

Jim Edwards: *It's time to go*

The warehouse foreman in property branch, administrative and support services, retired Jan. 3, completing a 37 year career with the government.

"I said that when I turned 60, I would retire," said Jim E. Edwards. "My 60th birthday was June 27 and I just waited until the end of the year."

Mr. Edwards spent three years in the Navy prior to going to work for civil service in 1948. He was hired as a warehouseman at the Army hospital at Fort Harrison—when it was located in building 600. He was promoted into his present position as foreman in May 1974.

"I've always felt I was successful," he said, "even though I never went to college. I was able to raise my family, send my chil-

dren through college, and pay all my bills.

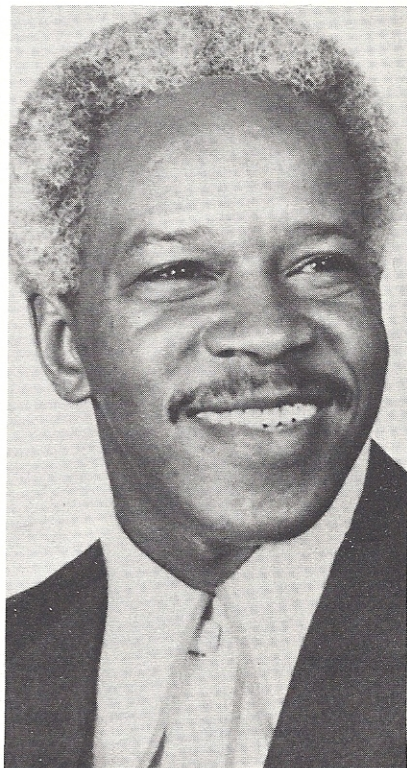
"I worked a part-time job for several years in order to get those bills paid off. That done, I'm ready to stay home, enjoy my family and use my swimming pool."

Mr. Edwards said it will not be easy for him to leave the Center as he has made many friends over the years.

"In fact, I knew many of them when they were just teenagers," he said. "I've seen them grow, have families of their own—and succeed on their own. I will miss them all.

"Indeed, I will miss USAFAC. How can you do something for 37 years and just drop it?"

He has no plans for the future, except "working in the yard and swimming in my swimming pool."



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