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## Sgt. York System

### School trains technicians for new air defense gun

BY ED PETERS

Preparations for training soldiers on the new Sgt. York division air defense gun are in full swing at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Two of the 62-ton guns arrived here on a rail car early in August and delivery of a third is expected soon.

Instructor training has started and a classroom building is being equipped with training aids such as gun mounts, magazines and turrets for use by students learning to remove and replace system components.

Classes in the Sgt. York military occupational specialties start this fall. The first class begins basic electronics and other common subjects courses in November and then trains on the actual gun system beginning in March.

Two military occupational specialties have been established for the Sgt. York air defense gun system: MOS 27P, radar/electronics repairer and MOS 27Q, test specialist.

Students in the radar/electronics repairer course will attend class for 45 weeks while the test specialist course will be of 42 weeks duration. Classes will have a maximum of 12 students. For next year there are 12 "P" and eight "Q" classes scheduled.

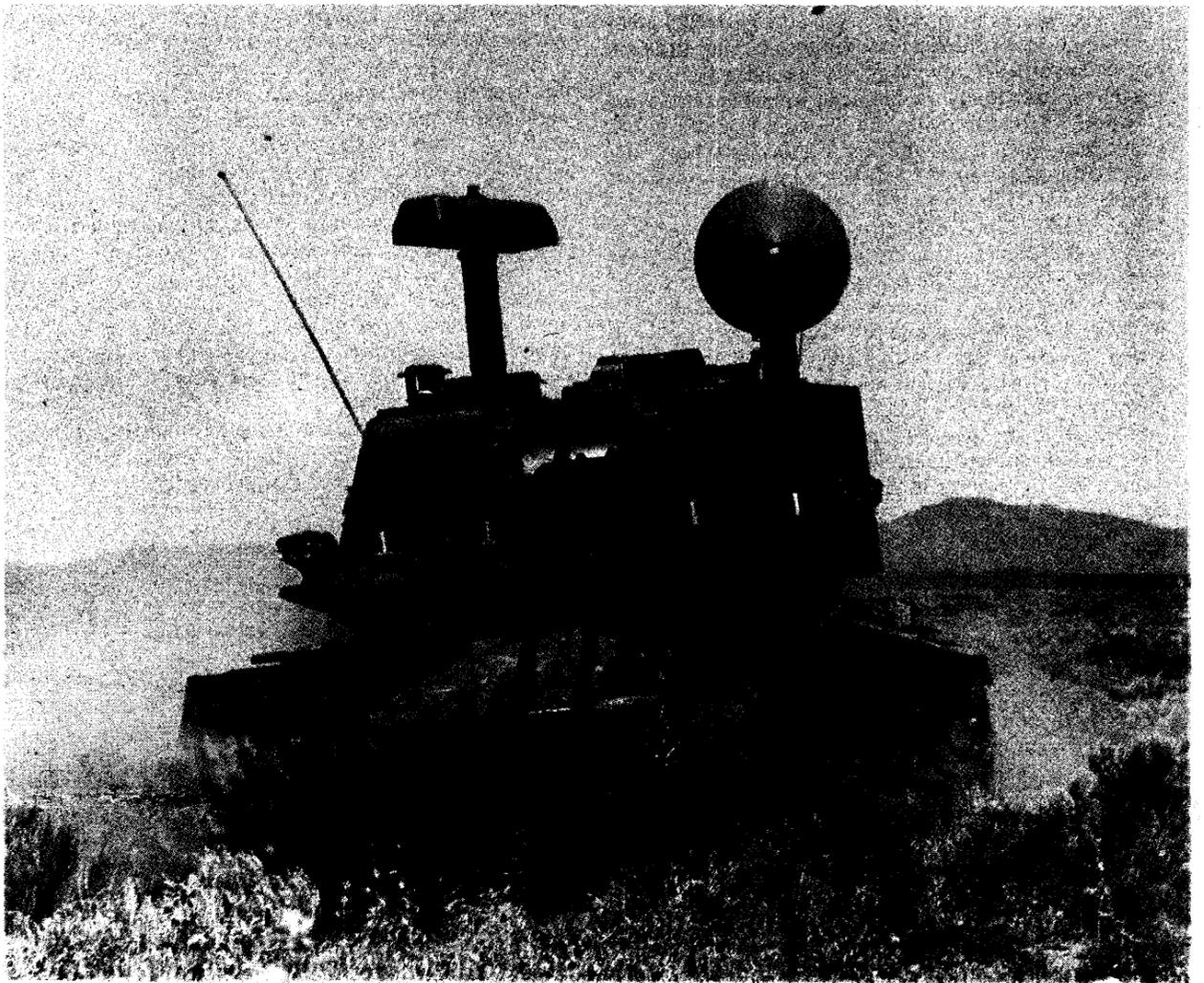
Meanwhile, a "validation course" for the 27P specialty began August 20 and one for the 27Q specialty started last week.

Students in these courses to validate lesson materials are instructors and key personnel in the missile school's Sgt. York division. They are being taught by the gun system's prime contractor, Ford Aerospace, which is responsible for developing the lessons.

One soldier has already been awarded the 27P, radar/electronics repairer, MOS. SFC Ken Cronin of the school's organizational maintenance unit obtained the MOS "the hard way", in his words, during four months in the field with the weapon at a western test range.

The 27Q specialty was awarded to three in mid-August. Staff Sergeants Jonathan Murphy, Larry Lain and Donald Hansen initially will train other instructors and then will be instructors in test specialist classes for students.

"A small cadre of personnel" has been selected for initial training on the gun system and in turn "this cadre will train other instructor personnel," said



**SERGEANT YORK** — The Army's new division air defense antiaircraft gun kicks up dust in maneuvers at a western test range. The missile school here has received two of the

guns and is getting ready to train the technicians who will maintain the new weapon in the field. It is named for World War I hero Sgt. Alvin York of Tennessee.

Charles Chapman, chief of the Sgt. York division in the missile school's Air Defense Training Department.

Chapman's training division will have a staff of

about 60 military and civilian workers. Many, like Chapman, were affiliated with the Nike missile system (See York, cont'd on Page 3)

## New office leads program to 'revolutionize' data handling

BY ED PETERS

The volume of technical documentation now stored on a stack of data cards somewhat taller than the



**Dave Stanbrough** is director of the program office for the Digital Storage and Retrieval Engineering Data System.

Washington Monument will be reduced to a stack of optical discs only eight feet high, under a new program being led by the Missile Command.

An office has been established here to manage the Digital Storage and Retrieval Engineering Data System, or DSREDS, program, in which \$55.8 million is being spent on a system that will increase tremendously the data storage capability at MICOM and elsewhere in Army Materiel Command.

Director of the new program is Dave Stanbrough. He and a staff of six have an office in McMorrow Laboratories building but are connected with Management Information Systems Directorate.

"We've been formed to manage acquisition of 12 state-of-the-art digitized storage and retrieval systems from ATT Technologies Inc.," said Stanbrough. "These 12 systems will be divided between the Air Force and Army — five to the Air Force and seven to the various AMC subordinates."

The first of the Army's units is scheduled to be delivered here in December 1985, with the others delivered through August 1988.

Stanbrough's group is responsible for arranging delivery and installation of the units and will operate the "prototype site" here with the first unit, which will

be set up in the data storage facility in building 4722.

Each unit will be capable of storing four million technical documents and can be expanded. Documents are imprinted by a laser beam on aluminum-coated discs that are dispensed juke box-fashion from storage racks. Each 14-inch disc can store 14,000 documents.

Each of the 12 data storage and retrieval units is made up of 49 separate pieces of equipment.

DSREDS has been in planning at AMC headquarters for several years but only recently has the technology that it needs become available, at which time the program was given to the Missile Command for implementing. "I've been after this system a long time, been waiting on the state of the art," said Willie Calcote, director of management information systems here.

With DSREDS, said Stanbrough, "all systems will be standardized throughout AMC" and will be able to communicate information to each other.

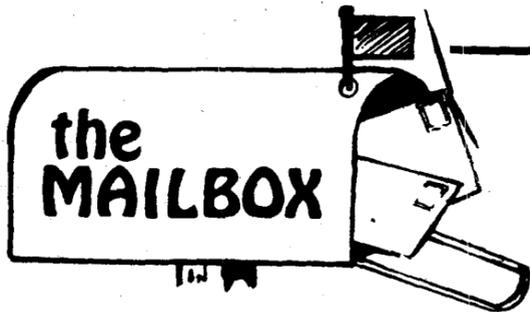
"We have different kinds of systems now, plus most are old, saturated to capacity, hard to get repairs and parts for and slow compared to what we're talking about here," he said.

It is anticipated that the new units will take care of (See Data, cont'd on Page 5)

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## Laying the blame

Editor:

It never ceases to amaze me how the people in positions to correct problems continue to strain at the effect and completely overlook the real cause, while trying desperately to lay the blame at someone else's feet.

Point in question is the MICOM problem of employee slips, trips and falls. I do not have the MICOM statistics on the number, cause nor severity of injuries, but I do know the obvious major cause of people falling in building 4488 — slick floors. (I suspect the same is true in many other buildings on Redstone Arsenal.) The obvious solution to the problem is carpeting. I have not heard of one instance where a person slipped and fell because the carpet was wet or because there was a paper clip on the carpet. Contrast that with the number of people who slip (and fall) on tile floors.

Come on now "powers that be", don't try to blame poor housekeeping or hard heels and soles, or inattention to walking for the many slips, trips and falls. Lay the blame where it belongs: on the shoulders of those who have not, do not and evidently have no plans to provide safe surfaces for walking in hallways. These same slick surfaces existed when I arrived at Redstone in 1966.

I recognize that the problem was built into these buildings and nothing can be done about the past. However, something can be done now. Nothing can be done to pay for the pain and suffering of employees who have been injured in hallway falls, but future injuries can be prevented by prompt action. The next fall might result in a severe head injury or possible death. I hope it does not take such an event to prompt necessary action.

William G. Bagby

## Posted speed limits

Editor:

I drive a brown VW bug to work every day from Monte Sano to building 4492, a distance of about 15 miles. I drive the posted speed limits, leaving home at 7 a.m., and arriving in the building 4492 parking lot at 7:25. Since I drive the posted speed limits, you *know* I get passed by an awful lot of cars.

This morning, Aug. 31, out of perverseness more

than anything, I decided to ignore the posted speed limits and run with the traffic. This meant that I drove 40-45 mph on the straightaways of Monte Sano Boulevard, 55 mph on open stretches of Governors Drive, 45-50 mph on residential stretches of Governors Drive, 50-55 mph on California and Whitesburg Drive, 60 mph on Martin Road to Patton Road, and 50 mph from Patton Road to Morris. All this on a foggy morning! I drove in the right lane, except when I moved left on three occasions to pass cars. I was passed by several cars, but kept with the general flow of traffic. I spent much more time than usual sitting at stoplights, and arrived at work in 22 minutes instead of 25 minutes. Incidentally, I did not see a single policeman, State Trooper, or MP on the whole trip. I rarely do, even when I drive the speed limits.

What is the point of this dissertation? The speed limits are posted for a reason: Public Safety. They are intended to provide a reasonable margin of safety as we tool along in traffic through residential neighborhoods and over the highways. When we exceed the speed limits, we reduce the margin of safety, sometimes to the point of an accident. Most people on Redstone exceed the speed limits, this includes young, old, PM's, clerk-typists, engineers, procurement specialists, and what have you. Local traffic police, both on and off the arsenal, don't bother to enforce speed limits. They are too busy picking up the pieces. The lone exception is Hansen Road, where there recently was a fatality.

When I leave for home this afternoon, I'll go back to driving the speed limit. Wave at me when you go by, because I'm enjoying the trip. Too bad you're not.

Hayden F. Glenn

perhaps even you or your family — might need in the coming year.

Cal Karrh  
Editor, MMCS Training Literature

## Much appreciated

Editor:

All the newcomers who did not attend the ACS orientation on Aug. 28 missed something special.

Hats off to ACS for the most organized, informative and caring welcome orientation I've ever experienced. Where else can you get a free lunch, free babysitting and a wealth of information all at one time?

Thanks to Mrs. Eugene Fox and Lt. Zook for all their efforts. It was much appreciated.

Pamela Stieglitz

### Sign your letter

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## Enormous benefit

Editor:

Each year about this time, we are asked to contribute to the Combined Federal Campaign. In past years, I have taken CFC for granted, not realizing the enormous benefit the program offers local charitable agencies. However, in a recent seminar held for solicitors, CFC Chairperson Myra Bice expertly spelled out the needs and goals.

In carrying out the training session phase of the CFC drive, Ms. Bice has set up some 30 classes and trained some 800 personnel on the arsenal and other local federal civil service agencies. Her job is tough; she spends long hours organizing, coordinating, communicating, and following up on never-ending details to make the campaign successful.

So, when you are approached by your office representative during September or October, please be aware of the efforts that go into the overall project. Remember that your fair share *does* make a difference and supports vital charities that local citizens—

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# York

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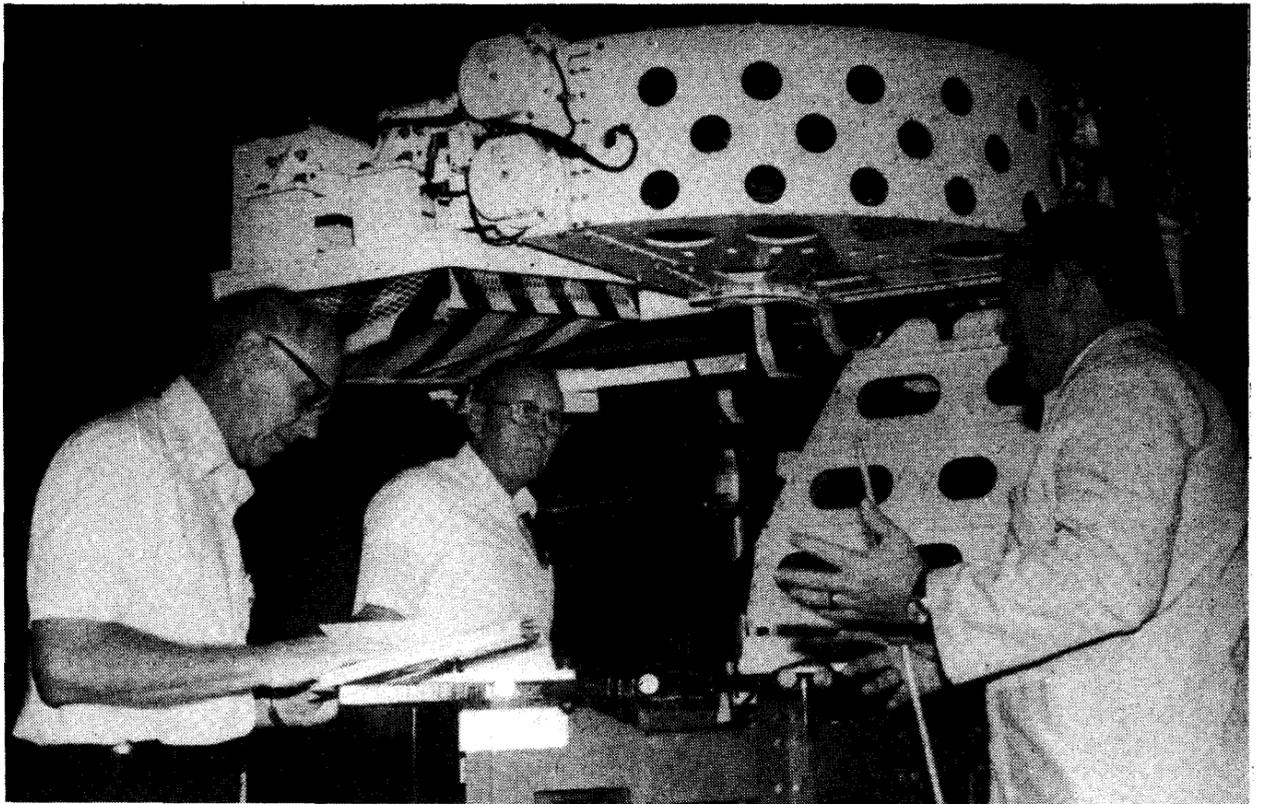
courses that were dropped not long ago from the school's curriculum and already have some of the electronics and related skills that the new courses demand. V.O. Harmon is chief of the fire unit teaching team.

The Sgt. York courses "rank among the longer, more difficult courses at the school," according to Chapman. "Both deal with complex subject material, all the way from mechanics, hydraulics and electronics to digital computers and lasers," he said.

Classes will be structured so that both technicians and supervisors are trained and a warrant officer course will probably be added, said Chapman.

The Sgt. York division air defense system consists of two 40 mm ack-ack guns mounted on a modified heavy tank chassis. It can fire either point detonation or proximity fused rounds with a rate of 300 rounds per minute per gun. Chapman said computers prioritize targets, determine the type of round to be fired and make other decisions for the gunner and crew chief. The gun is named for World War I Medal of Honor winner Sgt. Alvin York of Tennessee.

Training coordination with the contractor, project manager and other agencies is the responsibility of the school's New Systems Training Office, Chapman said.



**INSTRUCTORS LEARNING**—Former Nike instructors Stuart Shipe, at left, Dale Cowley and Fred Burrows study a component of the new weapon they will be teaching when Sgt. York training begins at the missile school.



**ONE OF TWO** — Charles Chapman stands on a ladder to view one of two Sgt. York firing units that have been delivered to the missile school. A third unit is due to arrive soon.

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# Auburn Tigers given nod over Texas Longhorns

BY SKIP VAUGHN

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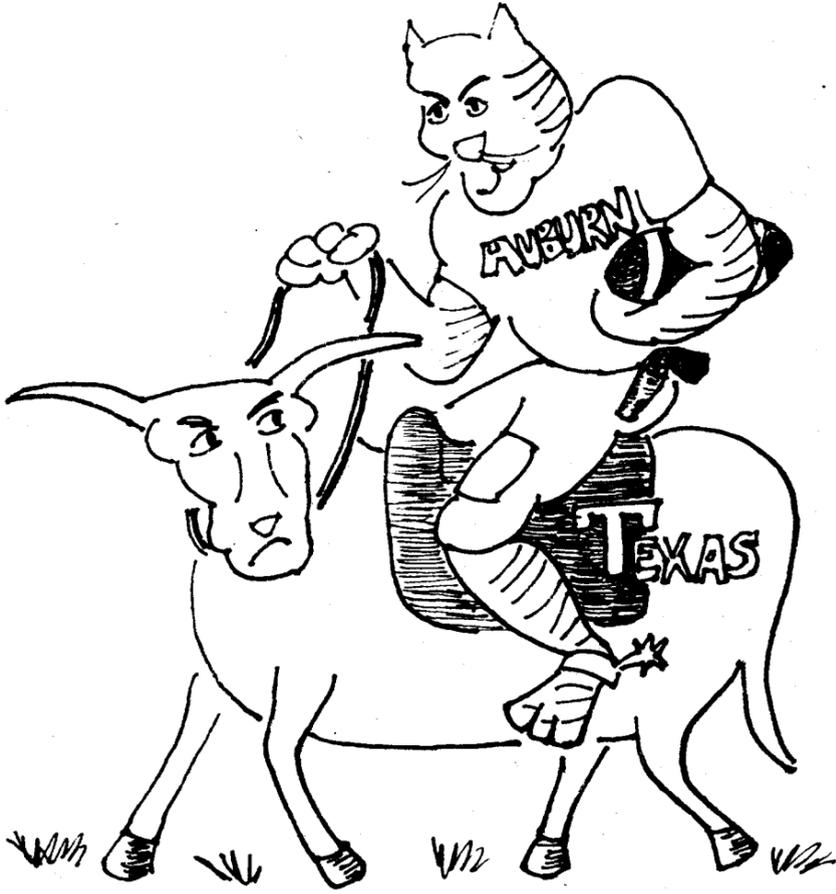
The Tigers were nipped by Miami and quarterback Bernie Kosar 20-18 in their season opener Aug. 27. Despite a sub-par game by running back Bo Jackson, they had a chance to win until a fumble in the closing minutes.

Texas opens its season with a defense that lost eight starters to graduation. The Longhorns whipped Auburn 20-7 last year but the Tigers have improved since then. Texas may have slipped just a little which could spell an Auburn upset.

In other games Oklahoma visits Pittsburgh, Washington travels to Michigan, and Penn State goes to Iowa.

Skip's Picks last week resulted in an 18-7-1 record (despite Alabama's collapse in the second half against upset-winner Boston College). The season marks stand at 24-12-1. Here are Skip's Picks for this weekend in major college football:

- Alabama at Georgia Tech — Bama by 7
- Auburn at Texas — Auburn by 3
- Tulane at Florida — Fla. by 17
- Kentucky at Indiana — Ky. by 1
- Wichita State at Louisiana State — LSU by 21
- Ole Miss at Arkansas — Ark. by 7
- Utah at Tennessee — Tenn. by 14
- Vanderbilt at Maryland — Md. by 3
- Florida State at Kansas — FSU by 13
- Southern Methodist at Louisville — SMU by 10
- Miami (Fla.) at Purdue — Miami by 14
- Navy at North Carolina — NC by 10
- VMI at Virginia — Virginia by 7
- West Virginia at Virginia Tech — WV. by 7
- Illinois at Stanford — Ill. by 10
- Penn State at Iowa — Iowa by 14
- Washington at Michigan — Mich. by 7
- Notre Dame at Michigan State — ND by 3
- Minnesota at Nebraska — Neb. by 30
- Syracuse at Northwestern — Syracuse by 17



- Washington State at Ohio State — OSU by 13
- Oklahoma at Pittsburgh — Okla. by 7
- Tulsa at Brigham Young — BYU by 14
- Wisconsin at Missouri — Missouri by 10
- Air Force at Wyoming — Air Force by 13

- Arizona at Oregon State — Ariz. by 7
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# Good turnout expected for Retiree Activity Day

Hundreds of people are expected to attend Redstone's annual Retiree Activity Day on Saturday at the NCO Club.

Military retirees are not the only ones encouraged to go to the event featuring speakers and information tables. Family members and active duty people are also welcome.

"It's sort of a family day," said Ray Weinberg, a retired Army major and member of the Redstone Retiree Council.

Each year people attend from throughout North Alabama and attendance varies from 300 to 500. The event is put on by the Redstone Retiree Council, a volunteer 20-member group that represents all branches of the service.

"People walk away thanking us because it has so much good info," Weinberg said. Featured are speakers from various facilities on post and informa-

tion tables in the spirit of a county fair.

The event for briefing and information is also a "get together of old buddies," said Frank Adair, a retired Air Force master sergeant who is Redstone's retired services officer. There are about 8,500 military retirees in the 10-county North Alabama area.

Retiree Activity Day begins with a registration and social time from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Scheduled speakers include Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard who is to deliver the welcome address; Maj. John Callahan from the Champus office in Denver, Colo.; Douglas Russell, a retired command sergeant major who is co-chairman of the Army Chief of Staff Retiree Council; William Penney, manager of the Post Commissary; Robert Davis, manager of the Post Exchange; Col. Edward Johnson, commander of Fox Army Community Hospital; Col. Walter Lohse, commander of Dental Activity Col. Allen Adams, staff judge advocate; and

Brandon Parker, a retired colonel who heads the retiree council here.

Lunch is set to start at noon; cost is \$3.25. The county fair type activity, in which people can go from table to table, is to begin at 1:30.

This is to feature 15 to 20 representatives from various organizations and also door prizes. The planned tables include free blood pressure and blood sugar counts, identification card and DEERS registration, local officer associations, and health and benefit programs.

"It'll go on as long as people are there," said Weinberg. "Normally they'll start thinning out about 2:30 or 3 p.m."

The event is open to retired and active duty military members and their families. Those who plan to attend are asked to call Adair, the retired services officer, at 876-2022.

## Army gives notice of plans for new weapon

Army and industry officials are gathered at Redstone Arsenal this week to discuss Army requirements for a new man-portable anti-tank weapon planned as a replacement for the currently fielded Dragon.

Approximately 300 were expected to attend yesterday's opening session and receive draft copies of the Army's request for proposals at the pre-solicitation conference hosted by the Missile Command.

The conference ends today.

"We'll issue draft copies outlining Army requirements and ask for detailed ideas on developing the close support weapon," said Col. Robert T. Walker, project manager for the Advanced Man-portable Weapon System.

Walker said formal requests for proposals are expected to be issued in late November but talks here this week will give industry advance notice of the Army's plans and requirements.

The Army will evaluate proposals later this winter and award contracts next year for development of one or more of the most promising concepts.

Awards will be for design validation during which the Army-industry team will build and test prototypes leading to full scale engineering development.

There are several technologies which appear promising to satisfy the challenging requirements of the new Advanced Anti-Tank Weapon System—Medium, Walker said. The weapon will be used by the infantry to defeat current and future armor threats.

## Exchange catalog available soon

WASHINGTON — The 1985 AAFES catalog will soon be available at military exchanges worldwide.

The 832-page mail-order catalog offers the traditional quality merchandise plus some new and expanded items, according to AAFES.

Famous brand-name products in the new catalog include porcelains from Lladro, pipes by Dunhill, chinaware from Mikasa, and the newest cameras from Nikon, Canon, and Yashica. There are also tape decks by Teac and Akai, vacuum cleaners by Hoover and Bissell, and power tools from Black-and-Decker.

Some of the catalog's new items are big-and-tall clothing for men, mink and silver fox furs for women, and more modern train sets for children.

Expanded lines highlighted in the catalog include exercise equipment, men's wear, intimate apparel, telephone systems, video movies, and home security systems. (Arnews)

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the Army's needs for technical document storage until the year 2000.

The data storage and retrieval unit presently in use at the Missile Command was at one time, and may still be, the largest such unit in existence, yet it has a capacity of only 1.8 million documents, while each DSREDS unit has a four million document capacity that can be expanded to nine million.

Stanbrough said a study has shown that DSREDS can save \$21 million per year by reducing the time it takes to collect, change and communicate technical documents.

In the future, the system will be adapted to transmit information to contractors, and remote terminals will be added so people at their work stations can communicate with it. "Ultimately, there will be 100 terminals for engineers and others on Redstone to communicate with the system," Stanbrough said.

The DSREDS program office presently consists of Stanbrough, a management analyst and program analyst; James Johnson, deputy program director Gerald Howard, systems and operations officer; Marcia Kerr, budget analyst Violet Campbell, secretary; and Bobby Beal and Horace Tate, both computer specialists.

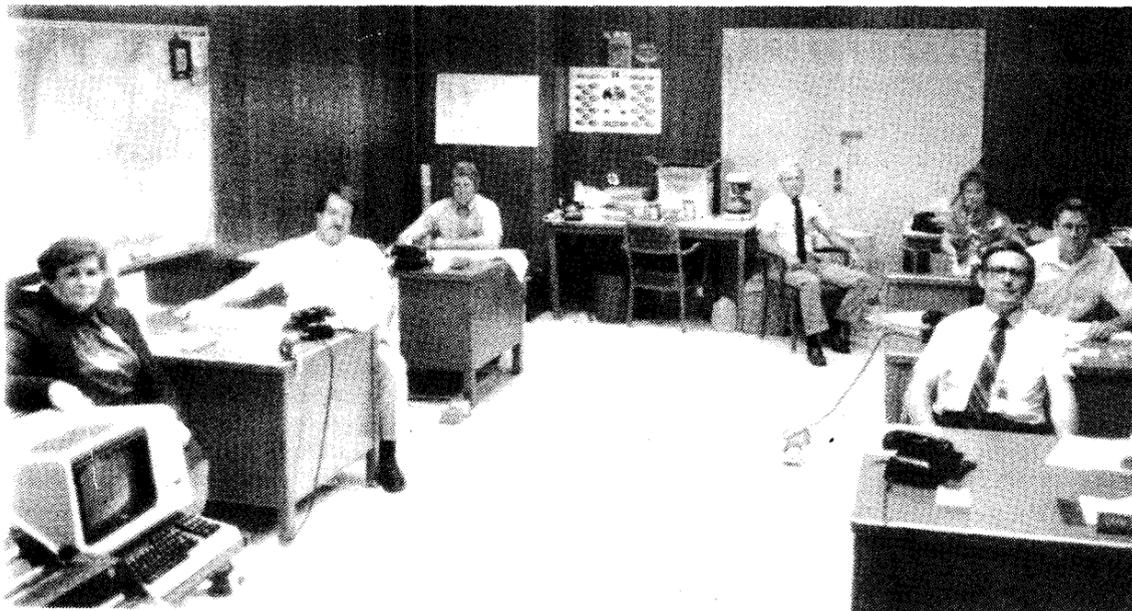
MICOM's being selected to handle the program for Army Materiel Command and the Air Force "shows a lot of confidence in the command's ability and competence," said Stanbrough.

DSREDS, he continued, "is on the leading edge of new technology that is revolutionizing data storage and retrieval. It's very exciting and challenging and I'm very happy to be a part of it.

"DSREDS is one of the Weinberger initiatives. It has high visibility and high priority within DOD. That's one reason why it was established as a program office," he said.

Many federal agencies, defense contractors and other elements of private industry are interested in the DSREDS program and its new concepts in data storage and retrieval, according to Stanbrough.

"The program's got a lot of push, a lot of interest and a lot of importance. We're being watched closely by a lot of people at a lot of different levels," he concluded.



DSREDS STAFF—The staff assembled to acquire the new data storage and retrieval system include, from left, Violet Campbell, Bobby Beal, James Johnson, Gerald Howard, Marcia Kerr, Horace Tate and Dave Stanbrough.

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# Hispanic worker's job took him to Vietnam and Iran

BY SKIP VAUGHN

**H**iding in Iran at the start of a revolution gave an Hispanic branch chief here a better appreciation of life.

Juan Manchego came to Redstone as a soldier 29 years ago and has worked here as a civilian the past 23 years. He is chairman of the Missile Command's observance of National Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 10-16.

"As an Hispanic I am very proud of the contributions that we've offered. And as Hispanics we do share a common heritage but we're all Americans first and then we do consider Hispanic as part of our heritage," Manchego says.

His work at MICOM has taken him to other states and three different countries— Vietnam, Iran, and Germany.

He was in Tehran, Iran, in 1978 and '79 in support of the Hawk missile system. "In February of '79 I had a front row seat to the revolution. I was trapped in the country," recalls Manchego, now chief of the air defense logistics assistance branch in MICOM's Missile Systems Readiness Directorate.

**T**he New Mexico native had evacuated his family from the country in December 1978 through Spain and then to the United States. He returned to Iran the following February to complete his assignment. Only three days after his return, the revolution started.

"I wasn't held. I had to stay locked in my apartment for 13 days while the revolution took place," Manchego says. "We were just hiding out more or less. And this was with instructions to have one suitcase packed and near the front door."

There was a headquarters for Savak, the Shah's secret police, only a quarter of a mile from his apartment. He could hear constant shooting for four or five days with bullets whizzing overhead. "That's when you'd duck your head and go back inside," he says. Bands of heavily-armed people roamed the streets.

**T**he probably 30 people from the Missile Command were in clusters of three or four people to an apartment in different parts of the town, Manchego recalls. They kept in contact with each other by telephone every day.

"We finally got the call to evacuate and go to the embassy the best way we could. And the landlord's brother took us to the embassy with our one suitcase, leaving all our furniture and our cars and everything there which we never saw again," Manchego says. "Then we were evacuated to Frankfurt, Germany and stayed there overnight and came to Redstone, to Huntsville."

**I**n 1965 he had gone to Vietnam for a year in support of the first Hawk unit there. This was during the buildup of U.S. forces in Vietnam. Like Iran the experience there "was tough too, every time we'd get mortared or bombed," he says. "But I felt I was in the most danger (in Iran) because we were completely helpless, at their mercy."

His experience in Iran "made me appreciate life more," he says. Later in 1979, on Nov. 4, Iranian militants seized the U.S. Embassy and took 90 hostages including some 65 Americans. There was an abortive rescue attempt in April 1980. The drama finally ended Jan. 21, 1981 when the remaining hostages were freed.

"I've had a perfect opportunity for travel, seeing all different parts of the world and working with different

kinds of people. I feel that my job has been productive and I have been able to contribute to readiness of missile units around the world," Manchego says.

**M**anchego, 48, was born in Ocate, N.M., which he says "is now a ghost town." It is north of Santa Fe and deep in the Rocky Mountains. He grew up and went to high school in Fowler, Colo., near Pueblo. He was the fourth from the oldest of 11 children (seven boys and four girls) and lived on a farm. "It was a lot of work but it was good growing up in that environment," he says.

He is writing a book about his family roots and has already researched back to 1790. In one or two generations, in the mid 1700s, he expects to be all the way back to Spain. He has learned that in the mid 1860s there were three Manchego brothers from Abiqui, N.M. For some reason they went three separate ways— one to California, one to Colorado, and the other crossed the mountain pass to another part of New Mexico. The one who went to California was killed within a few years by bandits. The brother who went to Colorado started what is the largest Manchego family.

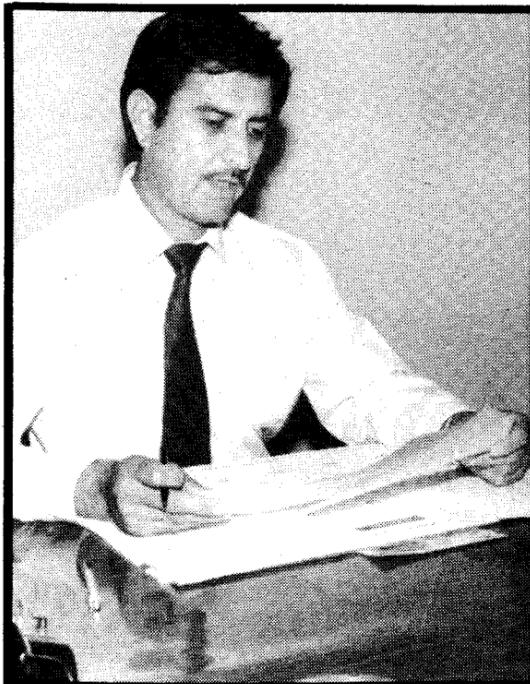
Manchego's great-grandfather Juan was the brother in New Mexico. "Interesting thing about my family is that they were known as sheriffs and jailers and lawmen for the most part," Manchego says. "Of course a few were wagon train drivers and general flunkies — survivors, I guess."

Manchego finished high school in 1954 and joined the Army early the next year. He came to Redstone in October 1955 to attend what was then the Ordnance Guided Missile School. He got out of the Army in 1958, worked in field maintenance here, and has worked at this command since 1961.

**"M**y goals are to continue to do what I'm doing now, to develop myself as a better worker, to continue to travel, and to broaden my perspective on the U.S. Army and its operations," says the branch chief in grade GM-14. He has been in his present job since October 1983.

He and his wife Minnie have two sons— Juan, 22, and Mike, 20 —and a daughter Kelly, 14. His hobbies include painting, writing his family history, and exercising.

"I've had excellent opportunities to advance and progress and I was lucky to be able to take advantage of those opportunities," says Manchego. "I've been lucky in working with excellent people throughout my career and I have learned many, many things from these people."



BRANCH CHIEF—Juan Manchego is chairman of MICOM's observance of National Hispanic Heritage Week.



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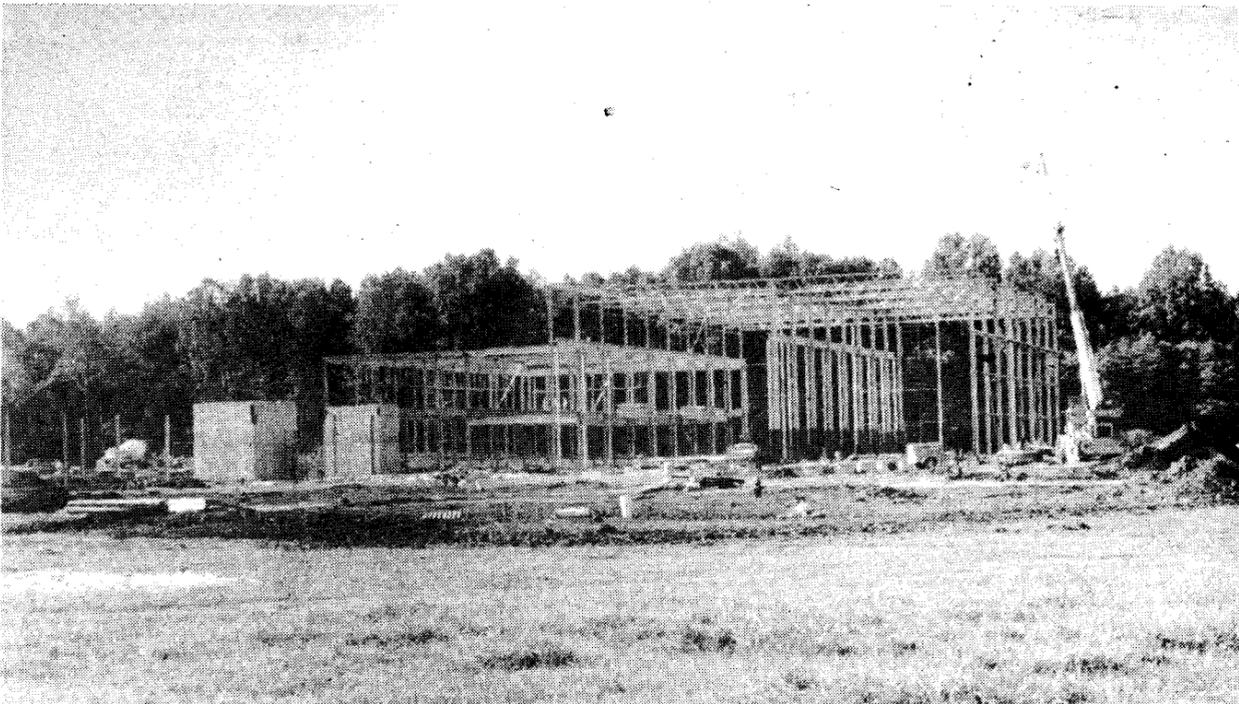
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**IRON FRAMEWORK**—The framework is in place for the new Missile Systems Software Center being built to the southwest of Redstone Army Airfield. The center, which will provide software support for the computers that are with missiles on the battlefield, will have two stories of office and laboratory space in an "L" shape around a high bay shop building large enough to hold the Army's biggest missiles. The \$7 million software center will be housed in a building 422 feet long and 171 feet wide. Completion is expected in another year.

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## Recreation Center

Tonight - Pit tourney at 7 p.m. Thursday - Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday Belly dance show and refreshments at 7 p.m. Saturday - Checkers at 2:30 p.m. Sunday - Trip to Braves vs. Giants game in Atlanta at 7 a.m. Monday - Trivia quiz and refreshments at 7 p.m. Tuesday - Pool at 7 p.m. The Recreation Center in building 3711 is open daily from 1:30-10 p.m. For information call 876-5492.

## Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at building 5435 Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Next Wednesday it will be at building 3711 (Recreation Center) from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For information call Donna McVay 876-7621.

## Potluck dinner

A Protestant family potluck dinner for food and fellowship will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, at Bicentennial Chapel. Bring a dish to share.

## Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club for married E-1s through E-4s living off post will meet on Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. at Post Chapel. Spouses and families are welcome.

## Nonalcohol specials

The NCO Club and the Officers Club will both offer discounts for nondrinkers in observance of National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week, Sept. 24-29, says Installation Club Manager Bob Brown. The NCO Club will have a 50 cent off discount for those who do not want an alcoholic beverage included in their meal on Steak Night, Wednesday, Sept. 26. The Officers Club offers a soft drink beverage and/or 50 cent discount for those who do not want an alcoholic beverage with their meal on Steak Night, Sept. 25, and Beef Eaters Night, Sept. 26.

## Hispanic Heritage Week

A luncheon at the Officers Club at 11:30 a.m. Thursday Sept. 13 is among the events for National Hispanic Heritage Week, Sept. 10-16. Dr. Bert Pena, a Washington, D.C. attorney, is the guest speaker. There will also be musical entertainment. Tickets are \$5.50. On Saturday Sept. 15 at the Post Chapel there will be a Mexican fiesta-pinata for children at 1 p.m. and an Hispanic Mass and potluck supper at 6 p.m. An Hispanic folklore dance is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Recreation Center. For more information call Juan Mancho 876-4475 or Cathy Gant 876-3436 during business hours.

## Crisis intervention training

The Helpline crisis intervention hotline serving Madison and surrounding counties will hold a training program for volunteer telephone counselors Oct. 1-18 on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The training includes counseling attitudes and techniques, active listening, assertiveness, problem solving and community resources. Phones are staffed 24 hours a day by volunteers who respond to over 15,000 calls a year. For more information call 539-3424.

## Civilian basketball

A meeting for coaches and players in the Civilian Welfare Basketball League will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in building 3565, the Security Building. Discussion topics include a proposal for a new way to select teams by their directorate, and an entry fee for government contractors who want to have a team. For more information call Abdullah Muhammad, league president, at 837-8855 or 876-4197 or call Dewitt Palmore 876-1261/7388.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous holds 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 to attend.

## Cub Scouting

Cub Scout Pack 234 of Redstone Arsenal will have its annual roundup/registration meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 in the Post Chapel social room. Needed are boys age 7-11 and scout leaders. For more information call Bill Engquist 830-0485 after 6 p.m. or Ralph Weber 837-6128 after 6 p.m.

## Red Cross course

An orientation course will be held on Thursday Sept. 27 for people interested in serving as Red Cross volunteers at Redstone Arsenal. The course is at 9 a.m. in the main conference room at Fox Hospital. For more information call Irene Walker 830-0174.

## Bicycle found

A gray Bridgestone 10 speed bicycle may be identified and claimed by its owner by calling the military police investigations section at 876-2090/3449.

## PX hours

The main PX is now opening on Mondays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on a trial basis. Extended operating hours for the Shoppette beginning Sept. 17 are: Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, no change.

## Spiritual support

The H.E.R.O. handicapped spiritual support group meets the third Saturday of each month. Their next meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Whitesburg Drive. For more information or transportation call Terry Leach 883-6467, evenings.

## Girl Scout registration

Military parents may register their children in the Redstone Arsenal Girl Scout program on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center. There is a registration fee of \$3. The program is open to children of active duty and retired military personnel. For more information call Donna Manning 830-2943.

## NCO wives

The NCO Wives Club will have a special membership drive meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at the NCO Club. Celia Bunyard will be guest speaker. All wives of NCOs (E4-E9, active and retired) are invited to attend. A skit entitled "Backward Tea" will be presented by the members. Refreshments representing the four seasons will be served. For more information call Ruth Bachman 536-6194 or Sandra Davis 882-2132.

## Federal women

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federally Employed Women will have a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Sept. 20 at the NCO Club. Dr. Ralph E. Carson will speak on "Exercise, Nutrition, Weight Control and Longevity." All members and prospective members are invited to attend. For more information call Jeanne Henry 876-4281.

## Retiree picnic

A fall picnic for members of the Huntsville Chapter of The Retired Officers Association, their families and guests will be held Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Tennessee River military recreation area. Attendees should bring a picnic lunch; beverages and ice will be furnished by the chapter.

## Carpool Hotline



### Madison

Ride wanted from Mountain Lodge Apartments in Madison to 4505, hours flexible. Diane Higgins 876-4863.

### Moulton

Ride wanted from Comptons Crossing or Caddo area in Moulton to 5687 vicinity, hours flexible. Billy Kelley 876-4460/4803.

### Drake Avenue

Ride wanted from Drake Avenue to 3490, hours flexible. Solomon Greene 876-2990 or 883-6098.

### Huntland, Tenn.

Carpool member wanted from Huntland, Tenn., to Cajun Road area on Redstone, hours 7-3:30. Bob Tucker 876-4118.

### Albertville/Guntersville

Ride wanted from Albertville or Guntersville to 5687, hours flexible. Betty Goble 876-1664.

### Mastin Lake Road

Ride wanted from Mastin Lake area to BMDSOM, hours flexible. John Bennett 895-3764.

### Athens

Carpool wanted from Athens to 4488 vicinity, hours 7:30-4. Belinda Priest 876-2281.

## Movie schedule

Here's the post movie schedule through Sept. 18: Tonight- *Terms of Endearment* (PG) at 7. Thursday- *Up the Creek* (R) at 7 p.m. Friday- *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (PG) at 7 p.m. Saturday- *Indiana Jones* at 2 and 7 p.m., *Weekend Pass* (R) at 9:30. Sunday- *Indiana Jones* at 2 and 7 p.m. Monday- *Indiana Jones* at 7 p.m. Tuesday- *Indiana Jones* at 7 p.m.

## Celebrity roast

The Huntsville Press Club will have a celebrity roast featuring local television news anchors on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Von Braun Civic Center Playhouse. Local officials will be poking fun at these TV personalities. Cash bar is at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8. Proceeds go toward a journalism scholarship. For tickets, which are \$5, call Skip Vaughn 876-4163.

## HHC/NCOA run

The first annual HHC-NCOA five mile run will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning and ending at building 3434. Entry forms can be picked up at HHC in building 3434. For more information call Capt. Alvin Mitchell 876-4850/7443.

# Soldiers serve as escorts for children at fair

BY CINDY WATSON

Nearly 700 service members from the Missile and Munitions Center and School escorted handicapped children during Exceptional People's Day at the fair last Wednesday.

"I think the initial reaction of the soldiers was that they were a little afraid, but after the introduction they just loved it to death," said CSM Joseph A. Webb Jr. who organized the group of volunteer escorts. "I'm glad we could be of public service and give these exceptional people a good time."

This the 10th consecutive year that military men and women from the missile school have escorted the handicapped children during their special day at the fair, which is sponsored by the Huntsville Jaycees.

The faces of the children told the story. "They were really excited and enthusiastic at the personal attention they received from the service members, said Tony Baleh, the Jaycees' chairman for the children's event.

"I feel the soldiers were more enthusiastic this year than in any other year I have worked with Exceptional People's Day at the fair," said Stuart Schaefer, Jaycees' community relations vice president. "We have this special day just to show that we care about the mentally and physically handicapped," Schaefer said.

Webb, command sergeant major of School

Brigade's 2nd Battalion, is one soldier who seemed to enjoy his day at the fair as much as the children did. "I

think it was super. I could not have felt better if someone had given me a thousand dollars," he said.



FUN AT THE FAIR — Kids and their soldier escorts ride "bump cars" at the fair.

## Four sales scheduled at commissary stores

FORT LEE, Va. - The U.S. Army Troop Support Agency has announced the dates and themes for promotional sales events in 1985 at commissary stores worldwide.

Special sales include, "The Best Deal in Town", Jan. 1-31; "Spring Festival '85", April 1-30; "Red, White & Blue Sale", July 1-31; and "Saleabration", Oct. 1-31.

Voluntary price reductions, coupons, advertisements, flyers, displays and point-of-sale materials will be used during the promotions to highlight sales themes and inform shoppers of savings being offered.

## Fox is new BMD program manager

Maj. Gen. Eugene Fox was installed as the new manager of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense program Sept. 4, succeeding Maj. Gen. E. R. Heiberg III, whose next assignment is to be chief of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The change of BMD program manager was followed later in the day by a promotion ceremony in which Fox received the second star for his new rank of major general.

Heiberg has been the program manager since May 1983. His office is in the Washington, D.C., area. Fox has served as deputy program manager in Huntsville since joining the BMD organization in July 1983. There has been no announcement yet of a successor to Fox.

As program manager, Fox will direct the BMD pro-

gram, which since the mid-1950s has been responsible for developing technology and systems to counter the threat of strategic ballistic missiles being launched against the United States.

The BMD program is a key contributor to the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative. This research effort was launched by President Reagan in March 1983 to develop sound technical options in support of future decisions on whether the U.S. should proceed with development of an effective defense against ballistic missiles.

The primary elements of the BMD program are its program office in Washington, the BMD Systems Command and Advance Technology Center in Huntsville, and Kwajalein Missile Range, a strategic national test range in the Marshall Islands of the Pacific.



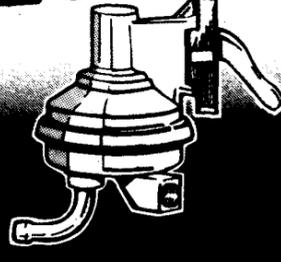
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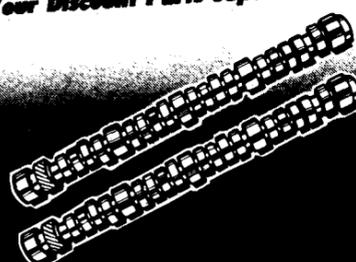
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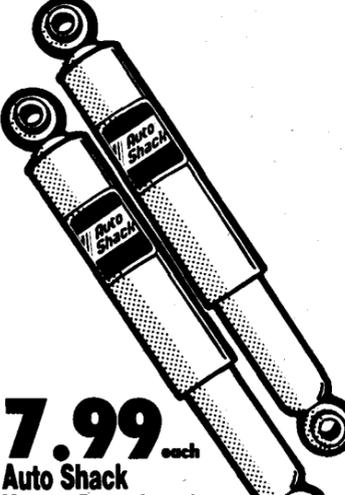
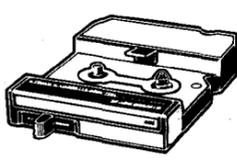
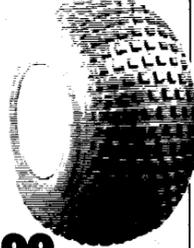
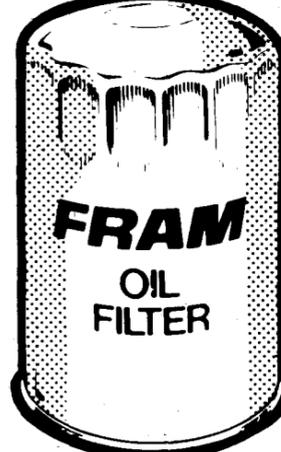
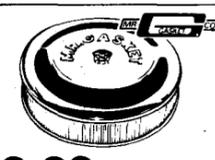
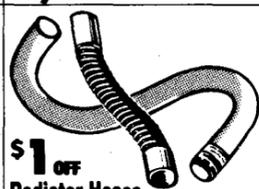


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# Campaign coordinator pleased with volunteer response

The coordinator for the local Combined Federal Campaign hopes to make this year's drive "the people's campaign."

"We want to take the campaign to the grass-roots level," said Myra Bice, coordinating the drive that starts later this month.

Bice, a computer programmer analyst in the Management Information Systems Directorate, was named this year to lead the Local Federal Coordinating Committee by Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, general chairman of the drive. The LFCC consists of representatives from 12 local federal agencies and two employee unions.

Like last year's committee, the group has elected to conduct a four-week campaign starting Sept. 27.

"It has been a real pleasure working with Gen. Bunyard because his door has been open to me anytime I need his help and guidance," Bice said.

Last year's successful campaign raised more than \$692,000 to support the charitable efforts of local, national, and international health and welfare agencies. The goal this year is \$650,000.

During August, Bice and other committee members trained more than 700 volunteer solicitors, monitors, and organization and agency chairpersons. Another 50 to 100 volunteers are to attend make-up training this month. The Marshall Space Flight Center conducts its

own training and is expected to train more than 300 volunteers.

"The people have responded in a beautiful way," Bice said. "People have been very positive."

Milan Morrow, an aerospace engineer in the Systems Engineering and Production Directorate, serves in a dual role as alternate chairperson of the committee and as MICOM financial chairperson. The command's alternate financial chairperson is Peggy Cook, a support services specialist in the Army Missile Laboratory.

The United Way of Madison County, serving as the principal combined fund organization for the campaign, will provide the area financial chairperson. That position is to be filled by Howard Goans, a retired MICOM employee.

Thirty federal agencies in the Huntsville area will participate in the campaign. Recipients are to include the United Way of Madison County, United Ways of surrounding counties, national health agencies, international service agencies, national service agencies, and other agencies certified as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service.

"I've enjoyed this campaign work, it has its rewards," said Bice. For information about CFC call her at 876-3141/3264.



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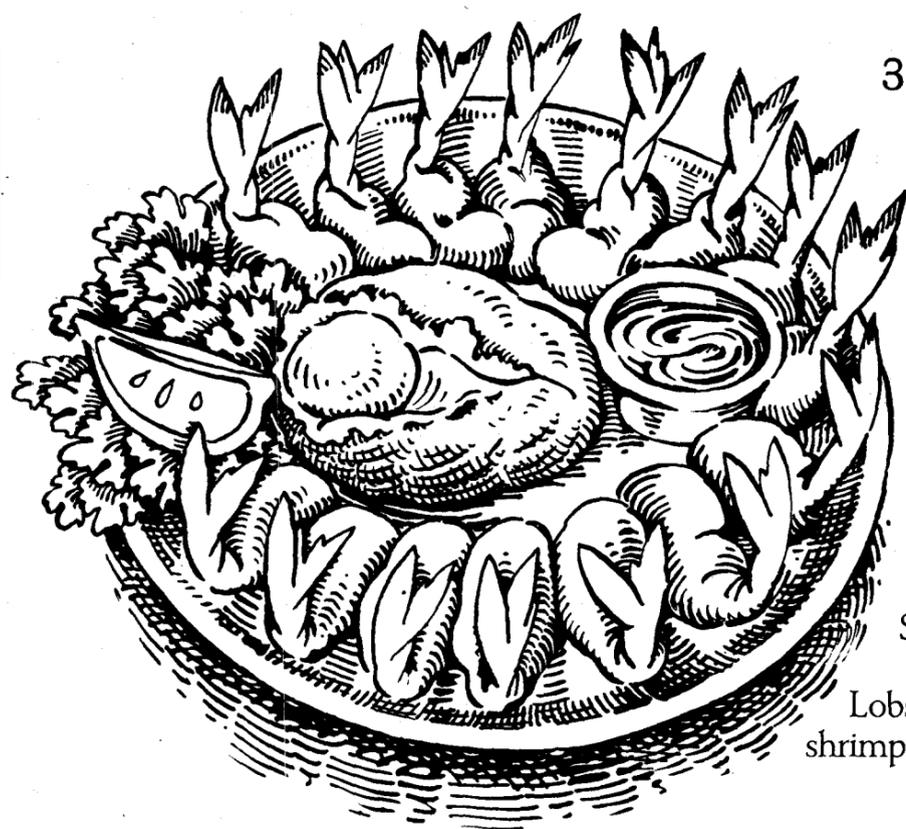
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## September activities at Recreation Center

A puppet show, computer club, and dance class and contest are among activities planned this month at the Recreation Center.

The children's puppet show, Saturday, Sept. 15 at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by the Huntsville Public Library with the "Tyro and Friends" characters from the PBC program "Grunches and Grins". The show will feature jokes, music and stories, and magic tricks using children from the audience. There is no admission charge and free refreshments will be served.

A ballroom dance class will be offered by the Recreation Center on Sept. 17 and a dance contest will be held Sept. 25. The class next Monday from 7-9 p.m. will offer instruction in disco, fox trot, rumba, cha cha and other steps. Dance instructor Cathy Short will teach the one-time class. Participants should come as couples if possible and those under age 18 must be accompanied by a sponsor. There is no charge for the

class.

A dance contest with trophies is scheduled Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Categories will be established based on sign-up information. Advance registration for the class is required by Sept. 22. There is no entry fee. A sponsor must accompany those under 18 years old.

The Recreation Center is starting a computer club that will have its first meeting Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Computer ownership and experience are not necessary to join. The club is being formed for those who wish to learn about computers or share their knowledge of them with others. The club is open to military personnel and family members. There are no membership dues.

The Recreation Center in building 3711 is open daily from 1:30-10 p.m. For more information call 876-5492.

## Commissary sets sidewalk sale

Commissary shopping goes outdoors with a sale set for Friday and Saturday.

What Commissary Manager Bill Penney calls the "world famous sidewalk sale" will be held outside the store from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9-4 Saturday.

Featured items include Purina dog food in 25-pound bag, Scott towels, Pepsi Cola in 12-ounce cans, frozen pizza, frozen vegetables, ribeye steaks, bacon in 10-pound box, and other unadvertised specials.

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# Center director wins new car with stroke of golf club

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Jack Isom had planned on buying a car next year but that's all changed now.

With the stroke of a golf club, he won a new Buick Riviera convertible at the Huntsville Country Club. His hole-in-one on the 15th hole won the prize with a sticker price of about \$29,000.

"I was planning on buying a car either early next spring or sometime next summer; I have two kids getting out of college this winter. Of course that problem's solved now for me — except for the taxes," said Isom, director of the Missile Logistics Center.

He and his wife decided he would not drive the new white convertible to work every day. He parks under a tree so the birds have not been kind to his old Volkswagen Rabbit. "I really don't mind but I would with the new Buick, especially if the top was down," Isom said.

Plans are to use the convertible for special occasions such as evenings out and trips. The 1983 car is somewhat of a collector's item. "It's one of the few that was made and it was used as a pace car at the (1983) Indianapolis 500," said Isom. He called the golf shot that won it a "career shot."

"You wouldn't expect this to happen in a lifetime," he said. "When something like this happens you wonder: Is this the big high of my life. But it's unbelievable. It's hard to believe that you could actually win something like that."

It was his third hole-in-one. He shot one this spring at the municipal course near the old airport and some of his fellow golfers gave him a trophy. He shot one at the Arab (Ala.) Country Club five years ago and received a \$100 savings bond and a \$25 savings bond.

Isom first played the game — out of boredom — when he was in the Navy over in Guam. He played again in 1960 and has been golfing regularly for the last 10 years. He generally plays once a week and is a 16-handicap golfer. "Golf, to me, is a sport that you can play as long as you stay in reasonably good condition," said Isom, 49. "You don't have to stop competing because you get a little older."

He and his wife Marcie, who works in International Logistics Directorate, have three sons and two daughters. Army Capt. Ronald Isom, 26, is stationed at Fort Lee, Va.; daughter Robyn Isom Patterson is 23; Joe, 22, works at SCI; John, 21, attends Southeast Missouri State University; and Dawn, 19, attends the University of South Florida.

Besides golf Isom enjoys racquetball, jogging, fishing and gardening. The car was not the Illinois native's only prize Sunday, Sept. 2 from the Annual Huntsville Country Club Invitational Tournament. He also took home 12 golf balls.

"It was a closest-to-the-pin contest which had a prize of a dozen golf balls but with the additional prize of the car if you could get a hole in one," Isom said. "So I put the golf balls in the trunk."



PRIZE — Jack Isom drove to work last week in the new Buick Riviera he won playing golf.

## Weinberger charts task force on women

WASHINGTON—A task force, chartered to evaluate the effects of Defense policies, programs, and practices on opportunities for women, was recently formed at the direction of Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

The task force on "Equity for women" will help to increase opportunities for both military and civilian Defense Department women and civilian spouses of military personnel.

"Women within the Department of Defense have responded to the challenge of citizenship with courage, dedication and perseverance, said Weinberger in his announcement on the occasion of Women's Equality Day, Aug. 26. "Both civilian and military women have every reason to be proud of every aspect of their

achievements ... we owe them a debt of gratitude for the vital contributions they have made to the security of our nation."

The task force will also examine the impact of legislation on equitable opportunities for Defense Department women and ensure that DOD-produced material is free of gender-biased references or effects.

According to the Defense Department's manpower, installations and logistics office, the number of "Defense women" has increased markedly in the last three years. In 1984, they total more than 1.5 million — about 195,000 military, 340,000 civilian, and more than 1 million civilian spouses of military personnel. (Arnews)

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# Sept. 17 is 197th birthday of U.S. Constitution

WASHINGTON — The nation will celebrate the 197th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17.

The date, also recognized as Citizenship Day, highlights the week of Sept. 17 as Constitution Week.

"The Constitution provides a framework for our continuous striving to make a better America," said President Reagan, proclaiming the 32nd annual Citizenship Day. "However," he continued, "It is only the outline of our system of government. It is through each individual citizen living out the ideals of the Constitution that we reach for a full expression of those ideals."

Citizenship Day gives each American a chance to

live out the ideals of the Constitution, he said. "Let us, therefore, rededicate ourselves to a full realization of the potential of the great country which the founding fathers struggled to create more than 200 years ago."

In the proclamation, the President calls upon government officials to display the U.S. flag on all federal buildings. He also urges federal, state, and local officials as well as leaders of civic, educational and religious organizations to conduct ceremonies and programs to commemorate the occasion.

The National Archives in Washington, D.C., marks the anniversary by displaying the original copy of the four-page Constitution. (Arnews)



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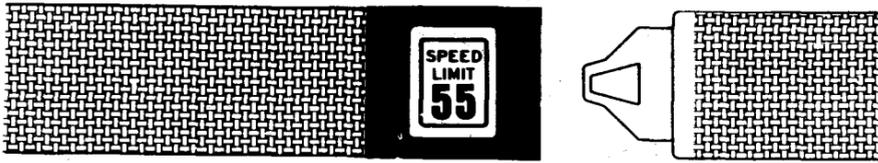
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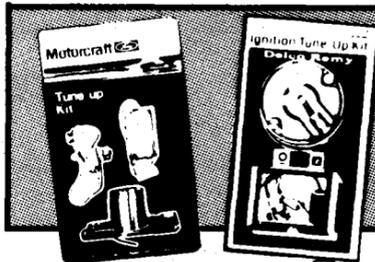
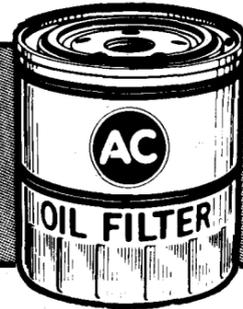
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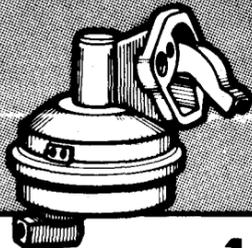
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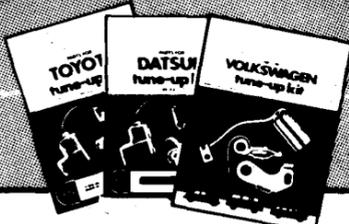
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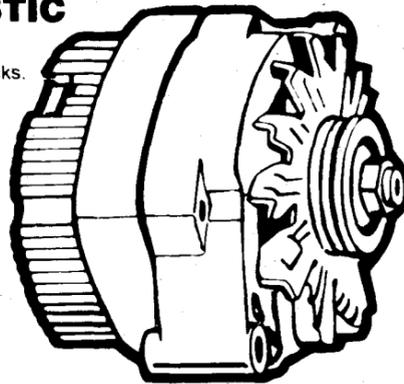
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## Hawk project has new manager

Col. Samuel N. Liberatore, an experienced artillery and air defense officer, has assumed duties here as project manager for Hawk, the Army's bullet with a brain that guards the United States and more than 20 countries around the world against low-to-medium altitude air attack.

The Baltimore, Md., native succeeds Col. John Drosdeck who is leaving for a new assignment.

Liberatore comes here from Washington where he was chief of the Missile and Air Defense Systems Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition. In an earlier assignment there, he was the Army System Coordinator for Hawk and Patriot.

This is his first assignment here.

Liberatore has a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He also holds a master's in guided missile engineering from the University of Texas, El Paso. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and attended the Field Artillery School's basic and advanced courses, and the guided missile staff officer's course at Fort Bliss.

Among other assignments, he commanded batteries at the Field Artillery Training Center; a Nike Hercules battery in Texas; and the 5th Army Artillery Group in Europe. He has served overseas tours in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, France and Germany.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf

cluster, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Liberatore is married to the former Marianna Maciejka, also of Baltimore, and they have three children.



## New law makes occupant pay for quarters damage

WASHINGTON — Starting Oct. 1, the military services will have the authority to dock members' pay for damage done to their government quarters through abuse or negligence.

The new policy is a part of a \$9.1 billion military construction authorization act recently signed into law by President Reagan.

Details on how the costs will be determined and charged still must be worked out, according to Army housing management officials.

The bill also authorizes the services to build 4,176 family housing units, 956 of them for the Army. Sierra Army Depot, Calif. will receive 205 units, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., 439; Fort Hood, Texas, 20; Babenhausen, Germany, 106; and Mainz, Germany, 186 units.

The family housing budget targets \$538 million to build new housing and \$2.6 billion for maintenance, repair and improvements of more than 450,000 units of existing housing.

The bill will also grant DOD the authority to limit tenants' liability after a house fire to avoid having to bill them for the full cost of their quarters.

In addition, the services will now pay for the repairs or changes to telephone wiring in military housing. It also allows the services to repay tenants for payments they may have made during 1984. The provision clarifies a law that prohibited using appropriated funds for telephone wiring. (Arnews)

## Exchange service plans 'super' sale Oct. 1-9

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service plans to have an AAFES Super Sale in October.

"The nine-day savings Bonanza, Oct. 1-9, offers exchange customers a broad selection of items at prices which guarantee exceptional savings," stated Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray, AAFES commander, "It's another event in which AAFES will be saluting the military family."

Of particular note are two name brand microwave ovens with a 1.3 cu. ft. capacity which have been purchased specially for this sale at low prices, other examples of the variety being offered include microwave cookware, coffee makers, a blender, dining table and matching chairs, rockers, a computer desk, occasional tables, plant stands, figurines and more. In the linen and domestics category, the sale features designer sheet sets, bedspreads, comforters and towels. And for home improvement, custom mini-blinds and ready-made blinds will be offered at super savings.

For the camera and audio buff the sale will feature a 35mm SLR camera and lens, along with several instamatic cameras and film. Binoculars will also be available. Musically, a brand-name entertainment system, priced \$250 below the regular price, plus a radio and cassette recorder will be available, in addition to cassette tapes at substantial savings.

In the clothing departments, the sale will offer something for everyone such as jeans for boys, girls and men; sleep and play sets for infants; athletic shoes for men and women; warmups, slacks and blazers for men; and ladies raincoats, hosiery, bras, panties and exercise tights.

Other great vaules include an electric typewriter, learning aids, pens, various stationery items and photo albums. Also, hair care items, shaving colognes and contact lens solutions will be on sale. Rounding out the super savings will be specials on 14K gold chains, men's watches and wallets for everyone. (Arnews)

## Chief of Staff urges soldiers, families to vote

WASHINGTON — Army Chief of Staff, Gen. John A. Wickham has sent a message to soldiers and their families encouraging them to vote. His message reads as follows:

"The right to vote is one of our most cherished civil liberties. On Nov. 6 we and our families, by exercising this right, will help elect the next president of the United States. We will also help elect over 500,000 public officials at the federal, state and local level.

"The secretary of the Army and I strongly encourage you to vote. By voting we fulfill our obligation as citizens of this great nation and express our opinions on the issues and the candidates in a meaningful way." (Arnews)

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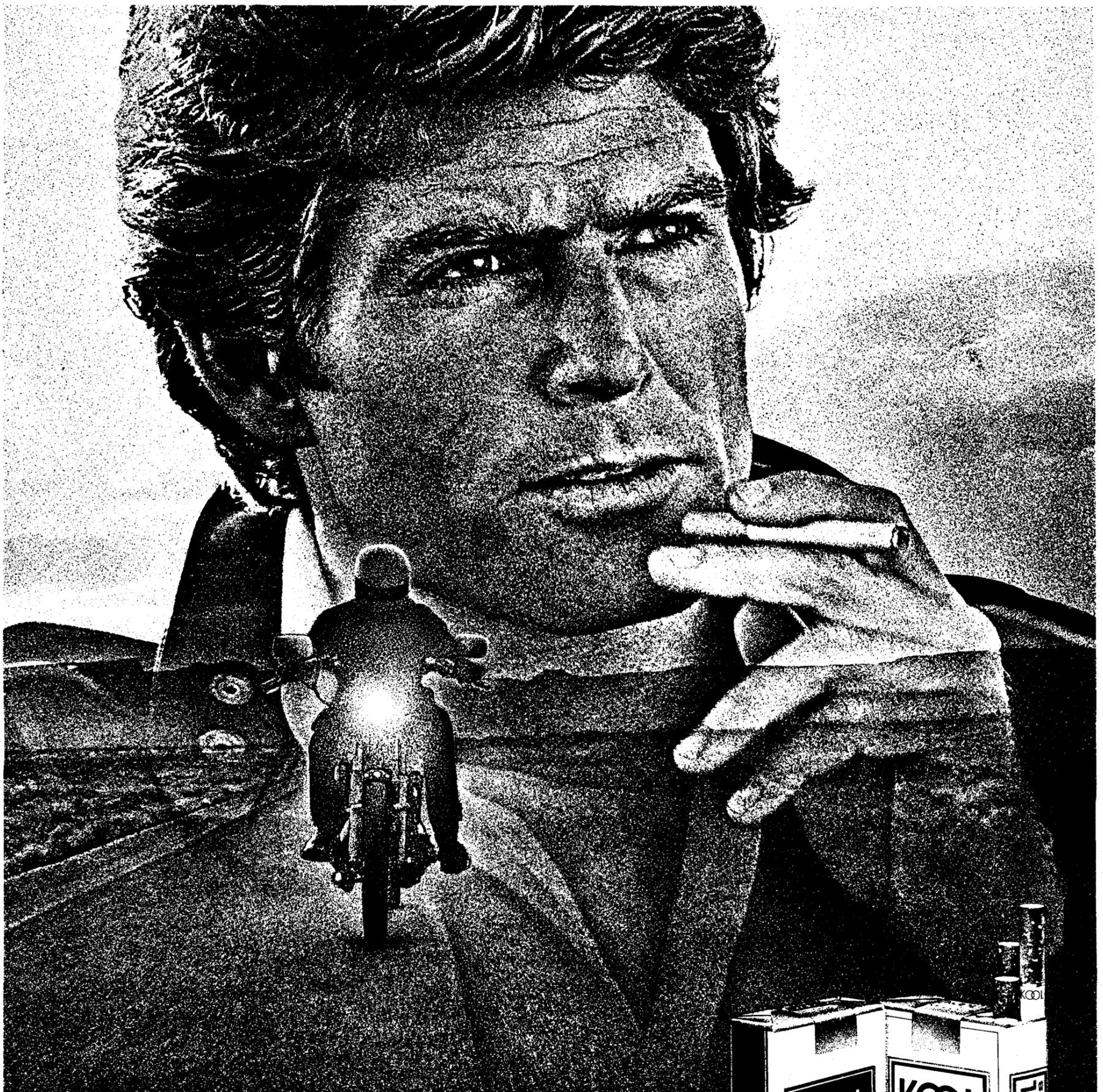
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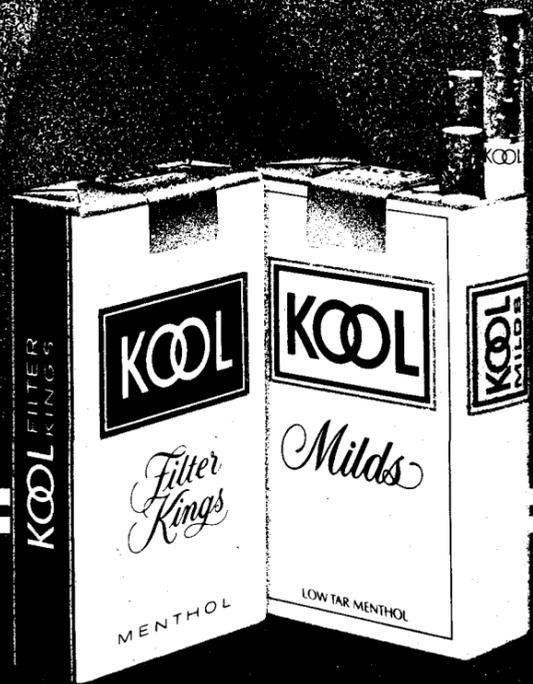
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