby status and resumed production (July 1951).
- 28 years ago:** The Ammunition Division—Redstone Arsenal's oldest mission agency—was abolished (July 1, 1956). Between July 1951 and July 1956, the division's four production lines produced 38, 740, 968 complete rounds of chemical artillery ammuni-

- tion. The arsenal's ammunition loading mission was transferred to the Lone Star Ordnance Plant.
- 26 years ago:** A Jupiter C missile placed Explorer IV in orbit (July 26, 1958).
- 25 years ago:** The first Lacrosse battalion was activated at Fort Sill, Okla. (July 1, 1959).
- 24 years ago:** Formal ceremonies held at building 4488 marked the official transfer of ABMA's space-related missions to NASA and the opening of NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center at Redstone Arsenal (July 1, 1960).
- 15 years ago:** The last Hawk unit was withdrawn from Vietnam (July 1969).
- 11 years ago:** The installation railway system was discontinued and approved for disposal (July 1973).
- 7 years ago:** The Sergeant weapon system was declared obsolete (July 18, 1977).
- 5 years ago:** The Missile Materiel Readiness Command and Missile Research and Development Command were abolished and their missions and personnel were merged into the reactivated Missile Command (July 1, 1979).
- 2 years ago:** The TMDE Support Group became a separate activity reporting directly to the DARCOM deputy commanding general for materiel readiness (July 11, 1982).

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Red dye in stream will show how fast water flows

The waters of Huntsville Spring Branch on the arsenal will run red this weekend — with something called Rhodamine WT dye.

The dye will be injected in the creek at various points by Tennessee Valley Authority which is assisting the Olin Corp. in a study of DDT contamination in arsenal streams.

The TVA group will measure the stream's velocity by timing the movement of the dye downstream to Triana. "If you know the velocity of the stream you can make a prediction on sediment transport and DDT transport would be in relation to sediment transport," said Tom Carson of the agency's water quality branch in Chattanooga. DDT doesn't dissolve in water but adsorbs on sediment particles in the water, he explained.

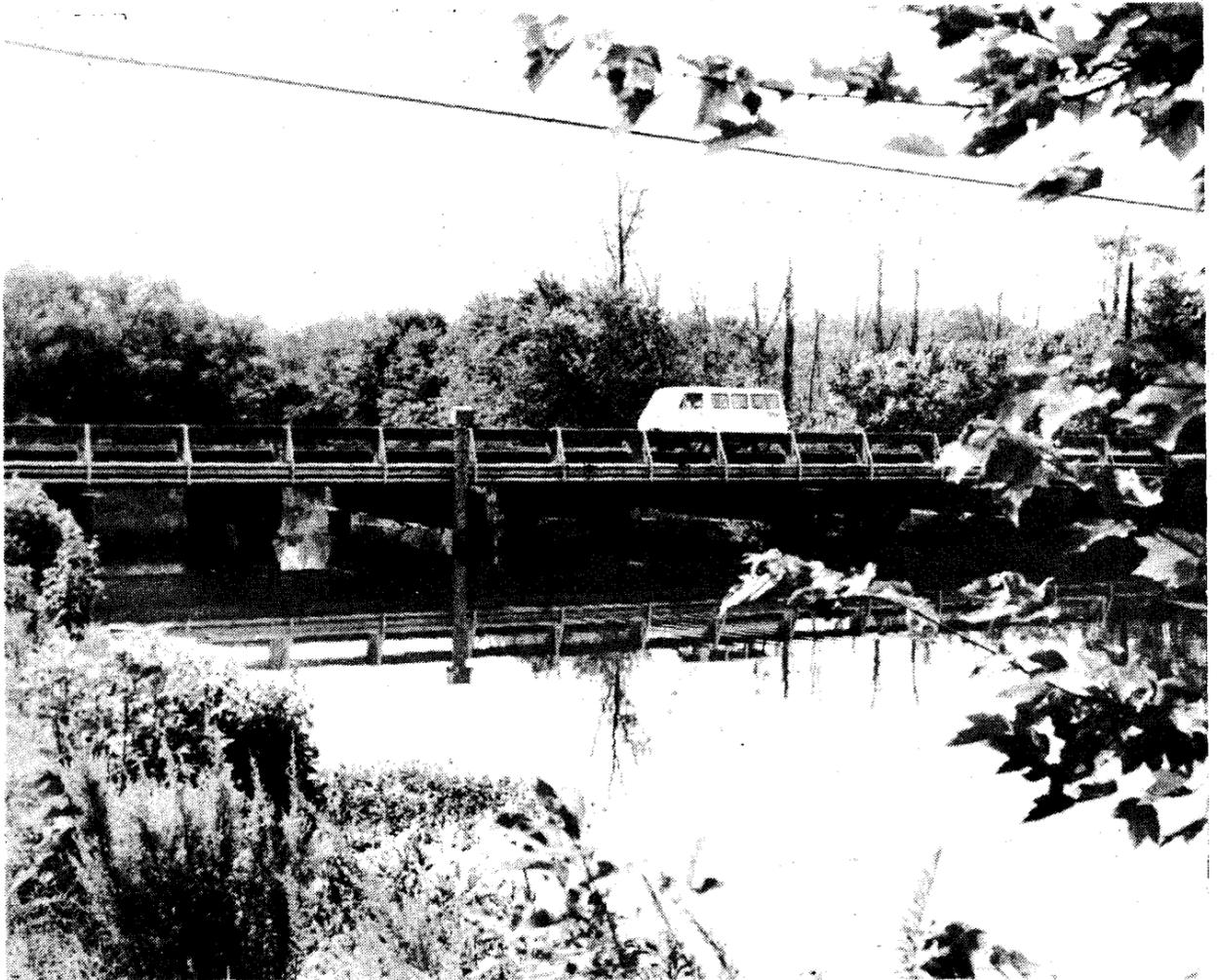
Huntsville Spring Branch contains an enormous amount of DDT, most of which is in sediment. A test has shown that the sediment is being carried downstream by the water current. The rate of transport depends on flow conditions. Olin estimates a ton of DDT each year is moving downstream from the point of heaviest contamination nearest the old factory site. Olin and its predecessor company made DDT on the arsenal for 23 years, discharging contaminated waste water into Huntsville Spring Branch.

TVA conducted a dye study here in December under winter "low pool" conditions. The repeat effort this weekend will let them measure flow rates under "high pool" conditions when currents in Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek will be slower because of the seasonal high water level in Wheeler Reservoir.

Dye will be injected into Indian Creek at Center Line Road and at other points in Huntsville Spring Branch upstream to the Patton Road Bridge.

Monitoring points will be set up to track downstream movement of the dye. "We'll be detecting the time of travel — how long it will take a slug of water to move through that studied reach," said Charles Jenkins, TVA's area engineer in Pulaski.

He said a submerged pump and fluorometer device will detect and record when the body of dye moves through the monitoring site, which is a measured distance from the upstream dye injection site. "That distance we know, so we measure the time from the point it's injected until the peak passes through the fluorometer," Jenkins said.



DYE SITE — Red dye will be injected at the Patton Road bridge and its downstream movement timed.

Stream flow rate information obtained in the dye study is for Olin's use in devising a solution to the widespread environmental contamination resulting from the DDT in the stream bed. Olin recently proposed a remedy that involves digging a bypass channel and filling in more than a mile of the contaminated stream

bed at an estimated cost of \$20 million. Olin is under a court order to solve the contamination problem.

The fluorescent red dye gives the water a muddy appearance and has "no adverse consequences to the water," said Jenkins. "But if you get the stuff on you it'll stay on for a while," he added.

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College offices, basic skill classes swap buildings

Some location changes have been made at the Education Center on post.

The basic skill education program moved from building 3222 on Snooper Road to building 3650 on Roland Road. In turn the college administrators and daytime college classes moved from building 3650 to 3222.

"The basic skill education program that we have during the day has grown so enormously due to the command emphasis on each soldier being competent in the basic skill area and also the number of soldiers eligible for the program," said Mary McGough, Redstone's director of Army education. "We simply outgrew the building. We were not able to fit in the building anymore and take care of all the students that wanted to come in."

College offices and daytime college classes were moved to provide what she called "one stop shopping." College officials are now located in the same building as education center staff so that soldiers can be counseled, tested and registered for classes in the same building.

Evening college classes remain in building 3650 and phone numbers were unchanged. Colleges on post include Columbia, Calhoun and Athens State.

"It'll be beneficial in that it'll be one stop shopping. When the soldier comes in he sees the education counselor first. The counselor discusses with him all the programs that are available and if he wants to take an onpost college program, he just goes down the hall and registers," McGough said. "Before he had to get back in his car and drive to 3650."

The change should shorten the amount of time a soldier is away from work, the education director said. She believes last week's moving also benefits the basic skill education program which has "more room and better learning conditions."

There are two reasons for the growth of this program, according to Pat Peake, program manager for

basic skill education. BSEP II grew for permanent party soldiers because of an emphasis on General Technical scores, she said. Soldiers now need an 80 on their skill qualification test and/or 100 General Technical score on the Armed Forces Classification Test. BSEP I grew with the addition of certain soldiers here for training whose GT scores are under 100 and whose skill levels in reading and math are under eighth

grade level, she said. The total BSEP program has around 125 people.

"It has grown from approximately 40 people this time last year to around 125 now and we outgrew our classroom space," Peake said.

The move to building 3650 means eight classrooms instead of four, a larger testing room, and more administrative space.

Fatal wreck photographs show seat belts work

A senior commander at Redstone is convinced seat belts save lives and last week shared that belief with the people who work for him.

Col. Dahl Cento, deputy post commander, held a series of safety meetings last Tuesday and Wednesday for more than 1,600 civilian workers in Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and soldiers in Headquarters Company.

He stressed safety at work, at home and on the road and showed a Chrysler Corp. seat belt safety film depicting car crashes. He also showed slides of two cars that crashed into each other on Hansen Road resulting in a fatality.

The interior of the car in which the fatality occurred

was damaged from being battered by an unrestrained human body while the inside of the other car whose driver was wearing a seat belt was undamaged.

The victim, if restrained by a seat belt and shoulder harness, "would have been saved for sure," said Cento, "I'm convinced of that," since the passenger compartment was undamaged in the collision except for where the unrestrained victim was thrown around.

He said people can help make Redstone Arsenal a safer place for themselves and their co-workers by driving carefully, wearing seat belts and taking the time to work safely and, when they observe what may be a hazardous situation, by personally taking action to correct it.

Army has guidelines on lightweight uniform wear

Redstone is one of 13 posts in the United States where the Army has authorized soldiers to purchase and wear Vietnam-era jungle fatigues (OG 107) as an optional field or utility uniform until Sept. 30, 1986 when the new hot weather battle dress uniform will be available.

The OG 107 uniform is authorized for year round wear by all male and female soldiers within guidelines set by the Army.

DA said trainees in initial entry training are not authorized to buy or wear the OG 107 uniform. Drill sergeants are not authorized to wear it.

The BDU cap is the only item of headgear authorized for wear with the OG 107 uniform at Redstone.

Guidance on the purchase and wear of the OG 107 uniform here is contained in a DF issued by the MICOM chief of staff June 22.



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Customers may either return the entire unit to their local exchange for replacement or refund or call Loudi collect at (214) 363-6984 for replacement blade holders.

The defect has been identified only in Loudi fan model PAP-52AB which has been in exchanges and commercial stores since the first of the year. (Arnews)

Army announces more BDU changes

WASHINGTON—The requirement that active duty soldiers own four sets of temperate battle dress uniforms has been changed to make room for two mandatory sets of new hot-weather versions of the uniform.

Officials of the Army's Soldier Policy Division also announced six improvements to the basic temperate BDU that includes a smaller collar, reversed breast pocket billows, increased underarm room and take-up tabs on the coat.

Buttons on both the coat and the trousers were moved in the revisions, officials said.

The hot weather BDU, which also incorporates the

changes, was approved for clothing bag issue starting October 1985. Active duty soldiers will be required to own two sets, the first by October 1986 and the second October 1987.

Active duty soldiers are now required to own only two sets of the temperate version.

Reserve soldiers will have three sets of BDU's with the number of each type scheduled for announcement separately by the Army national guard and reserve chiefs.

The requirement for active duty soldiers to own two BDU field jackets by October 1986 remains firm. (Arnews)

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Alabama veterans group elects Redstone worker

A worker at the golf course here has been elected third in command of a veterans group in Alabama.

Gerald Brock, greenskeeper foreman, was chosen junior vice commander of the Department of Alabama Veterans of Foreign Wars at the group's annual convention June 24 in Birmingham.

"I feel it's a great honor that the comrades of the

state of Alabama saw fit to elect me as their junior vice commander," said Brock, 48. He will deal mainly with the group's community service programs.

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

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"It gives the customer a lot of information on various policies and procedures," said Robert Davis, manager of the Redstone exchange.

Customers can pick up the free pocket-sized folders from racks at the customer service area at the rear of the store here. "I encourage customers to pick up one when they visit the exchange because they answer many questions that may arise when they're home," Davis said.

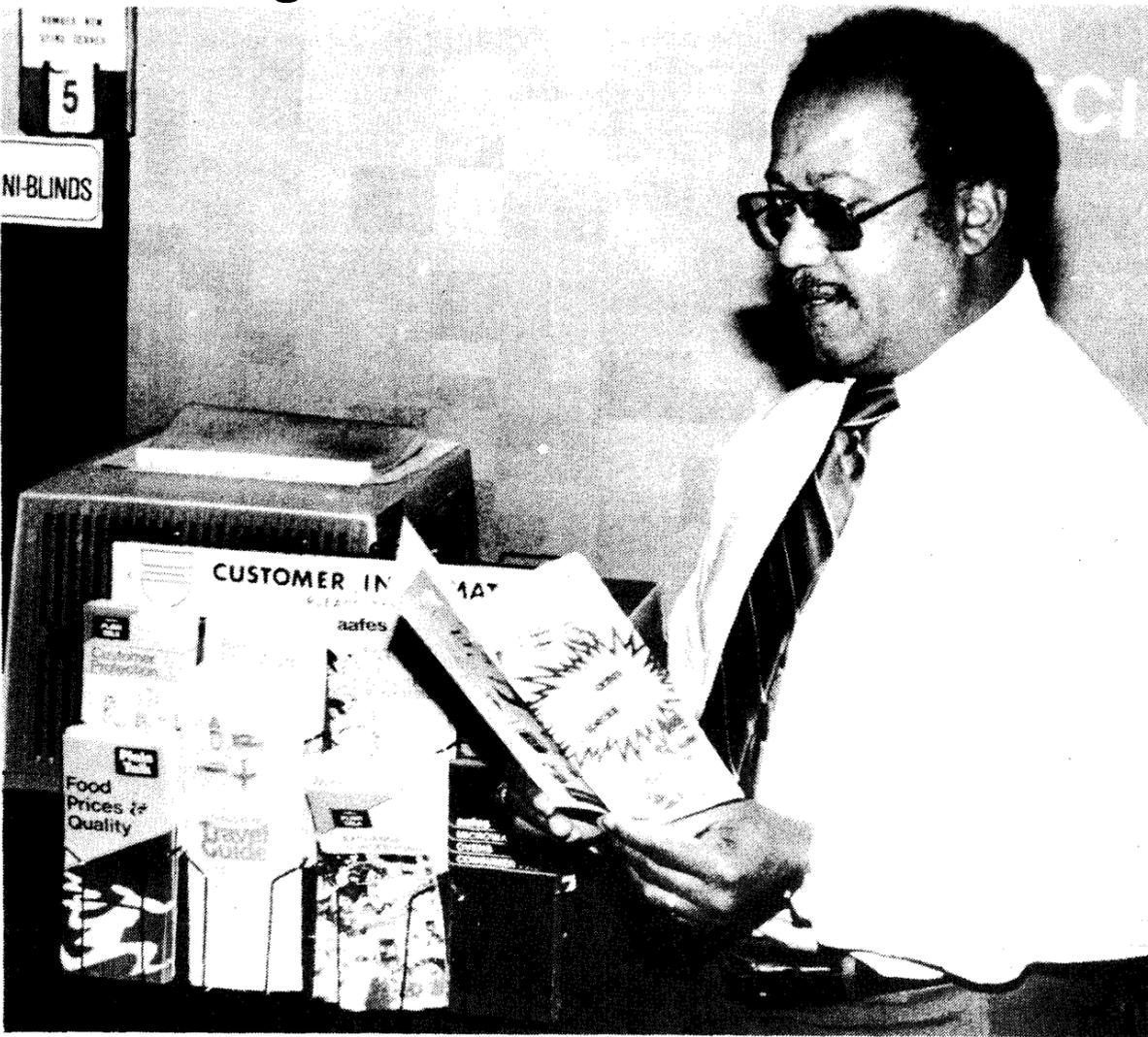
The folders are put out by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and are available at AAFES main stores around the world. They are updated based on changes in policy and procedure, according to Davis. The "Plain Talk" series has been around for years.

"I think it's well received by our customers. I think it's very informative," Davis said. "In many cases it's self explanatory. It answers questions that customers don't have to pick up a phone and ask about. It informs them prior to coming to the exchange about policy and procedures."

The folders can save the customer time and be a source of information when questions arise, he added.

Another form of customer service at the exchange is the weekly flyers available in the front entrance of the shopping mall. These inform patrons about sales at the store.

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Grand jury indicts two former employees

MONTGOMERY — A federal grand jury last week indicted two former MICOM civilian engineers.

The U.S. Attorney's office said Dr. Victor William Ruwe was indicted on 10 counts of defrauding the government of more than \$4,000 by arranging to have an Alabama firm bill the government for material that he allegedly took for his personal use.

A second indictment charging one count of violation of conflict of interest laws was returned against Richard A. Kottler.

Both men formerly worked in the Manufacturing Technology Division of the Army Missile Lab at MICOM.

Ruwe resigned in October 1982. Kottler resigned last July.

FOG-M second shot right on target

FOG-M, the Army Missile Lab's new fiber optic-guided missile, scored another hit June 30 in its second flight test.

As it did in its first test April 21, the missile flew several kilometers down Range 1, gave its gunner a bird's eye view of several tanks spread out in the impact area, then responded to commands, picked out one and dove almost straight down for a hit.

In this shot, the missile's low cost television seeker was fitted with a zoom lens.

The image from the missile seeker is relayed to a remote gunner's station through a hair-thin fiber strand that spools out of the missile as it flies. Guidance commands from the ground station are sent through the same link.

And as in the earlier test, MICOM engineers said the fiber optic link worked perfectly.

Major contracts awarded for Hellfire missiles

MICOM awarded major contracts to two companies last week to build complete Hellfire laser-guided missiles.

Previously, Rockwell International built the missile and Martin Marietta made the laser seeker used in the missile. Under the dual source arrangement now in effect, both companies will build complete rounds and compete for future production with the winner to

receive the larger share of the production award.

The awards made June 29 were:

Rockwell: \$109 million to produce 2,776 tactical rounds and \$1.5 million to produce 66 training rounds.

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Dental volunteer trains others who donate time

BY SKIP VAUGHN

For Sally Shepard volunteer work at the dental clinic here is more than just a way to stay busy.

She gets to do work she enjoys and the clinic gets the benefit of her time. Shepard is chairman of the Red Cross dental volunteers.

"I do this because I enjoy it, it's sort of a hobby for me," she says. Shepard does dental hygiene work, such as cleaning teeth, and trains other volunteers. She was doing dental work three days a week but cut her time to one day a week for the summer.

Shepard trains new volunteers in dental assisting. This generally means instructing them twice a week for two months before turning them over to a dentist. Anyone interested in joining the 10 volunteers can sign up at the dental clinic, says the chairman.

"This is an exceptional place to work. They include us in everything they do. They make everything available for my teaching part to be easy," Shepard says. "We just have good teamwork here with the volunteers, staff and dentists."

She came to Redstone two and a half years ago and spent time at the dental clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital before that clinic closed in May. Col. William Cruse, the dental activity commander, nominated her for the Commander's Award for Public Service and she received the honor in a ceremony at MICOM headquarters.

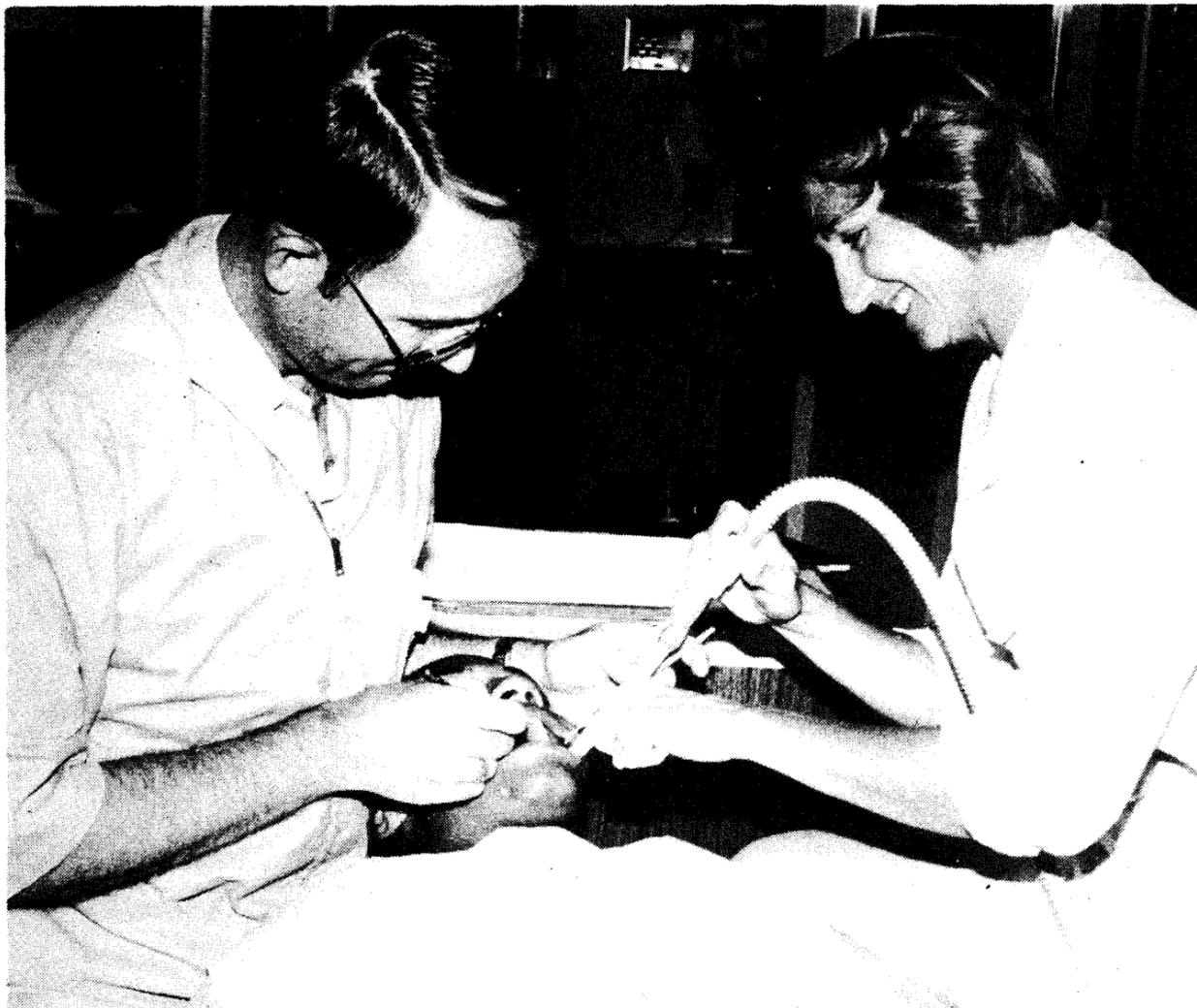
The dental activity helped Shepard earn an Alabama dental hygiene license by giving her a place to practice. One of the dentists, Capt. James Kretzschmar, sponsored her in the state program. She was a volunteer at Fort Ord, Calif. when she became a certified dental assistant in 1975. "I have really been lucky as far as people supporting me in my education," Shepard says.

The 41-year-old volunteer fits her goals to wherever she happens to move to. "My goals change whenever I move, to fit the situation. I accomplished what I wanted to here. I got my dental hygiene license," she says. "If I didn't have dental (work) someplace, I'd do something different."

She has been moving ever since she was born into a military family. Shepard was born in Baltimore but lived there only four months. She finished high school in Alaska.

Her father John Gramzow is a retired Army brigadier general and her mother Lillian, from Boston, is a former Red Cross volunteer. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla. Her brother Dick is a lieutenant colonel in the Army and her brother John manages a store in St. Petersburg.

"I've been at this dental clinic two and a half years but I was chairman of volunteers in Turkey and then I worked as a volunteer in a couple of other places,"



HELPING THE DENTIST — Lt. Col. Bill Bechtold is assisted by Red Cross volunteer Sally Shepard.

says Shepard. "Before we came here I was teaching dental assisting as a para instructor at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores, Mich."

She and her husband Col. George Shepard, MICOM chief of staff, have two sons. Thatcher, 20, is at West Point while John, 19, attends Jacksonville (Ala.) State University. Her hobbies include outdoor

sports and taking care of her dog Shane, an Irish setter who she says is spoiled.

Volunteer work at the dental clinic offers her a way to keep up with dentistry and at the same time serve the community, Shepard says.

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POW pilot gets medal after 40 years —

BY ED PETERS

At age 19, Nathaniel G. Raley was a trained fighter pilot and at 20 was flying in combat. At age 21, he was leader of a fighter squadron, veteran of aerial dogfights and bombing and strafing runs and was only three missions shy of 50, the magic number that would have ended his combat tour, had not a fateful 48th mission that inflicted heavy damage on an enemy position also landed the young flier in the hands of the Nazis.

At age 61, Raley finally received the Distinguished Flying Cross he earned on that final mission but was unable to collect because he was a prisoner of war. He was slated to be formally presented the decoration by Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard in a ceremony Monday afternoon at Missile Command headquarters.

Nat Raley has spent 40 years trying to get the medal that he knew he had earned but was unable until recently to extract from the military bureaucracy.

Interestingly, while he was finally awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement. . . courage and aggressiveness" on his final mission, he was awaiting the medal for an earlier mission at the time he was shot down.

That first Distinguished Flying Cross got sidetracked when his squadron lost three commanding officers in as many weeks and subsequently was forgotten after Raley's capture.

Raley began looking for his missing medal soon after he was released from prison in 1945. For years, he says, he was stonewalled by bureaucrats uninterested in helping him.

Raley began building his own case by visiting an Air Force records center in Denver and by consulting the historical documents collection at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. He learned from official records of the period that his last mission was more successful than he had realized. His squadron's war diary for the day he went down, Feb. 10, 1944, credits the squadron with "Four machine gun emplacements were shot up, 11 trucks destroyed, 1 German jeep shot up, freight cars strafed and four left burning, and 1 power unit was destroyed. Bombs were concentrated on factory, RR yards and highway. . . One P-38, thought to be Lt. Raley, was last seen on single engine and heading E towards the mountains E of Vicovaro."



RALEY TODAY—Nat Raley, retired and living in Huntsville, here Monday. was to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross in a ceremony

Raley, while knowing the target had been "plastered", wasn't aware of the full extent of the damage until later when he obtained the war diary from archives. Being the lead fighter, and nursing a crippled engine, Raley was unable to see the extent of the destruction. "I knew I had inflicted a lot of damage but didn't know how much till I read those histories," Raley says. The squadron lost four, 25 per-

cent, of its aircraft in the raid, not an unusual loss, according to Raley. Earlier, Raley had survived a six-week period in which the squadron lost 60 percent of its pilots.

Dead man's clothes

In 1976 he attended a reunion in Texas and met the



HEROES — Raley calls this photograph "Hogan's Heroes". It was made with a camera and film smuggled to them by a friendly German guard. Lacking flash, they moved all lamps in the building into Raley's room and the barracks inmates photographed each other in groups. Raley is on bottom row, third from left. At bottom left is Lowell Watts, a B-17 pilot from Colorado shot down on his 25th mission. He showed the prisoners how to butcher livestock brought by the Russians and was best man at Raley's wedding in 1950.

man who took over Raley's uniforms when the young pilot didn't return. Raley laughed when the man told him, "I thought I was wearing a dead man's clothes."

At the reunion Raley met again the squadron intelligence officer who had filed the paperwork in 1944 for the first Distinguished Flying Cross Raley was supposed to have gotten. He renewed acquaintances with the squadron adjutant who also remembered that Raley had earned the award.

With their backing, and with official documents of the period for support, Raley's claim for a Distinguished Flying Cross for his last mission was submitted. This time he didn't run into the "stone wall" he had encountered many times previously. The medal was approved and awarded to Raley — a little more than 40 years late.

Today, Raley is retired and lives in a modest brick home in the Fleming Meadows section of Huntsville. He worked at Redstone Arsenal as a missile engineer some 22 years, first with the Army and then with Marshall Space Flight Center until his retirement in 1979. He is also retired from the Air Force Reserve with the rank of colonel.

After the war, he obtained a degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Alabama in 1949. There he met his wife, Virginia, whom he married in 1950 after she obtained an accounting degree. Their son William, 26, is a computer mathematician in Houston, and a daughter, Elinor Williams, 29, is an engineer working with computers in Maryland.

Today, the Raleys travel some and devote time to caring for her invalid mother in a nursing home. They have investments — they invested the money, including flight pay, he accumulated in 15 months as a prisoner of war — and look after a farm in Mississippi and property in Greene County, Ala. where Raley lived when he joined the Army Air Corps. He belongs to a retired officers' group, is an officer in and helped establish a local chapter of American Ex-prisoners of War and sometimes speaks to local groups about his war experiences.

Raley went into the Army Air Corps shortly after finishing high school. A second lieutenant and trained aviator at age 19, he served first with a fighter squadron in North Africa and then joined another, the 48th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter Group, 15th Air Force, near Foggia, Italy.

Remembers last mission

He remembers well his last mission which won him the Distinguished Flying Cross and 15 months in Nazi prisons.

"It was a Lulu of a mission, one of those in support of the Anzio beachhead. I was the top pilot in the squadron, meaning I had the most missions, at that time. I got there by the process of elimination," he said wryly. "This was my 48th mission and I was slated to go home on my 50th. The mission came up just like this," he said, snapping his fingers for emphasis, "very suddenly, on Feb. 10, 1944.

"A German convoy was reported stalled out at a place where a bridge was out and they were going to have to turn and go another road.

"Our group was going to put up two squadrons. We'd had such losses that we couldn't put up all three.

"The weather was very poor, overcast and hazy — not a very ideal day to fly but when you get orders to fly, you go fly. Our orders were, since the clouds were low and visibility poor, to get to the target area as best we could. There was no known way to circumvent the clouds."

They took off at about 10:30 a.m. The target was 150 miles away in Avezzano through a hotbed of German activity. In the path were 5,000 foot mountains. Cloud bottoms were at 4,000 feet and in some cases clouds came down even into the valleys.

Raley couldn't find a path through the mountains for his squadron and instead decided to lead them in a strike on "a target of opportunity" near the town of Vicovaro.

"I'd consumed almost half my fuel trying to get to the target area. I found a railroad yard, a factory and a bridge all together. Fuel was running low, the clock was ticking and it was no time to call a committee meeting. I knew I couldn't make it to the prime target, so we lined up in dive bombing fashion. There was only about a 2,000 foot delta between the cloud bottoms and the target.

"We came down and did a very good job and took off down the highway to strafe. I was shooting at one particular truck."

In this kind of low-flying fighting Raley could see for an instant the faces of the enemy soldiers he was shooting and they could see his through the canopy as he rained 50 caliber and 20 mm bullets on them from 200 feet.

Raley's P-38 was shaking so violently from the recoil of his machine guns that another flyer had to break radio silence to tell him he was hit.

Fire streaming out

He looked and fire was streaming out behind the tail booms. The temperature gauge for his left engine arced quickly to the hot mark. He feathered it.

"I didn't intend to bail out. I wanted to fly on to friendly territory. I flew quite a few miles on one engine, trying to find a spot where I could get back over the mountains.

"I was flying at little over 100 feet. I had to make a

hard choice, whether to stay down and make a poorer target or go up to 1,000 feet which was good for bailing out and also made me a good target."

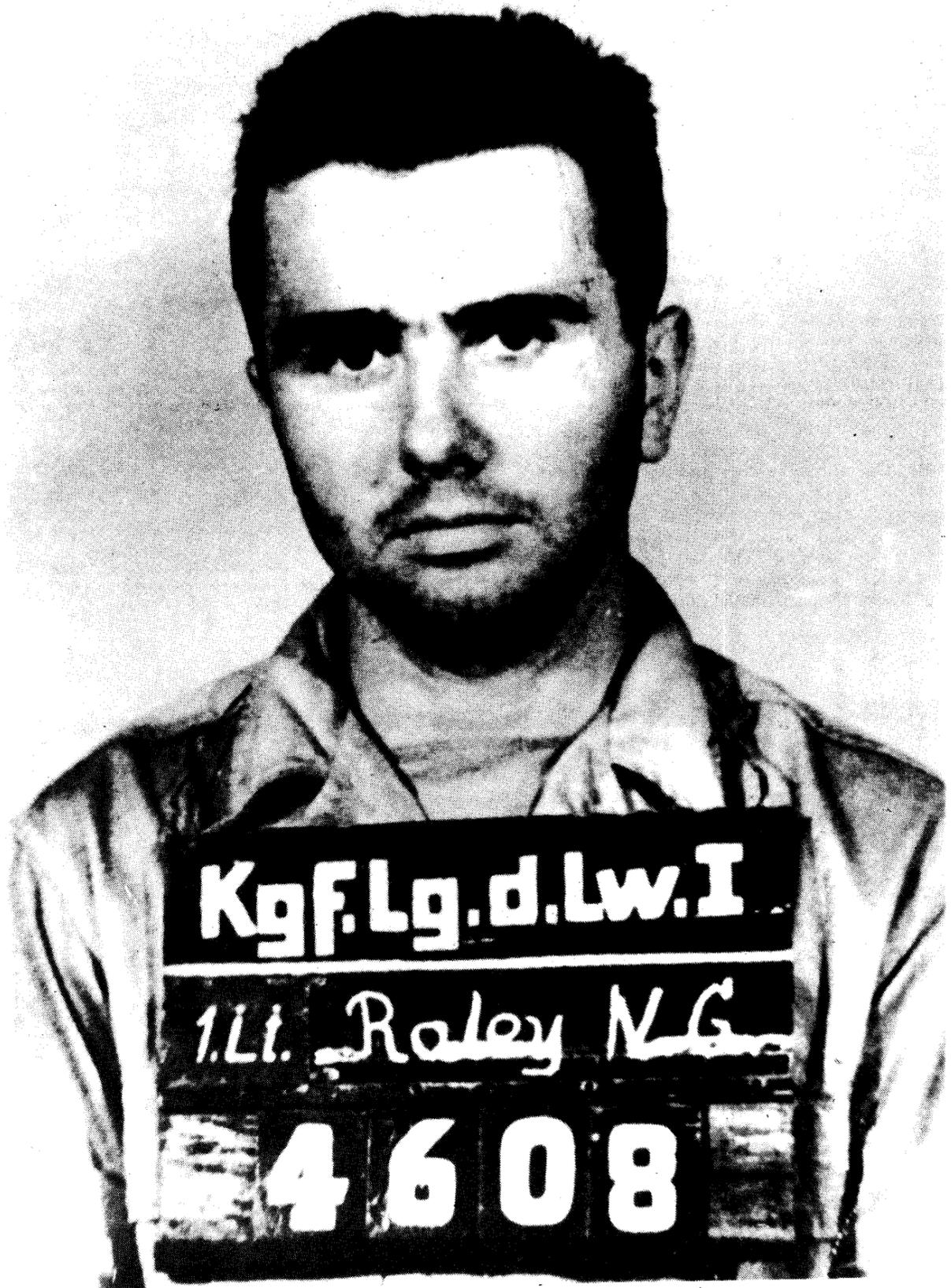
As he dropped the crippled ship off into a valley, he heard flak guns go off and three streams of tracers came up right in front of him.

A round slammed into the floor of the cockpit and exploded, showering Raley with fragments. An incendiary came in and did not explode but it had passed through fuel tanks and smoke boiled into the cockpit. He tried to open the windows but they were stuck.

"I had to pop the canopy. I stood up in the cockpit with my head in the slipstream. I didn't want to bail out. I was going 150 mph at 200 feet and I pulled up to 300 or 400 feet. Then the fire got real hot real fast."

Raley had to jump out of the plane from the cockpit, barely missing the deadly horizontal stabilizer between the two rudders on the P-38. This stabilizer was so dangerous that pilots bailed out of their planes as Raley did only as a last resort. "That tail was a formidable thing to get around, especially at low

(See POW pilot, cont'd Page 12 & 13)



THE PRISONER — This photograph came from files the Germans kept on war prisoners. Raley obtained it along with

others after the Germans abandoned the Stalag Luft I and the inmates ransacked it.

POW pilot

(cont'd from Page 11)

altitudes," said Raley. When they had time fliers turned the aircraft upside-down to bail out or exited through the windows.

Captured

His parachute was open but swinging wildly as he hit the ground, sending him rolling head over heels. Two German soldiers ran toward him as he was getting out of the chute. He started to run and they leveled rifles at him. "I braced my body for the bullets to hit, wondering what it was going to feel like," Raley remembers.

They stood him against a wall and he thought he was about to be executed at high noon in Fontana Lire, Italy. A crowd of about 100 German soldiers and Italian men, women and children came to watch.

"I think they were debating about who was going to be on the firing squad when a German officer came up," Raley recalls. The officer asked Raley if he was hurt. Raley showed him his wounds and burns. The German produced a first aid kit and proceeded to treat Raley.

Raley says now he can hardly describe what the sight of that first aid kit meant to him then. "I knew then they wouldn't shoot me," he says.

He was taken to a doctor who re-banded his hands and applied cream to burns on his face. His eyebrows and eyelashes were burned off. He was fed a good meal and ate a lot, thinking it might be a long while before he was able to eat again.

He was taken to a headquarters in the town of Soprano for the night and put in a room with three guards. He was left unguarded briefly and used the opportunity to grab his billfold which the Germans had carelessly left on a table. He removed his candy ration coupon which told his unit and where it was based. He threw it in the fire.

The second day he was placed in a stockade with German soldiers being held prisoner. One who spoke English was in for getting drunk and killing an Italian civilian. He was given a choice of a year in jail or going to the Russian front. He chose jail.

Raley spent four or five days imprisoned with the German soldiers. "After that," he relates, "I got into the real prisoner of war system."

He was taken to a prison near Florence and given nothing to eat but a half cup of watery soup each day for a month. Then he and others at the prison were marched to a railroad station and packed into box cars, so tight that they had to take turns draping their legs over each other to sit down. The box car doors were padlocked and the prisoners taken on a three day trip with no food or water. They had to use a corner of the crowded car for a toilet. They were taken to Stalag VIIA at Moosburg near Munich, Germany.

Interrogated

There Raley was interrogated for the first time, by a German officer who claimed to represent the Red Cross. He gave Raley some forms bearing the Red Cross seal that asked for detailed information. Raley wrote in his name, rank and service number and refused to complete the rest of the form. The officer claiming to represent the Red Cross tried for hours to get him to fill out the questionnaire and finally told Raley he would be turned over to the Gestapo. "If I get put in a Gestapo prison, I'll see how much I can take and then talk," Raley remembers thinking.

He was put on bread and water for a few days and instead of going to a Gestapo prison was taken to Stalag Luft I at Barth, Germany on the Baltic.

Raley was never physically tortured but was cold and hungry throughout his prison ordeal. The diet of black bread and potatoes pared more than 30 pounds off Raley's five foot, seven inch frame. Sometimes they were fed barley with large white worms in it which

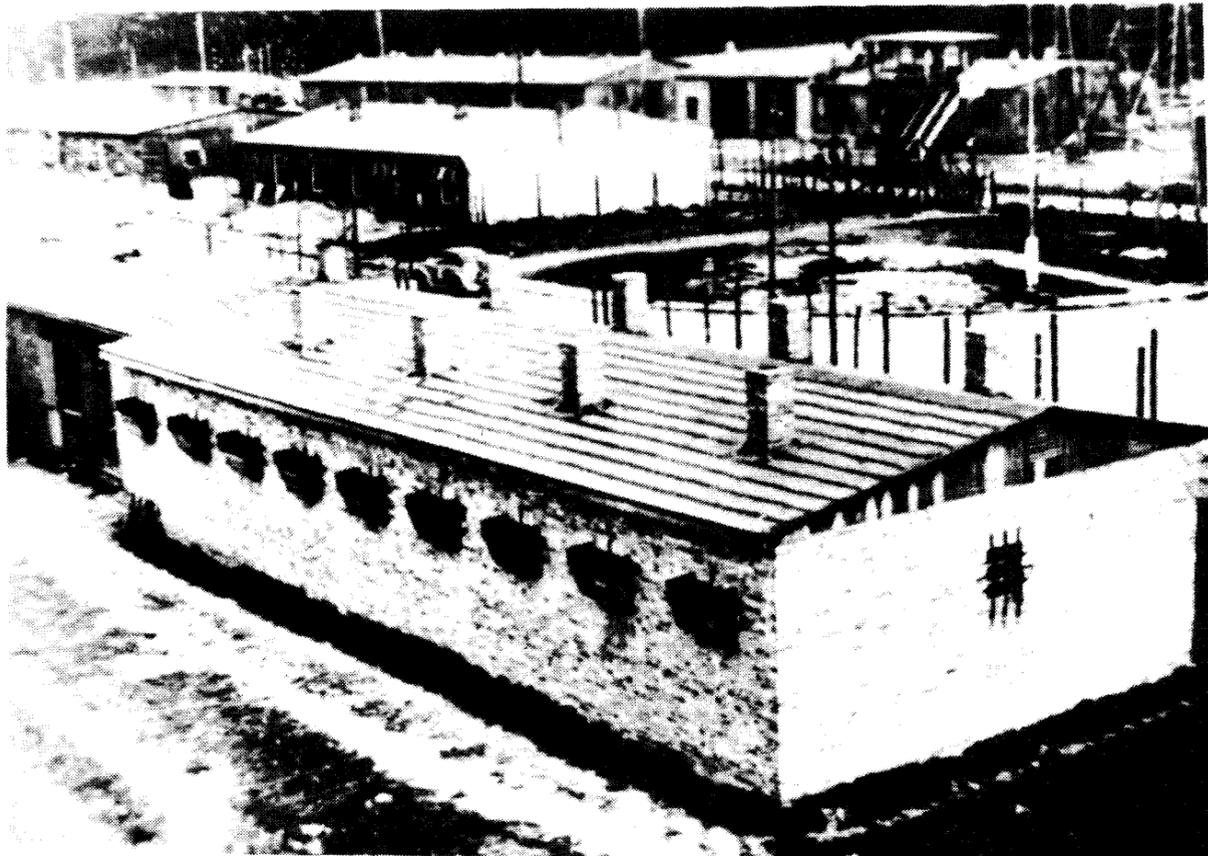
the prisoners joked was their meat. Some of the prisoners took to eating house cats that were around the compound. Raley and the 15 others in his barracks room resolved not to do this. They later got so hungry that they changed their mind but were unable to find a cat because they had all been eaten.

Every few weeks they were allowed to bathe but otherwise received only a small water ration each day which was used for drinking. They were given no soap, toilet paper or toothbrush, but were given combs. Raley used his to scratch his flea and lice-infested skin.

Sounds from Peenemuende

Some days the prisoners could hear the roar of German V-1 and V-2 rockets being tested on the Peenemuende range not far from the camp. On one occasion Raley saw pass overhead what he later learned was one of Germany's first experimental jet aircraft.

He had been in this prison for air crew members for a year when in March 1945, Hitler gave orders to liquidate the prison in retaliation for the allied bombing



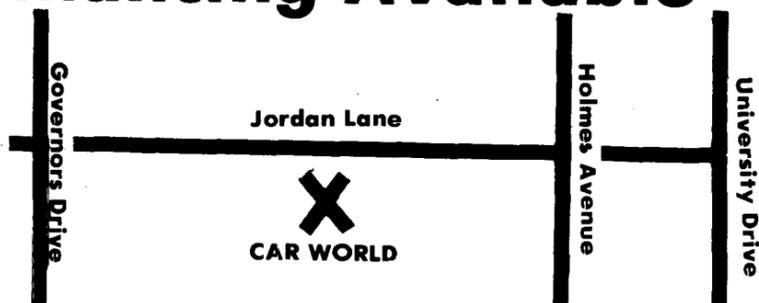
SOLITARY — The building in foreground housed solitary confinement cells. The regular prison barracks are also shown.

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of Dresden where tens of thousands of Germans perished in fire storms.

The prison commandant, however, knowing that the Nazi cause was faring badly and not wanting to be held responsible for war crimes, spared the prisoners' lives.



WATCHTOWER — A German soldier guards the compound from a platform half way up the steps.

On the night of April 30th the German guards were positioned in their customary towers when the prisoners went to sleep. The prisoners awoke that morning to find the camp abandoned by their captors. That night a Russian patrol arrived and the next day, May 2, a large contingent of Russian soldiers came to the camp.

The Russians held the prisoners for two weeks. "The Russians were good to us although the relationship was a little strained," Raley remembers. They allowed the prisoners to go into town and also brought them food — live Holstein cattle from nearby dairy farms. One of the prisoners, a B-17 pilot, had a degree in agriculture and showed the others how to butcher the animals. "Before we got through with the cows, the Russians brought in a batch of hogs," said Raley with a laugh. "They just went out and rounded them up."

After two weeks with the Russians, American B-17s came to get the prisoners. The planes landed and never shut down their engines while the prisoners were loaded aboard in groups of 30.

"They flew us to Laon, France and started feeding us steak and ice cream," Raley said.



WINTER SCENE — Snow clings to the fence and fir trees behind the guard tower. "I still have a hang-up about barbed wire," Raley says.

Contrasts homecoming

He contrasts his homecoming with the reception accorded Vietnam veterans. "I feel sorry for them. People were so nice to me, I couldn't have asked for anything better."

His prisoner of war experience, says Raley, "made me appreciate things we take for granted. There's a cliché that freedom is something you don't appreciate till you lose it. It's true."

Today, he's obviously proud of the medal acknowledging his skill and courage on that aerial combat mission 40 years ago that incidentally caused him to be taken prisoner for 15 months by the enemy. "I'm happy to get it. It will round out my military career," he said of the Distinguished Flying Cross that he now has to go with his Purple Heart and other decorations. "It looks like I'm getting more attention now than I would have if I'd got it back in 1944. Maybe it means more to me now than it would have at the time."



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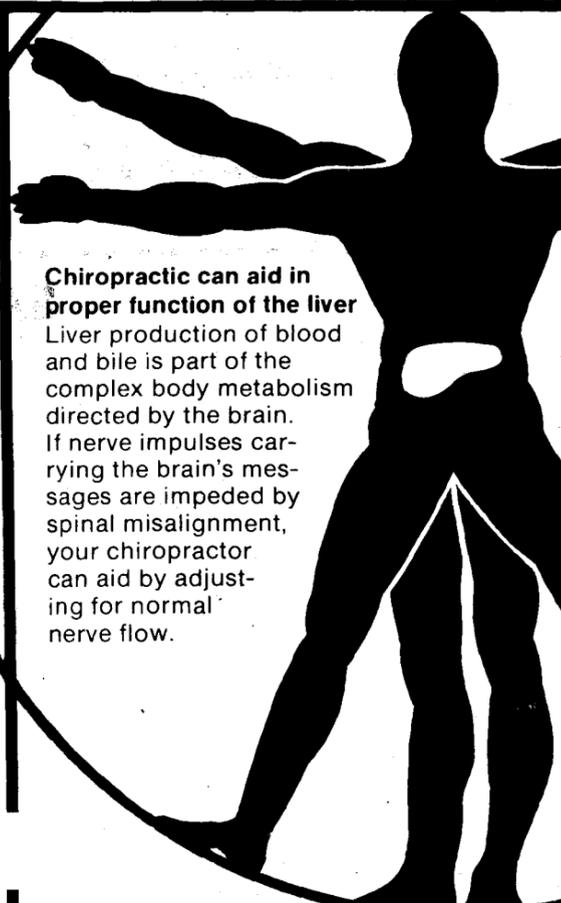
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New officer orientation

A mandatory in-briefing will be conducted July 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in building 5250, room B200. All newly assigned officers who have not previously attended an orientation are required to attend.

Boating safety course

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2401 is offering a nine week course in sailing and seamanship at the Brahan Springs Recreation Center beginning July 10 from 6-8 p.m. The course for all ages teaches safe boating skills, legal requirements, navigation, chart reading, knots and lines, engine maintenance, weather, and marine radio communications. Instruction is free; textbooks are \$10. For more information call Hal Cronkite 883-0143 or Billie McAdams 881-3091.

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Blood drive winners

Winners of the May blood drive were: 1-50 category Human Engineering Detachment, Dwight Nichols coordinator; 51-100 category DARCOM Management Engineering Activity, Peggy Phillips coordinator; 101-150 category Multiple Launch Rocket System, Peggy Langley coordinator; 151-200 category Comptroller, Helen Daniels coordinator; 201-400 category Missile Intelligence Agency, Bertiera Humphrey coordinator; 401-over category Facilities Engineering Division, Tim McGinnis coordinator. Blood donations for May totalled 863 pints.

Youth activity council

The youth activity advisory council will meet Friday, July 6, at 3 p.m. in the main conference room at Fox Hospital. Plans for opening the youth activity center will be discussed. Organization representatives should attend or have a substitute. Anyone interested in the arsenal youth activities program is invited.

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at building 3480 (515th Ordnance Company) today from 7-11 a.m. and at building 5250 on Friday from 7:30 a.m. 12 noon.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous has a happy hour meeting each Friday afternoon at 5:15 in room 11 at Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting and anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited.

Best yards

Yard of the month winners for June are, best single unit, CWO 4 L.J. Haas, 443 Simpson Drive, and SFC M.A. Whitely, 1324-B Jupiter Street and best multi-unit, Capt. M.B. Robinson, 476-B Cooke Drive and SSgt. W.B. Clark, 226-B Dyer Circle. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, two free dinners, a color photograph of the awards ceremony and display of the Yard of the Month sign for a month. Receiving honorable mention were Lt. Col. L.A. Newton, 422 Hughes Drive, and SSgt. C. Boufford, 224-C Dyer Circle.

Host families needed

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On the Wild Side

By Luke Owen
Wildlife Biologist

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Wildlife young often appear to be orphaned or deserted when in reality the parents are nearby obtaining food, frightened away or trying to divert attention away from their young. Sometimes the baby may wander, but the mother will know how to find it.

"Orphaned" animals "rescued" by well-

meaning humans often die despite the well-intentioned actions of their would-be rescuers. Individuals may not have sufficient knowledge to properly care for the animal, therefore proper feeding (type of food, amount fed to the animal and feeding schedule) is not provided.

Small animals are cute and lovable until grown, at which time many of them become aggressive and difficult to handle. These animals are then released into the wild but they lack the ability to take care of themselves (finding food, avoiding predators, etc.) and subsequently die.

Young animals thought to be orphaned should be watched unobserved from a distance for about two hours. The parents are probably nearby and will take care of the baby if given a chance. Remember, they can do a much better job than we can.

If, after observing the young animal, it is determined to be an "orphan," or has obvious physical injuries, the following steps will be helpful in pro-

viding the necessary care:

—Use gloves when handling fur-bearing animals.

—Place the animal (or bird) in a cardboard box lined with a towel. A wired cage should be used for injured adult mammals only.

—Put the box in a warm, quiet place.

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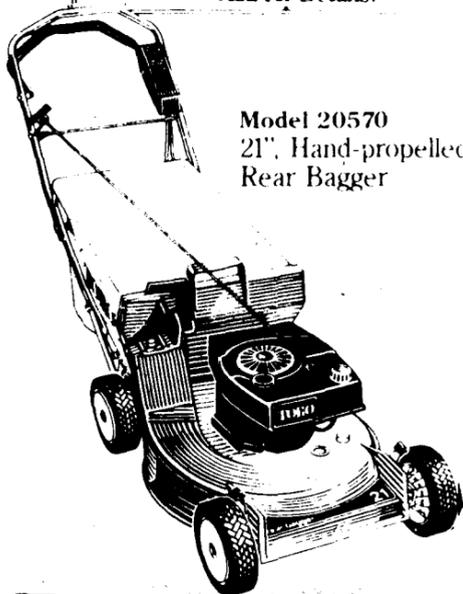
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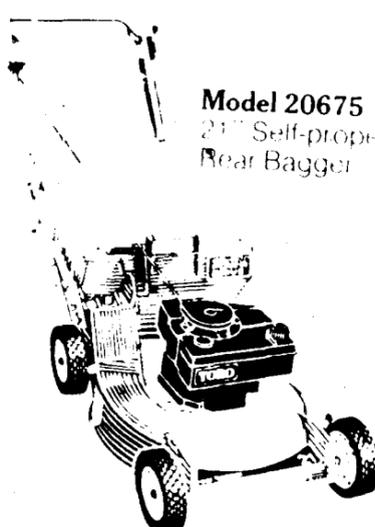
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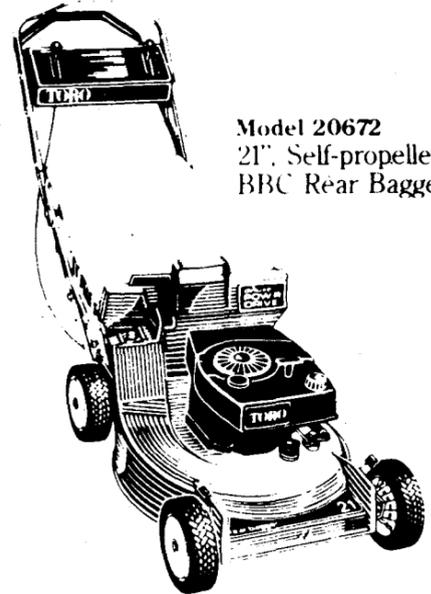
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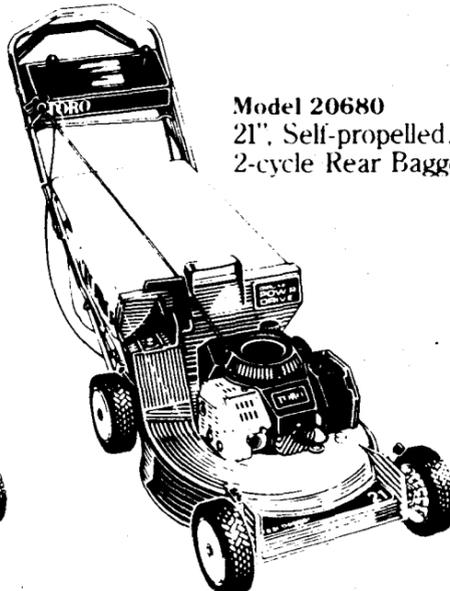


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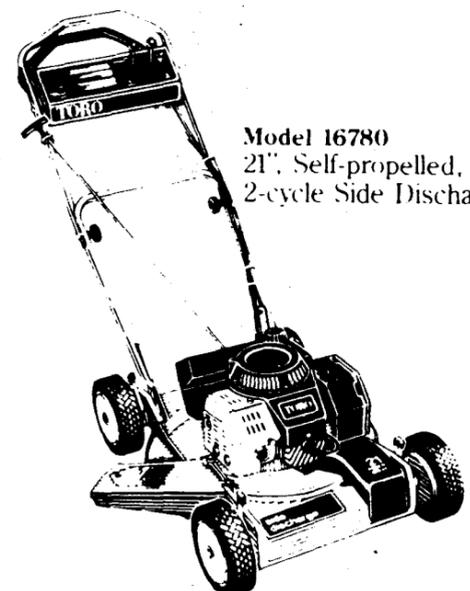
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Stallions nip Cougars in even civilian softball battle

BY MIKE McCOLPIN

The two hottest teams in the civilian softball league, the Stallions (11-0) and the Cougars (10-1), met Thursday night in one of the most evenly matched games of the season.

Stallions prevailed in eight innings 10-9.

The Cougars jumped out to a six run lead with home runs by Sam Meadows and Bob Nichols off Dennis Evans. Jim Chiarizio came in to relieve Evans and shut the Cougars down. The Stallions responded with four runs in the bottom of the first including a two run homer by Evans and a run scoring double by Chiarizio. Cougars upped their lead to 9-4 after four innings as Bob Noels hit a homer over the right field fence.

Stallions started their way back with three runs in the sixth and got two more in the seventh to tie it up. After stopping the Cougars in the top of the eighth, the Stallions pushed across the winning run on singles by John Jordan and Rudy Cornelius and an error on a ground ball hit by Evans. The Stallions got three hits apiece from Jordan, Ken Moore, Jerry Williams and Blair Johnson. Moore had a home run and Williams had three runs batted in.

In other games last week RADs beat Pershing Project Office 17-0 and MLC 18-2, F&A won over COE 7-1 and Pershing Project 22-7, Dr. Zoom beat SIO 9-2 and lost to MIA 23-21 in nine innings, Cougars beat MLC 14-7, MIA whipped Express 19-14, Rachels pounded P&P Engineers 23-1 and T&E 15-0, the Stallions slipped by Thiokol 9-7, SIO got by CPO 17-2, the Express beat the P&P Engineers 25-19, and Thiokol beat Pershing Project 20-4.

In the Cougars win over MLC, Danny Smith had three home runs and six RBI as he ran his consecutive home run streak to 11 in a row. Bob Nichols hit two homers and Tim Richmond went four for four. In RADs win over PPO, Jerry Arszman and Dean Reese hit homers. In the win over MLC, David Bagwell was winning pitcher.

James Battle, Doyle Choat and Cleo McWhorter hit

home runs to back winning pitcher Bobby Holland as Rachels beat P&P Engineers. Choat also had two triples and six RBI while McWhorter went five for five with three doubles and six RBI. In the win over T&E, Holland twirled a five hitter while Ken Smith had two homers and Gary Belue and Calvin Harris each had a homer. McWhorter went four for four.

MIA's win over the Express was led by Doug Street with two homers and five RBI, Jack Cunningham and Dan Testerman with four hits apiece, and John Womack with five RBI. John Pea went four for five while Calvin Boone, Charles Owens, John Cox and Ed Jordan each got two hits.

In the win over Dr. Zoom, MIA got homers from Womack, Street, Testerman and Buddy Lewis. Womack had five hits while Street, Testerman and Lewis each had four. For Dr. Zoom, Perry Pederson homered, went four for five and had seven RBI while Doug Wheatley had three hits and Clay Peake and Randy Galloway each had four hits. In Dr. Zoom's win over SIO, Peake got three hits and three RBI and Ricky Wilbanks had two hits.

The Express spotted the P&P Engineers 12 runs before coming back to win. The Express' balanced attack included three inside-the-park homers, one each by John Douglas, James Fletcher, and Charlie Mellies. Don Stout was the winning pitcher with relief help from James Cox.

In the Stallions win over Thiokol, John Jordan had three hits, Rick Hedrick scored three runs and Don Sutton homered and had four RBI to back winning pitcher Jim Chiarizio. Jesse Murph paced Thiokol by going four for four while Scooter West had two RBI. In Thiokol's win over Pershing Project, John Seigh had four hits; Murph, Andy King, Mark Kirkham, West and Danny Holt each had three hits; and Forest Emfinger had an inside the park homer.

Emmitt Mathis went four for four with a homer, Cedric Wherry had two homers and Keith Frost had one to pace F&A's win over Pershing Project. Frost,

Wherry, Harold Jacobs, Dewayne Kelly and Freddy Teague all had three hits. Pershing was led by Bob Brown's three hits including a triple and Robin and Kelly had three hits apiece for F&A. COE, In T&E's win over CPO, Joel Stark and Tony Cook hit homers and Ken Alongi had three hits to give Don Hughes the victory. In SIO's win over CPO, David Basler and Jim Collier had four hits and four RBI apiece. Jerry Jackson got credit as the winning pitcher.

Standings

Western Conference				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Stallions	12	0	1.000	--
Rachels	7	3	.700	4
Dr. Zoom	6	6	.500	6
Express	5	6	.455	6 1/2
MLC	5	8	.385	7 1/2
COE	2	9	.182	9 1/2
Pershing				
Proj	1	10	.091	10 1/2
CPO	1	10	.091	10 1/2

Eastern Conference				
	W	L	PCT	GB
RADs	10	1	.909	--
Cougars	10	2	.833	1/2
MIA	8	3	.727	2
T&E	8	3	.727	2
F&A	6	5	.545	4
SIO	6	7	.462	5
Thiokol	4	7	.364	6
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Engineers	1	12	.077	10

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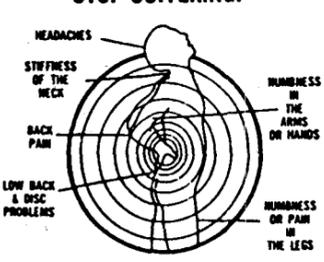


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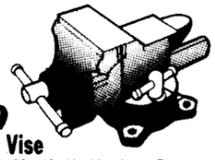
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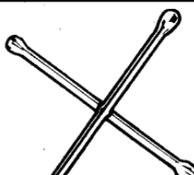
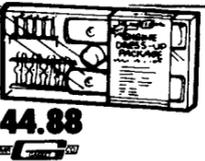
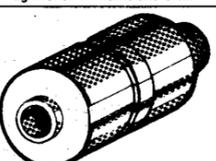
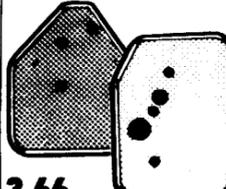
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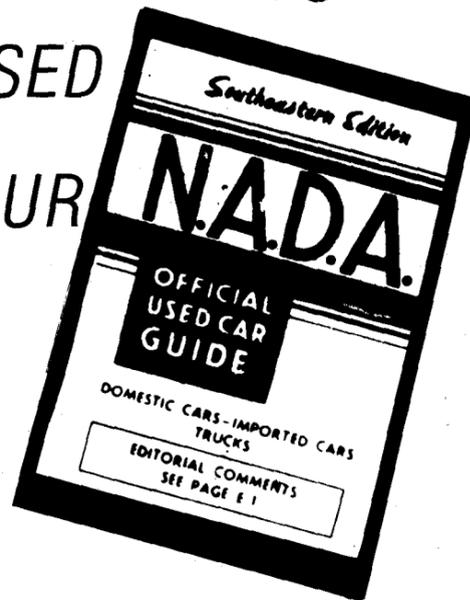
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