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WILDLIFE WEEK

The striking sight of a hawk is a fitting reminder that this is National Wildlife Week and "Conserve Our Wildlife" is the theme this year. The sparrow hawk, held aloft by Bill Schroder of the Environmental Office here, was rescued weak and frightened from an old building where it had been trapped for several days. It was given a clear bill of health by Major (Dr.) James Byrum, post veterinarian, who watched as the bird was turned loose, flying haphazardly at first but soaring gracefully as it disappeared from sight. With federal protection, hawks are reported to be making a good comeback population-wise after some bad years.

A male nurse? No eyebrows raised here at hospital

By Larry Paul

"I met a girl a while ago who asked me what I did", recalls the young second lieutenant. "When I told her I was an Army officer she seemed interested. 'What job are you in?', she asked. 'I'm a nurse', I replied. Her very next question: 'Are you gay?' This is an inconvenience some male nurses encounter", the lieutenant said with a laugh.

What misconceptions there may be about the profession are not stopping a lot of men from entering the once predominately female field of nursing.

Males make up 25 per cent of the Army Nurse Corps. At Redstone's Fox Army Hospital, seven of a staff of 18 nurses are male. But it is evident from a series of interviews that nurses here see each other not as male nurses or female nurses, but as Army nurses, dedicated to giving hospital patients the best care they know how.

A substantial number of male nurses get

into the profession following military service as a medic or hospital corpsman. Major Charles C. Smith, an Army nurse for 14 years, spent 3 1/2 years as a Navy corpsman. "I wanted to get into nursing, but at the time there was no opportunity for an enlisted man to attend nursing school", said Smith, who is Fox Hospital's head operating room nurse,

At the end of his Navy hitch Smith enrolled in nursing school. "I was in my second year when I found out about the Army student nursing program. At the time", he recalls, "they paid you PFC wages (about \$156 a month) during your last year of school in return for a two-year Army commitment."

Smith, whose wife, Carol, is also a nurse, remembers, "In earlier years, say in the mid-60s, 'the women accepted you professionally but with a tinge of resistance.

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Triana tests reveal high levels of DDT

ATLANTA -- The U.S. Public Health Service has called for tests of the approximately 1,000 residents of Triana, Ala., after finding abnormally high levels of DDT compounds in blood samples taken from 12 lifetime residents of the community bordering Redstone Arsenal.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported March 19 that blood samples from five men and six women taken in February showed concentrations of DDE—a metabolite of DDT—14 times higher than levels found in the general U.S. population, two to three times higher than found in previous studies done on black people of equivalent age, and roughly comparable to levels found in people who had worked in DDT plants.

CDC said the DDE levels in the blood of Triana residents appeared to be "positively associated" with fish they had eaten.

Fish in Indian Creek and Huntsville Spring Branch, two sluggish creeks which cross Redstone Arsenal and enter the Tennessee River at Triana, are heavily contaminated with DDT

as a result of residues in the creek bottoms from a plant that made the pesticide on the arsenal from 1947 through 1970.

Eleven of the blood samples from Triana averaged 225 parts per billion DDE, ranging from 65 to 602 ppb in individuals. The 12th sample contained 3,236 ppb DDE, a concentration four times higher than any value previously reported, CDC said.

"Although no adverse health effects have been reported in industrial workers with high levels of DDE and DDT related compounds, the effect of such levels in women, children, elderly and the infirm needs to be further investigated," CDC said.

"The levels found in the 12 persons examined in this pilot study may or may not be representative of the distribution of DDE levels in the entire population of Triana. This issue can be resolved only through a community wide survey of Triana residents. Such a survey should be conducted as soon as possible."

The survey could also assess "whether adverse health effects have occurred," CDC said.

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Singing cadets to perform here

The West Point Glee Club, one of the most popular and familiar groups representing the United States Military Academy, will travel to Huntsville to present concerts on March 26 and 27. Performing with the Glee Club will be a five member folk-singing group called "The Headliners."

The cadets will present a free performance for military personnel and their families at the Redstone Arsenal Rec Center on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 27, the group will perform at the Von Braun Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Glee Club's Civic Center performance are \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children and students. They can be purchased from AUSA members, at the Civic Center, or by calling Kay Owens, 6-4414.

Because the Glee Club is a self-supporting extracurricular activity of the military academy, travel and lodging expenses must be borne by the local concert sponsor — the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army

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OPINION

Some thoughts on breaking a bad habit

What makes a person quit smoking? For me it was the realization that hits everyone at some point in life—that you're mortal, fragile.

You find you can't run as far and as fast as you thought you could and used to could. It starts you thinking about the cantankerous old history professor you used to see wheezing on the stairwell, getting his breath so he could climb another step.

You get a sore throat that stubbornly stays on. You remember from childhood how it scared you so, that rasping voice of the man who had to hold a microphone-looking thing to his throat whenever he wanted to say something.

You get a tight feeling in your chest. It starts you thinking about the guy who told you he had a foot of plastic pipe in his.

Then you think about all those warnings you brushed aside, even refused to read. Warnings that smoking causes cancer in people—not in mice, rabbits or monkeys given asininely gross doses—but in humans like you at your own level of intake. You seem to remember having read somewhere that smoking takes away seven years of your life . . . that it causes emphysema . . . that it's a big factor in heart disease, stroke . . . that a whole host of ailments are more common in smokers.

It dawns on you that people don't smoke for pleasure, despite what those macho men and sultry ladies say in the ad copy. It's been years since you experienced the mild nicotine rush you sought when you sneaked

and smoked as a kid. You smoke because you're addicted to nicotine.

You resolve to quit. Ahead lies the worst week of your life. The first three or four days are hellish—maddening, excruciating, exasperating. But you withstand. It becomes a challenge, you're proud, confident.

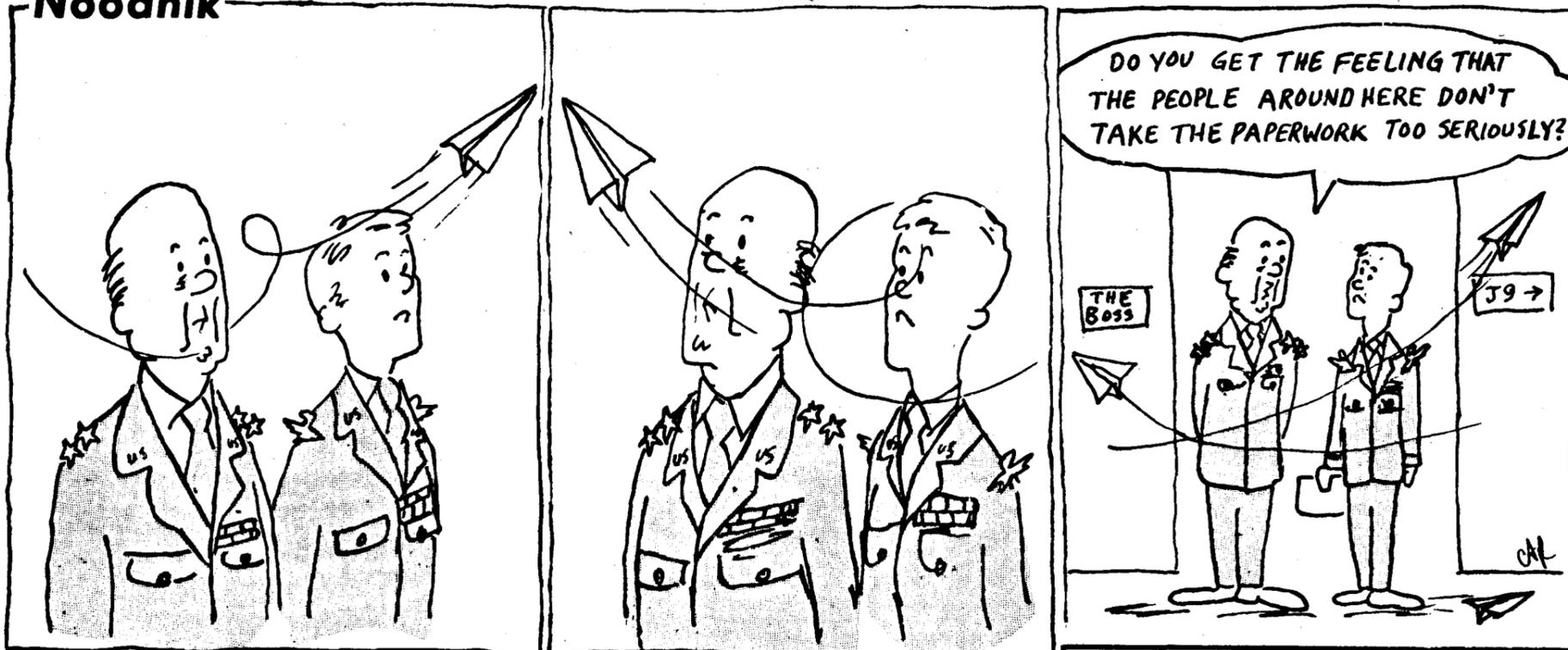
After a short time you try your legs. You find you'll likely never again run as far or as fast as you once could. But your endurance will surprise you.

Your smoker's throat condition goes away. So does the tightness in your chest. You feel unburdened.

—Ed Peters



Noodnik



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PX gas station faces shortages

The PX service station is encountering difficulty in meeting customer demand for gasoline and will begin closing on Mondays effective April 1, according to Exchange Manager Joe Robinson.

He said that under an allocation program expected to be in effect for several months, the service station is allotted only the amount of gasoline it received in the same month last year.

According to AAFES chief of automotive services, Clayton Easter, only Gulf and Chevron, two of six AAFES gasoline suppliers, are now supplying gasoline at 100 per cent of the levels delivered in 1978.

Suppliers cutback

AAFES is receiving from its largest supplier, Texaco, only 90 per cent of the gallonage supplied last year, said Easter, while Sun Oil Co. is now supplying only 72 per cent of the unleaded gas it formerly did. The effect of this unleaded shortage is confined mainly to service stations in Oklahoma, and the problem is expected to be temporary, Easter said.

Areas where shortages are most acute are the Rocky Mountain states, Arizona, southern California and, for unleaded gas, Oklahoma.

Prices increases vary by area, Easter noted, and said that since AAFES stations cannot sell gasoline at a loss, their prices may meet or exceed those of public service stations in some cases but generally are two cents a gallon cheaper.

PX service stations throughout the nation are being affected by the gas supply situation, including those in Alaska, Hawaii and U.S. possessions under jurisdiction of the Department of energy.

In foreign countries, said Easter, stations are supplied under different arrangements and there has been no reduction in gasoline deliveries.

But, he added, "It's a global problem" that could cause supply problems overseas if worldwide oil production and refinery operations don't increase soon enough.

In scattered parts of the nation some stations operated by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service already are

curbing gasoline sales by limiting customer purchases, closing on some days, closing early, restricting sales of gas for lawn mowers and other non-automotive needs, and by keeping open only one station per installation.

Iran a factor

The allocation program applies to every service station in the nation. Oil companies say it is the result of a crude oil shortage and the production cutback in Iran oil fields, along with a continued increase in demand for gasoline, particularly unleaded. Robinson noted that while the companies that supply AAFES may not buy crude oil from Iran, they are required by the Department of Energy to share their supplies with companies that are dependent on Iranian oil. Thus, supplies available to all commercial accounts including AAFES, are limited.

Robinson said, "Every feasible alternate means of getting gasoline — including purchasing it from other sources — will be investigated whenever a shortage threatens.

Energy use restricted by 'emergency action'

Redstone Arsenal and other Army installations have been ordered to reduce energy use by five per cent in what is termed an "emergency action" by General Frederick J. Kroesen, Army vice chief of staff.

Kroesen's order, implementing directives from the President and Secretary of Defense, requires that, wherever possible:

— Buildings be heated to a maximum of 65 degrees

— Unessential trips in government vehicles be stopped, necessary ones consolidated and controls be tightened on administrative use of aircraft

— Allocation and use of petroleum fuels be tightened up

— Vehicles be maintained for and drivers be taught about energy-efficient operation

The order also temporarily lifts restriction on use of natural gas for heating and allows its substitution for oil in boiler plants that will burn either fuel.

Operational readiness activities are exempt from the conservation requirements but must be conducted in the

most fuel-efficient way possible, the order states.

Also, although "all reasonable measures" must be taken to save energy and meet the five per cent goal, the measures do not go

into effect where they would jeopardize mission readiness, health or safety.

"This emergency action will remain in effect until further notice, the order states.

Plan helps you stop smoking

Do you want to stop smoking? Have you tried before and failed? A program that has proved very effective in helping people kick the tobacco habit is being offered here free of charge.

Called Five-Day Stop Smoking Seminar, it will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 each evening during March 25-29 at the Post Chapel (Bldg). Everyone who wants to quit smoking is invited to attend.

The seminar is being conducted by Dr. Eugene H. Scott, a Huntsville dentist, under auspices of the American Temperance Society.

Commenting on the seminar, Col.

Frederick W. Straub, Redstone staff chaplain, noted, "The plan has proved to be 80 per cent effective over the past several years."

"Present statistics indicate the startling figure of 150,000 Americans who die each year from maladies directly related to smoking", the chaplain continued, "and thousands more become disabled as a result of heart attack, stroke or emphysema.

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SFC Thomas Cotton, Co. C —
 “None, because the Army’s not going to be able to control it. That’s up to the individual’s discretion.”



Sp5 Hector Figueroa, MIRCOC —
 “I don’t smoke and wish smokers would ask before they light around me — especially in the mess hall. But I don’t know what the Army could do.”



Pvt. Paul Adams, 4th S.C. —
 “I think smoking is a personal decision, but the Army should defend the rights of the non-smokers. The dining facility I eat in doesn’t have a non-smoking area. In general though, the Army does a good job now.”



SFC Williard E. Brooks, Co. B —
 “I don’t think there is anything the Army can do without appearing to encroach on people’s constitutional rights. I smoke because it’s a source of enjoyment. It doesn’t impede my duties. I’m going to keep on smoking.”



PFC Judy Moran, MEDDAC —
 “It would be nice if there were more non-smoking areas so that those of us who are bothered by smoke couldn’t be trapped so often.”



Pvt. Thomas Murray, 8th S.C. —
 “I don’t smoke and I don’t have any objections to other people smoking. If someone wants to smoke, let them. Why try to run someone’s life.”

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'Brave Shield' readiness drill starts Saturday

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Nearly 16,000 soldiers and airmen are slated to take part in "Brave Shield 19" at Ft. Hood, Texas beginning March 24.

Brave Shield is a joint readiness exercise directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sponsored by the U.S. Readiness Command of MacDill AFB, Fla.

The exercise is designed to practice planning and executing a joint operation. It will be conducted in three phases:

— Phase 1: March 24 - April 24, units will deploy to the exercise area by airlift or convoy.

— Phase 2: April 5 - 12, command post and field training exercises will be conducted.

— Phase 3: April 13 - 19, the forces will return to their home bases.

The majority of the soldiers in the exercise will be provided by the U.S. Army Forces Command of Ft. McPherson, Ga. while the U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va., will furnish most of the Air Force resources.

Elements of Ft. Hood's 1st Cavalry and 2d Armored Division, will participate along with the 11th Signal Group from Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. which will provide communications support for the exercise.

The 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, N.C., will participate as unconventional warfare forces.

Fourteen Army Reserve and three Army National Guard units from throughout the U.S. will also participate.

\$57.8 million in Patriot deal

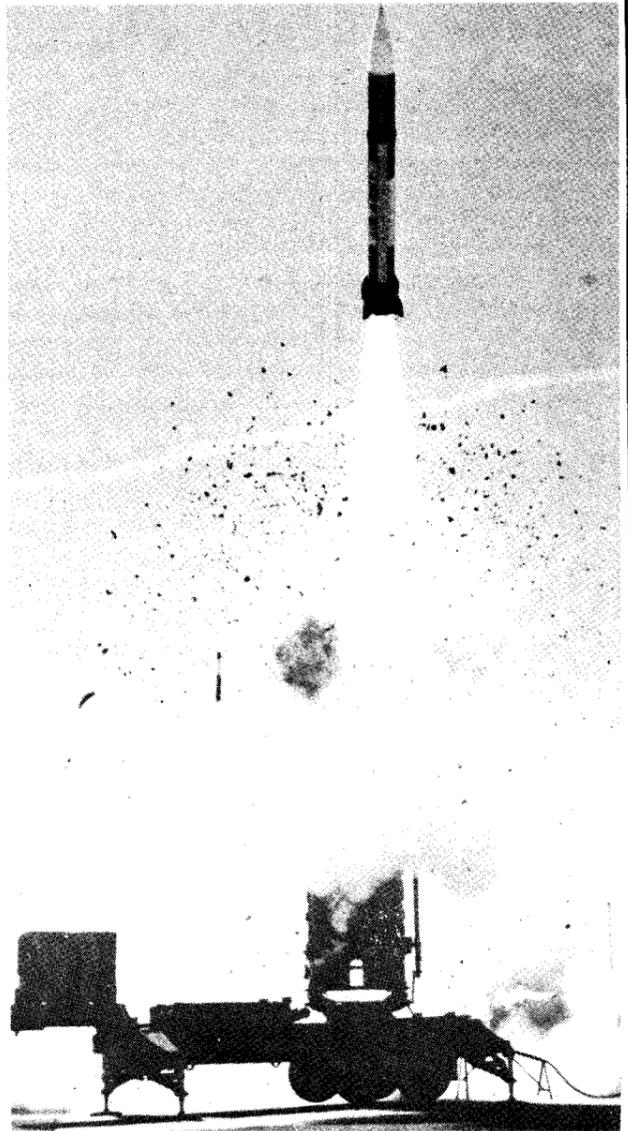
The Army Missile Research and Development Command (MIRADCOM) has awarded a \$57.8 million contract to Raytheon Company for initial production facilities for the Army's new Patriot air defense missile system.

Under the cost plus fixed fee contract with award fee features, the first use of production money for Patriot, Raytheon will install special tooling and test equipment needed for production of the highly mobile, all-weather Patriot.

Most of the work will be performed at Raytheon's Andover, Mass., facility and in the plant of the principal subcontractor, Martin Marietta Aerospace at Orlando, Fla.

Patriot, being developed to replace both Nike Hercules and Hawk missiles, will be the cornerstone of field Army air defense against medium to high altitude targets in the 1980s and beyond. Featuring a high kill probability and fast reaction time, Patriot will be able to handle saturation attacks in a countermeasures environment.

The United States and six other countries—Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece and Netherlands—have signed a memorandum of understanding calling for NATO allies to study the most practical and economical ways to acquire and produce Patriot. The multi-national study, terminating in Oct. 1980, will consider a broad range of Patriot acquisition options, including foreign military sales, coproduction, and license production in Europe.



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Engineer goes far for three-minute thrill

Phil Dunning likes to look at eclipses. Not on television like us less adventurous folk. He likes to be right there when they're happening. And on Feb. 26, he proved his devotion to his hobby by braving icy roads, heavy snow and temperatures which dipped to 31 degrees below zero to view the total solar eclipse in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

It was the third eclipse to be viewed by Dunning, an engineer in the MIRCOM Directorate for Product Assurance, and he said it was by far the best he's seen.

"To view an eclipse, you've got to be in the path of the shadow," Dunning said. He chose the Manitoba location because it was near the center of totality (the area in which the eclipse causes darkness). This particular eclipse cut a path of darkness 180 to 185 miles wide and lasted a total of four to six hours.

An overcast sky was predicted for the eclipse, but the day dawned clear with ideal viewing conditions. Dunning and his wife, Cecil, traveled to a country location 75 miles from Winnipeg to escape the city lights, and set up shop for the 10:48 a.m. eclipse.

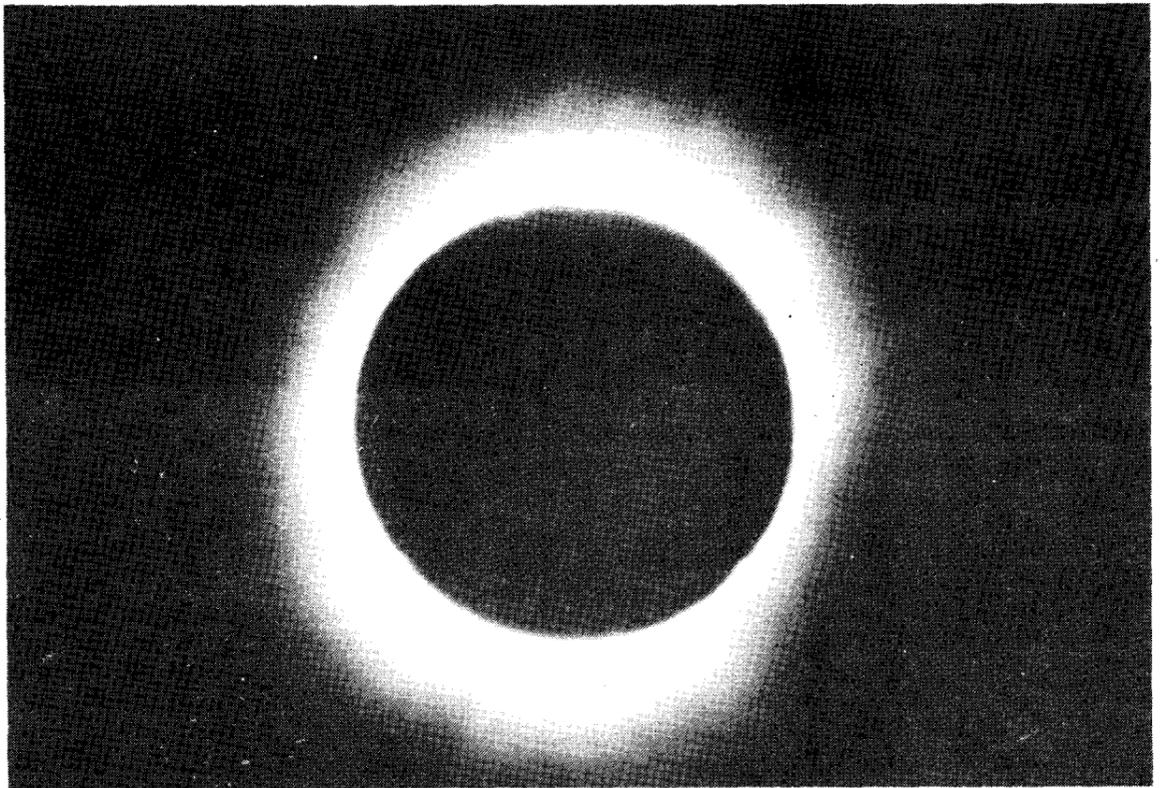
Dunning doesn't just view eclipses. He photographs them as well. He uses an impressive contraption he designed himself which consists of a Canon AE-1 SLR camera fitted with a make-shift telescope, mounted on a heavy wooden tripod. The set-up is also equipped with a 24-hour mechanical clock drive that he built for an earlier eclipse.

Dunning took 20 photographs during the 2 minute, 51 second eclipse. His photographs clearly show the presence of 12 solar flares. Dunning estimates that he got to watch about half the eclipse but was busy with his equipment the other half of the time.

"They don't have a rerun of something like that," he said.

It was 8 degrees above zero when the eclipse began, with 2½ feet of snow on the ground. Dunning said that during totality many stars were visible, the temperature dropped 3.4 degrees and ice formed on some of the trees beside the road. It grew so dark that he needed the aid of a flashlight to change speeds on his camera.

Viewing eclipses is a hobby that Dunning, who is a member of the Von Braun Astronomical Society, has pursued for 16 years. Other eclipses he has seen include one in 1970 on the east coast of Georgia, and one in 1972 at Gaspé in East Quebec, Canada.



DARKENED SUN

The pay-off, a photograph of the last total solar eclipse in the U.S. or Canada this century.



COLD COUNTRY

Dunning, bundled against Canada's cold, stations himself and his camera to await the eclipse.

"After I saw that first one, I got hooked," Dunning said. He went to Canada this time because he "realized that it was a once in a lifetime chance to observe."

And when's the next eclipse? A gleam



THE CAMERA

Plastic drain piping serves as the telescope for Dunning's camera and houses two lens — a 20 inch 15.875 power refractor with a 2 inch objective lens, and a surplus Erfle ocular lens. The mechanical clock drive is visible at the bottom of the photo.

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GI Bill benefits for Vietnam vets are running out

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Approximately 854,000 Vietnam era veterans will reach the 10th anniversary of their separation from military service and lose by law their GI Bill eligibility during fiscal year 1979, according to the Veterans Administration.

VA Administrator Max Cleland said that

while only 65 per cent of the veterans have used the Vietnam era GI Bill, there is still time for many others to use the program to their benefit.

For veterans to make full use of their earned benefits, they should begin a program early enough to complete it before

the 10 year time limit ends. Veterans in the middle of a degree or training objective lose their right to VA payments 10 years after their separation date.

By the end of 1984 more than half the veterans eligible today will have passed the 10-year limit, according to VA estimates.

EO progress, shortcomings show in report

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS)-Department of the Army has released the third annual assessment of the Army equal opportunity program for military.

The assessment, released Thursday, reports on progress made during 1977 and 1978 in providing equal opportunities for all soldiers. The document statistically reviews the status of affirmative action goals that were established in 1975 and reaffirmed last year.

The assessment reflects progress for minorities and women in end strength gains for active, national guard and reserve forces, in ROTC enrollment, in career development opportunities and schooling and command selection, and also notes increased command involvement in education and training programs.

The following represent major challenges, the assessment says: disproportionate adverse actions affecting minority soldiers, declining enrollment of black cadets at West Point, insuring that timely information gets to soldiers about equal opportunity management actions and progress, and insuring that equal opportunity specialists are properly trained, utilized and made a part of the broad programs of human resource management.



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Self-help maintenance

Home repair classes set for post residents

Classes in home repair that will teach military residents to perform a number of self-help maintenance tasks and avoid having to wait for a repairman are scheduled to begin here March 29.

Additionally, says Capt. Michael Conarro of Facilities Engineering, the classes will help occupants of the arsenal's 1,171 housing units to understand their maintenance obligations and the best ways to perform them, as well as to explain the maintenance responsibilities of Facilities Engineering.

The classes are scheduled weekly on Thursdays in the Bicentennial Chapel assembly room from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

"The maintenance work load has increased to a point that we're having to ask occupants to start doing some kinds of work themselves," Conarro said. He explained that residents are expected to perform certain self-help tasks, while Facilities Engineering does two types of maintenance: preventive and MSO (maintenance service order). Preventive maintenance is done on a cyclical basis, includes a thorough inspection of the house and is concerned with such things as cracks in the ceiling and faulty electrical outlets. MSOs are maintenance jobs requiring no more than 16 man hours and costing under \$350.

Facilities Engineering calculates that 25 per cent of the MOSs could be performed by housing occupants themselves. By teaching residents to perform the tasks they are capable of doing, Facilities Engineering will be able to do a better job on other

aspects of housing maintenance, Conarro said, while residents will not have the inconvenience of waiting for a repairman.

Facilities Engineering and Family Housing are sponsoring the classes, which will be taught by a housing maintenance mechanic and a fire inspector using mock-ups of appliances for demonstrations. The instructors will remain after class if necessary to answer questions.

Conarro stressed that only housing maintenance will be discussed, not housing policy.

Text for the class will be the newly-written MIRCUM R 210-7 which explains what maintenance tasks residents are and are not to perform themselves.

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A housing resident works on a kitchen drain

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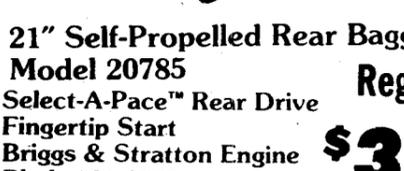


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Study says military health care needs a boost

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Wartime medical care plans need "immediate" attention, according to a DoD study.

The study also says that routine medical care has declined in recent years and suggests improvements, largely through CHAMPUS expansion.

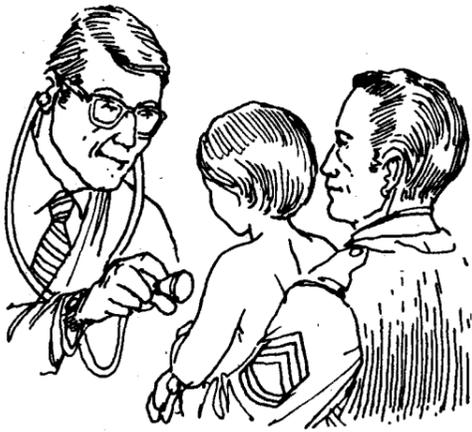
DA officials last week received the completed study which the Army will review and make comments on by spring.

"The current state of medical readiness . . . Demands immediate (Defense) attention," says the study, because "DoD will require extensive reliance on private sector hospitals and physicians early in a major war. Today, no plans exist to use them."

On routine medical care, the report states: "Civilian employees have improved their health care benefit programs, but the quality of the military benefit may have fallen in absolute as well as relative terms."

Study recommendations for improving medical benefits include:

(a) a maximum limit on "out-of-pocket" medical costs. It suggests about \$1,000 per person or \$2,000 per family yearly, under CHAMPUS.



(b) charging \$3 per outpatient visit to discourage unnecessary use of the direct-care system. Active duty military would be exempt from this charge.

(c) expanding CHAMPUS to include well-baby exams and immunizations up to age two.

(d) extending CHAMPUS to retirees and their dependents who are 65 or older, with Medicare designated as first payer.

(e) DoD should consider future CHAMPUS coverage for dependent dental care, with "appropriate" cost sharing, but only after the above recommendations are adopted and made.

(f) DoD should have a better understanding of why physicians accept CHAMPUS before making further changes to encourage physician participation.

(g) test a concept of offering non-active duty beneficiaries optional health care plans.

(h) offer a CHAMPUS referral system to help users find qualified physicians and to encourage follow-up visits to military physicians.

(i) set policy and procedure to allow hospitals to contract locally, using CHAMPUS, for certain care now referred to other military hospitals.

Another area examined in the study was enlisted manpower. The report suggests that a more experienced enlisted force — comprised of more careerists and fewer first termers — would be cost-effective in many, but not all, jobs.

Other areas covered in the study were the resource allocation decision process, weapons purchasing and logistics.

The study was requested by President Carter in September 1979 and begun the following November.

The Army and other military services will review it and report back to DoD.

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Male nurses

(From front page)

Males were entering a predominately female field."

While Smith moved into the profession 14 years ago, many of the men entering it today are following a similar route. Mary Lloyd, of the UAH Nursing School faculty, notes that presently "Many males who enter nursing have had prior experience in the health field as military corpsmen.

"At present", she continued. "a number of our male nursing students are from the Vietnam war era".

The average male nursing student at UAH has been out of high school two or more years, according to Lloyd, and their age averages in the mid-20s and up.

"I would say that approximately 85 per cent of the males in the nursing field are either in the armed forces or with the Veterans administration, or they go on to become anesthetists," comments Bonnie Tondera, Assistant Director of Nursing Services, Patient Care, at Huntsville Hospital.

While teaching the medical specialist course (Army corpsman) at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas in 1969-71, Lt. Col Claire M. McQuail, chief of the nursing department at Fox Hospital, recalls interest in the nursing field on the part of male students.

"At that time," she said, "a select few were able to attend a course at the Walter Reed Institute of Nursing in Washington. The majority, though, had to wait until they were discharged, attend a college with the aid of the G.I. Bill and, after getting a bachelor's degree, reenter the service as commissioned nurses.

In the military, the adjustment to male nurses was probably easier than in the civilian medical field.

"The transition to male nurses in the military hospitals was easier because males had been taking care of patients for years as military corpsmen," she observed.

Second Lieutenant Roy Patrick was a missile maintenance officer at Redstone who became interested in the profession while his wife was in her third year of nursing school at UAH.

It is his observation that nurses in military service have more freedom to express their professional judgement than their counterparts in civilian hospitals.



HEART

Second Lieutenant Reid Copeland checks the heart

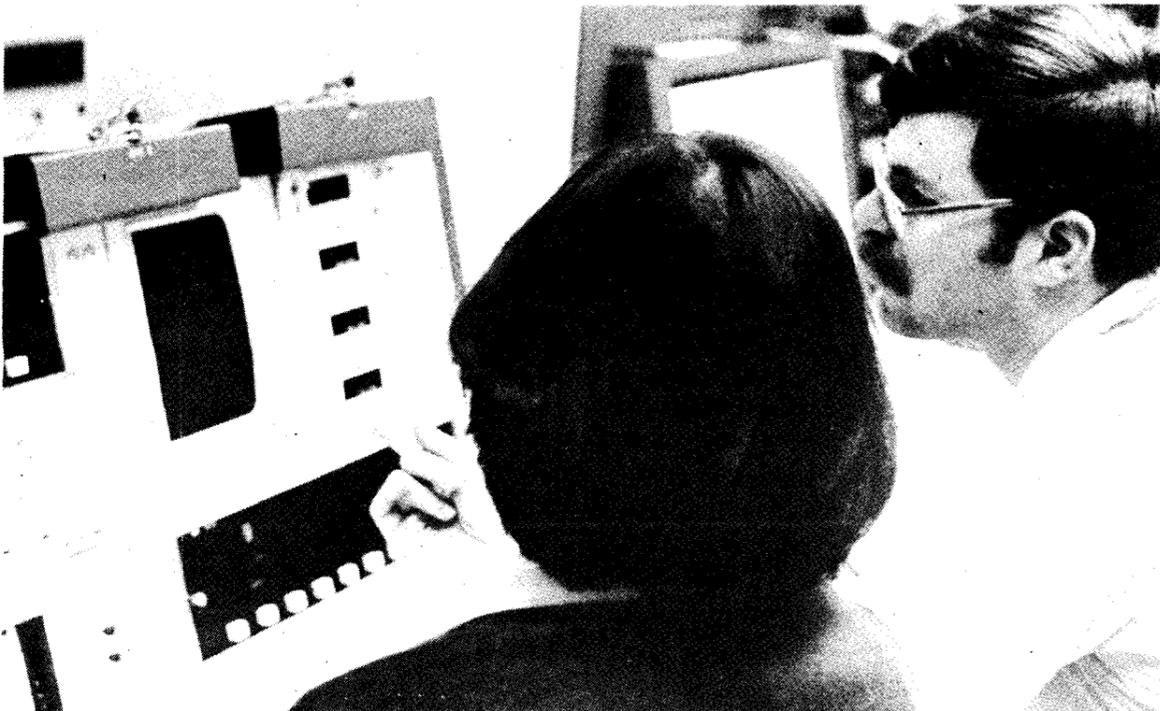
That thought is concurred in by 2nd Lt. Reid Copeland, a UAH graduate who worked in two civilian hospitals while waiting for an opening in the Army Medical Department.

In the Army Copeland has not perceived a slight resistance to male nurses that was apparent from some female nurses in the civilian hospitals. Also, he said he has never encountered resistance from patients because he is a male.

Their female counterparts at Fox Army Hospital acknowledge that being male can enhance a nurses effectiveness with patients in some cases.

"Sometimes the male nurses are mistaken for doctors, which is good to a point" said 1st Lt. Kim Enfinger, "If a male nurse tells a patient something, sometimes the patient has more confidence in that information than if a female had told him."

Adds Capt. Judy Powers, head nurse in Intensive Care, "Sometimes male patients feel more relaxed dealing with male nurses, just as some female patients are more open with female nurses. In this job, patience confidence and good rapport are necessary.



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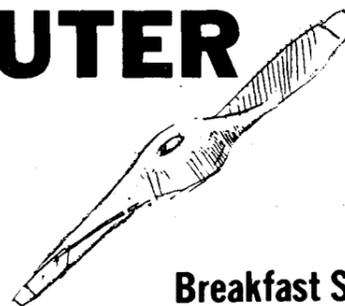


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Patrons will be served by women dressed in the native costumes of each country and area. Mrs. R. J. Feist will entertain at the piano. Tickets are \$4.50 per person and may be purchased by calling 837-2008. Those wishing to buy tickets are urged to buy them as soon as possible, because last year's fair was a sell-out.

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Glee Club

(From front page)

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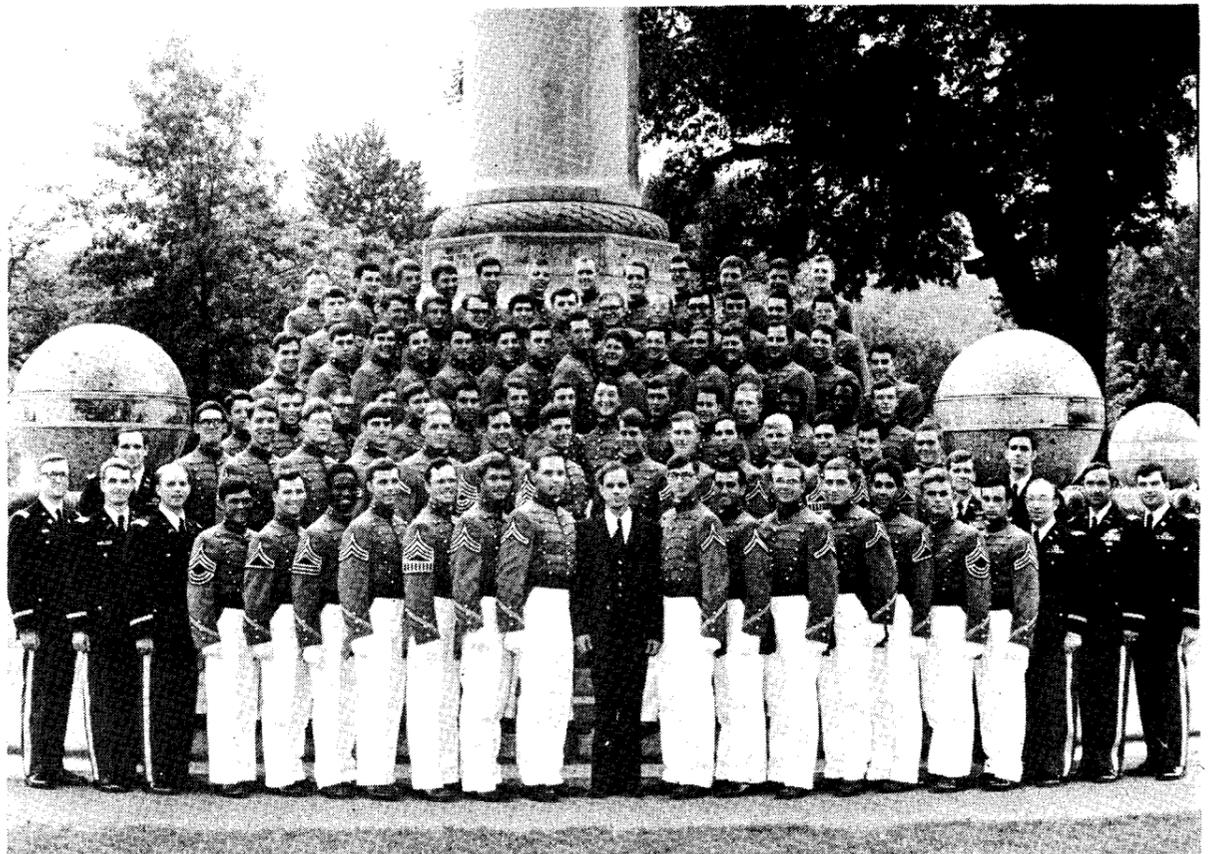
The Glee Club's 140 members are selected by audition from the academy's upper three classes. They rehearse twice a week and perform a varied fare including current hits, ballads and concert pieces as well as the traditional Armed Forces selections.

In the past, the club has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the New York World's Fair, Boston's Symphony Hall, Disneyland and Disneyworld.

On television, they've appeared at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, a Presidential inauguration, Chicago's tribute to the Skylab Astronauts, and the Miss USA Pageant.

The Glee Club carries on a tradition of group singing that has been present at West Point since it was founded in 1802. In the early years of the academy, most of that group singing was impromptu in Benny Haven's Tavern, a popular — although off-limits — gathering spot for cadets. In 1903, an official Glee Club was organized and performed its first concert in March of that year. The club became a permanent activity at the military academy in September of 1933. At that time, membership totaled 25 singers whose activities were limited to two or three on-post concerts a year.

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Official discusses demands on Army

Some of the demands the U.S. Army faces in today's world were discussed by LTG Edward C. Meyer last week at a dinner meeting of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of AUSA in the NCO Club. Meyer is the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans.

He said the three predominant components of strength of the nation are the economic, the political and the military, and be represented them as arrows in the nation's quiver.

"I will say that economically we still are the most powerful nation in the world, but in that arena the power is being challenged by the occurrences in the Middle East today . . . so we have to look at that arrow and see that it is about to be tarnished," said Meyer.

"In the political scene we're in an era of negotiation . . . the demand to use conventional power will be greater.

"In the military arena the Soviets truly have developed worldwide capability and the most dominant feature is the capability to project power . . . that takes three elements, capability, geography and will." This is not a very pleasant setting for the U.S. Army."

To respond to these challenges, he said the Army has a two-pronged approach — accepting responsibility to speak out for what is needed, and by taking dollars, troops and the resources we have to provide the American people with the best possible defense within resources. The Army also accepts the challenge to understand the changing world.

"Things we must do are basic," said Meyer — "to be able to fight, be able to train, and be able to go to war — and to do those things well. We are going to be forced to be better than we have been in the past to win a war.

"In the training arena, we just flat have to do better . . . we still are not as well trained as we should be. And we have to improve training on the kinds of equipment we have."

He pointed out that, in the Army's view, Europe comes first, yet that the Army must also be able to go any other place in the world.

Reviewing the most recent Mobilization Exercise, he said that the lessons learned were the same as those learned in wars from 1775 through 1945 as described in a book on mobilization prepared by the Chief of Military History. "It's a funny thing," Meyer said. "Between every war we forget about how to go to war."

In conclusion he mentioned that there are two other arrows in the quiver that should be included — the basic will of the American people, and the spiritual arrow without which we cannot succeed.

He urged his audience to read and study and speak out on the Army's needs so the public will understand what the Army faces as it undertakes to carry out its responsibilities.

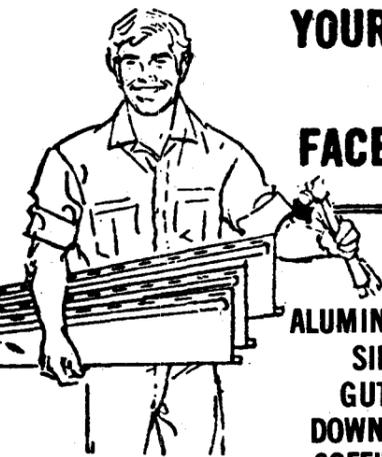
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For a three month period, March 15 through June 15, all reserve units may offer enlistment incentives to most non-prior service recruits with high school diplomas or high school seniors about to graduate. A similar program was announced for Army

National Guard units. Other eligibility requirements include:

(a) a score of 31 or higher on the Armed Forces Qualification Test;

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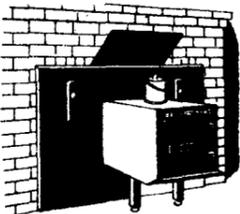
(c) not be enlisting for voluntary assignment to full-time training duty or active duty for training in excess of 90 days in support of the reserve program.

Recruits with only GED equivalency diplomas will not be eligible for the bonus options, according to officials.

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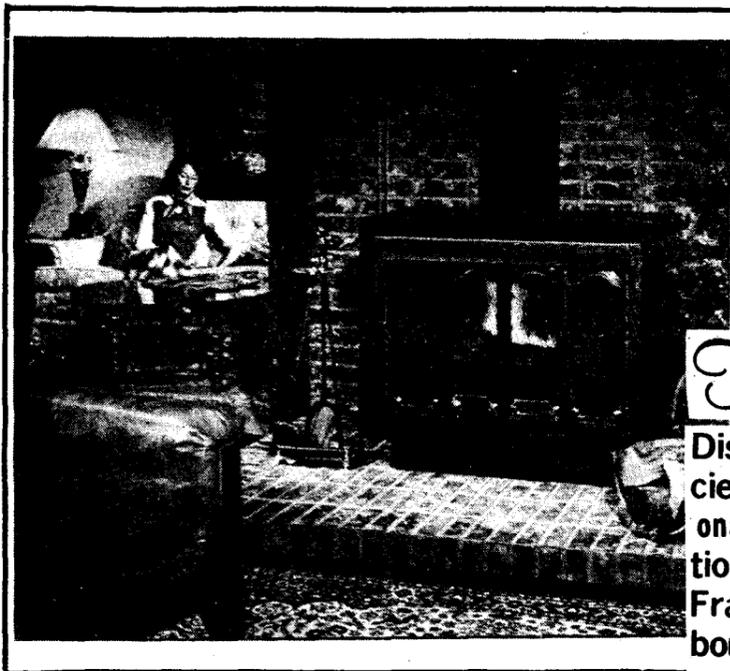
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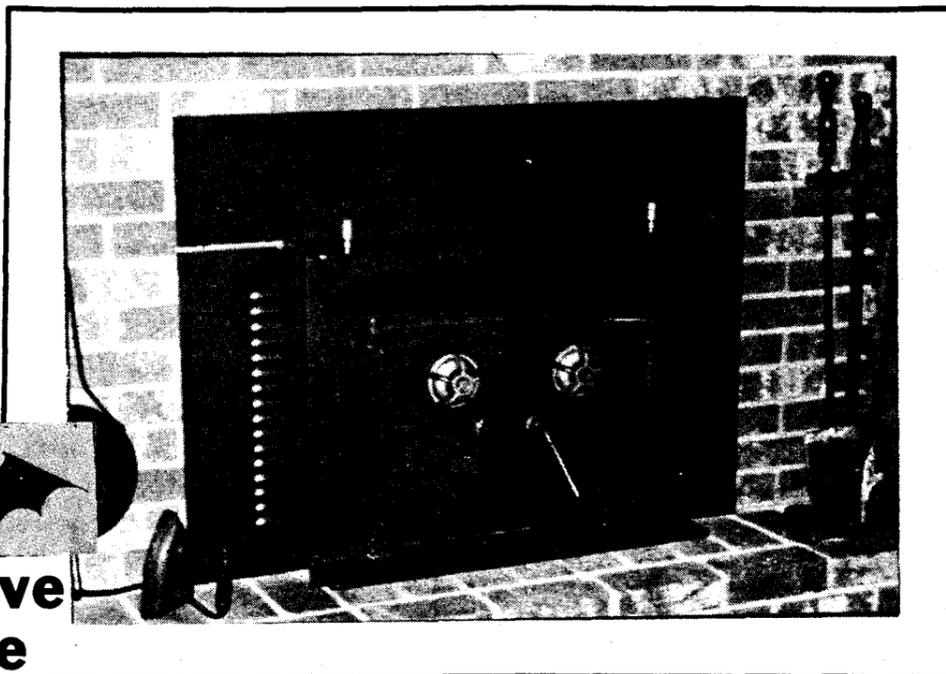
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In spring, flowers bloom, birds sing, cars crash

An arsenal motorist with spring fever becomes a pain in the driver's seat, judging from this month's accident scorecard.

Four accidents that occurred on the arsenal March 12 and six the next day boosted the March motor vehicle accident total to 22 as of Friday. That's already more than the total number of accidents — 16 — that occurred in the entire month of March last year.

Capt. Jesse Crider, Military Police operations officer, cites the sunny weather on those days as a cause for the rash of accidents. "They were unseasonably warm, nice days. People's minds were on other things — the garden, fishing," he said.

Many of those accidents involved improper backing. The total for this month, as of March 16, is eight.

"Inattentive driving and improper backing are our biggest problems," said

Crider. "People put their cars in gear, start driving, and then put their minds in gear."

Crider said that the backing accidents seldom involve injuries, but that property damage can be extensive, ranging from \$25 to \$500. They usually occur in parking lots, but they occasionally happen on the road.

The accident total on Redstone Arsenal for the first two months of this year is 49, which combined with March's total is up from last year.

"Vehicle accidents run on a cycle. There's a period when they're numerous, then they tail off," Crider said.

He appeals for attentiveness.

"When you're operating a car, you've got to be paying attention full-time," Crider said. His advice for arsenal drivers is, "Put your brain in gear, put your head on a swivel and then put your car in gear and drive."



See what's behind you, then back up

Backing accidents are preventable — and the best way to prevent them is to plan ahead so you can avoid backing whenever possible.

There are several habits you can adopt to keep from backing. When possible, turn around in driveways and alleys so you can come out head first. When that isn't possible, back in so that you can head out. It's safer to back out of traffic into a quiet area than to back into the traffic stream.

When backing is unavoidable, follow these rules:

— Get the complete picture before you back, even if you have to get out and walk around your vehicle to do it. Then start backing immediately, before the situation has a chance to change.

— Back slowly.

— Check both sides as you back. Use your outside mirrors, both left and right, as often as necessary during the entire backing movement. It's also important to keep your windows clean.

— Don't depend entirely on mirrors to judge distance to the rear. Mirrors help you check clearances and enable you to spot pedestrians who may unexpectedly move into the path of your vehicle as you back, but they can be deceiving in measuring distance to the rear.

Burnell to address ROA Army Night

Maj. Gen. Bates Burnell, Army deputy chief of engineers and a former BMDSCOM commanding general, is scheduled to speak at the March 31 Army Night meeting of the local Reserve Officers Association.

Burnell served locally from 1969 to 1976. As division engineer with the Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers, he was in charge of construction for the Safeguard system, and then was named commander of the ballistic missile defense operation headquartered in Research Park.

The meeting will be at the Redstone Officers Club. There will be a social at 6:30 followed by dinner. For reservations call Lt. Cols. Jim Talbot, 453-2080 of Pete Redding, 536-1376.

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The Fourth Annual Career Fair will be held at the Von Braun Civic Center, March 28 and 29. Under the theme of "Exploring for the Year 2000", the event will be sponsored by the North Alabama Educational Opportunity Center.

Elements of the Civilian Personnel Division here will participate in the fair through information dissemination and staged interviews for training purposes.

Dr. Wayne Teague, Alabama superintendent of education, will deliver the keynote address to begin the Fair at 9:00

a.m. The two days will be a full schedule of subjects addressed by many representatives of industry and government. Subjects range from highly technical such as nuclear energy to the personal such as financial planning. Test-taking skills and college survival skills will be emphasized also.

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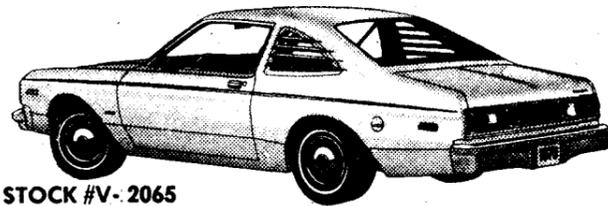
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Pay cut for workers is averted by team effort

Contrary to the popular notion unions and management don't always fight. Sometimes they can and do help one another. That kind of cooperation kept about 100 Redstone civilian workers from getting a pay cut recently.

The workers, downgraded after January 1, 1977 faced loss of retained pay two years from the time they had been downgraded.

But they had been downgraded under the old Civil Service Rules, and the rules changed when the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 took effect Jan. 11. The problem was that the recently established Office of

Personnel Management had not yet issued new grade and pay retention regs.

Without new rules, Civilian Personnel officials here had no authority to continue pay at the old rate.

Raymond Swaim, president of Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees, checking into the impending pay reduction became convinced that local officials really had no choice and took the case to Washington.

Working with national officials of AFGE, Swaim contacted key personnel officials in DOD, DA and DARCOM pointing out the

problem and pleading the case of the Redstone workers.

"What I did was help get the problem before the proper people and expedite action in Washington to make sure they got guidance out to the field. I'm sure it was a problem at other installations just as it was here, but the civilian personnel people here could not take the action on their own," Swaim said.

The upshot was that DOD put out word to all its activities, after checking with OPM, that it would be okay to continue salary retention beyond the normal two year termination date for those individuals who will be clearly eligible for retroactive grade retention under the new Civil Service laws.

Which meant that pay continued at the old rate for about 100 people at Redstone.

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Announcements

Military engineers meet tomorrow

The Society of Military Engineers will hold a luncheon meeting in the Safeguard Room, Officers Club on March 22. Lt. Cdr. A.L. Wynn, U.S. Navy Civil Engineering Corps, will give a slide talk about planning design environmental considerations peculiar to construction of the Trident drydock. A social at 11:30 a.m. precedes the meeting. For reservations call Mack Proszek, 895-5312.

'Dealing with Death' is meeting subject

"Dealing with Death, what to say to a person who loses a loved one and how to communicate with a dying person, is the subject of a talk to be given by Bonnie Pearson, R.N., of the UAH faculty, at a meeting of the Protestant Women of the Chapel on March 22.

Christian fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. The program is at 10:00 and will be followed by a question period. It is being held at the Bicentennial Chapel. Anyone interested is invited to share in the presentation on a sensitive subject. For more information or a ride call Sally Howorth, 837-2186.

Seminar examines optical data storage

A seminar with the aim of showing that optical data storage is better than magnetic or other conventional techniques is being sponsored here by the Research Directorate of MIRADCOM's Technology Laboratory.

The seminar topic is "High Density Optical Data Storage". Methods and materials for high-density optical storage will be reviewed and applications to document storage discussed.

Control Systems

David Green, an instructor of electrical engineering at UAH, will speak on the current state of MICROMOUSE at the Control Systems Society meeting on March 29 at the NCO Club. The meeting begins at 11 a.m.

MICROMOUSE is a student project at UAH in which a microcomputer controlled electronic mouse is being built that will easily negotiate a rat maze. It is intended for entry in national competition by the UAH electrical engineering senior students. Design constraints, strategy, and the present status of the project will be discussed at the meeting. A MICROMOUSE demonstration will follow.

Interested persons are welcome. For lunch reservations call Willy Albanes, 876-1432.

DYA leagues form

Registration of children for T-ball, softball and baseball in the DYA leagues is continuing until the end of the month. Parents of interested children should sign them up at Bldg. 114

Speaker for the seminar, to be held Monday, March 26, at 3:00 p.m. in Bldg 7770, is Dr. Richard G. Zech who has a broad background in optical data storage.

A press release states that impressive technologies for high density data storage are available, with optics appearing to offer the best compromise between storage density, cost effectiveness and flexibility.

Metals Society sets student night

The North Alabama Chapter of the American Society for Metals will hold its annual Student Night meeting March 28 in the Pershing Room of the Officers Club. Interested students are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will start at 6 with a social, followed by dinner and a speech entitled "From the Earth to the Moon — Nickel Alloys in Aerospace" by D.J. Tillack, project engineer with Huntington Alloys. For reservations call Emmet Magathan, 876-7057, Haywood Dedman, 876-3464, Tom Humphries, 453-4355 or, in Florence, Bill Schenck, 383-7150.

The society plans a special meeting April 7 recognizing contributions to the Society of member Becky Stokes. This meeting will be held at the Elegant Steak Room on Memorial Pkwy at 6 p.m. Wives are invited. For reservations call one of the contacts listed above.

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Test results

(From front page)

CDC did the pilot study at the request of Mayor Clyde Foster after the Tennessee Valley Authority reported in November that it believed more than 4,000 tons of DDT had accumulated in the bottoms of the two creeks on Redstone Arsenal. Tests of fish from the creeks and the Tennessee River near Triana showed levels of DDT far higher than levels considered safe for human consumption.

The Army first brought the contaminated fish to public attention in September 1977

when its tests revealed very high levels of DDT in fish from the creeks and the river. The Environmental Protection Agency issued a warning the same day advising the public that the fish were contaminated and should not be eaten.

The Triana residents who participated in the pilot study ranged in age from 43 to 83. All are lifelong residents of the community and said they had eaten locally caught fish regularly for many years. Those who ate fish once a week or less had a lower average DDE level than those who ate more. The highest levels were found in people who said they ate fish four to six times a week.

"Since there is no proven harm, but also no guarantee of safety, persons must be warned that local fish consumption may be hazardous," CDC said.

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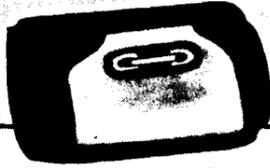
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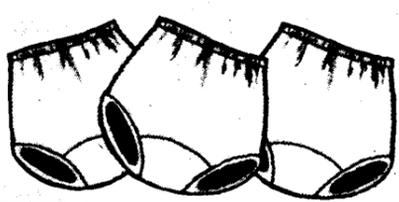


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