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Chemical spill involves nine

Nine persons were examined at Fox Army Hospital on Redstone Arsenal Monday after they were exposed to a toxic chemical — sodium silica fluoride — used to treat drinking water.

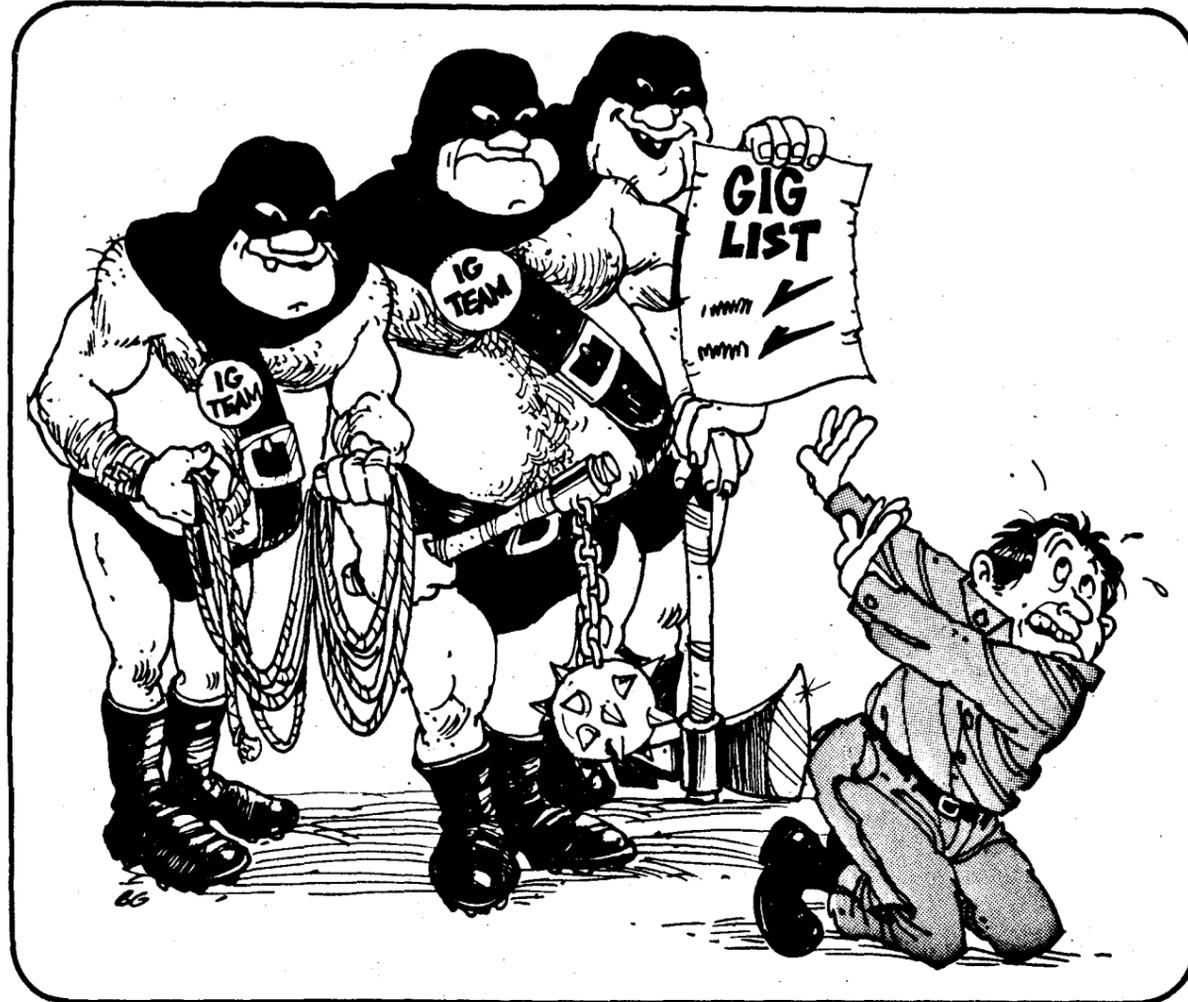
The chemical, a dry, granular powder, comes packed in fiber board drums weighing about 190 pounds each. A quantity of the chemical was part of a mixed load of cargo delivered to the arsenal Monday by a commercial trucking firm.

The truck van was opened at building 8022, a supply warehouse, and workmen began removing cargo. As the unloading continued, the men noticed white powder on some of the containers. More of the powder was found loose inside the van. The van was closed and moved to a safe place.

Army emergency crews cleaned up the unloaded cargo and the building. They also partially cleaned the interior of the van. They found one drum of the chemical had been punctured. An estimated 20 pounds of the chemical spilled.

Cleanup of the truck van was to be completed Tuesday.

Those exposed to the chemical — four Army civilian workers, three civilian employees, and two military policemen — were released after examination. Chest X-rays were planned for Tuesday as a precautionary measure. All were advised to report for medical treatment immediately if they experienced any distress.



The Inspector General?

It's been said that the two biggest lies ever told in the Army are when a unit commander tells the IG he is glad to see him, and when the IG says he is there to help you.

The IG is in fact there to help. How he helps you is detailed in stories that begin on page 6.

Paul Bolden: An authentic American hero

BY DAVE HARRIS

It had been a difficult interview for the reporter. Paul Bolden did not talk freely to strangers who pressed him to tell how a slightly-built Alabama farm boy won his country's highest award for heroism in battle.

But he had done it, just this once, because friends urged him to do it. He told the story without embellishment, letting the facts speak for themselves. He'd speak a sentence and stop. The reporter would ask another question. It had gone on that way for an hour.

He told how he could have gotten out of the draft because he worked on a farm, but he went into the Army, he said, because "I

would have felt pretty cheap if I didn't go."

He told about landing in France and six months of fighting almost every day from June through December, 1944, six months of close up combat the way only riflemen see it; six months of dirt and mud and death and killing. Had he been afraid?

"I was afraid the first day in combat and I was afraid up to the last minute of the last day," he said.

He told what he did to win four bronze stars for valor and he told about the action for which he was awarded the Silver Star. He told about five minutes at Petit Co,

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Sergeant Bolden

inside

May 29 marks the 20th anniversary of a historic achievement by the Army missile team at Redstone, the successful flight of two monkeys who rode into space in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile and survived the fiery plunge from 300 miles above the

earth into the Atlantic Ocean. In an article on page 22 Gordon L. Harris, then Chief of Public Affairs at Redstone, recalls the historic flight and how monkeys Able and Baker got their names.

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OPINION

Letters

Writer praises Military Police

Editor:

Today (May 11) a young Military Police Officer visited my office to take a report regarding some stolen plants. His visit reminded me to do something that I have put off doing for some time; that is, to write this letter of commendation for the fine Military Police Force we have here at Redstone. I have been at Redstone since 1957 and on several occasions over the years I have had routine contact with MP's and have always been impressed. Your current group are of the finest and deserve to be commended for their professional appearance, courtesy and readiness to be

helpful; of the many posts, camps and stations I have visited around the world, I think our Military Police are the very best.

The young man that was in my office today stands out as an example. PFC Blain W. Allen was efficient, courteous, professional, neat in appearance, and displayed a very warm sense of humor. Please convey my appreciation and commendation to him for a job well done. He is a real credit to the profession and the Department of Army.

James A. McCraw
Hawk Project Office

Buy bonds?

Editor:

The purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds has long been considered not only a convenient way to save, but also a patriotic thing to do — a way that any individual can help "build our country's economic strength" (quote from a current campaign pamphlet). For these reasons, I have purchased bonds for many years, and I still do so.

There is growing concern in the country over the size and rate of increase of our National debt. The President has made

balancing the budget a goal of his administration. With general recognition that inflation is now the major threat to our way of life, how should the individual citizen reconcile his part (as a bond buyer) in continued Federal borrowing with his need to help control inflation? Doesn't anything that encourages U.S. borrowing really weaken our world-wide economic position?

Leslie R. Conger
Product Assurance Dir

Questions?

Word of the merger of the two commands has caused some questions to run through everyone's mind. If you haven't found the answer to a question you might have, call the Public Affairs Office at 876-4161 or 876-1400 and we'll try to help.

Question: What will happen to temporary employees July 1?

Authority to reassign all temporary employees from MIRCOM and MIRADCOM to MICOM effective July 1 will be requested, and is expected to be granted by the Office of Personnel Management. No merger-related separations of temporary employees are anticipated.

QUESTION: If an early out were approved, could an employee retire if his position were abolished?

The merger does not meet OPM conditions for early out retirement, so there are no plans to request it. In order for early out retirement, to be put in effect, OPM must make a determination that the reorganization, reduction in force or transfer of function is "Major". Major means five percent of the jobs in the affected workforce will be (1) abolished in a reorganization or (2) abolished in a RIF or (3) transferred to another commuting area in a transfer of function. If any one of these conditions were met, then an employee who is separated from the service voluntarily who has completed 25 years of service or has completed 20 years and is 50 years old, qualifies for a pension.

Question: What are conditions for discontinued service retirement? Will a RIF in 1980 provide an opportunity for discontinued service retirement?

Individual employees are eligible for discontinued service retirement if their position is abolished (that is, where the duties do not continue), or their function is transferred outside the commuting area, and they have 25 years of service or are 50 years old with 20 years of service. Whether there will be a RIF in 1980 is not known because the organization that will exist in 1980 has not been designed.

Question: Will there be a freeze on hiring and promotions until September 1980?

No freeze is in effect and none is expected. If it becomes necessary to use RIF procedures to implement the reorganization, effective September 1980, it may become necessary to curtail hiring or promotions to certain types of positions to protect the rights of employees who may be affected by RIF.

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Year during a ceremony in Montgomery Thursday. The Alabama Governor recognizes outstanding service members from each of the military installations in the state annually, during Armed Forces Week.

NCO Wives Club gives scholarships

The NCO Wives Club has presented two \$500 scholarships to children of members of the NCO Club, and four \$150 awards to children of Wives Club members.

The scholarships went to Justin Walls who plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Tennessee, and to Sharon Hardiman who will attend Auburn University to study forest management.

Winners of the awards, colleges they expect to attend and fields of study are: Ricky D. Bray, University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, business; Kenneth H. Kirkland, University of Alabama, Huntsville, pre-law; Roderic Johnson, Auburn, veterinary medicine; and Pamela Sue Brockman, University of North Alabama, social work.

Synthetic implants can injure scalp

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — If you've been thinking about covering your bald spots by having synthetic hair implanted, beware.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says implanting synthetic hair fibers in the scalp may cause serious complications.

More than 40 cases of injuries associated with this process have been confirmed by

the FDA. Another 60 complaints are being investigated, officials say.

Injuries include infections, scarring, fibers breaking off in the scalp and other complications requiring medical treatment up to and including plastic surgery, officials said.

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Would a higher percentage of NCOs improve operations within the Army ?



Pvt. Robert E. Ball, 6th S.C. — "It all depends on how you treat the lower ranks. If there were more NCOs there would be less pressure on them and they would put less pressure on the lower ranks. It could work well."



SFC Charles Dickerson, Co. A — "I don't think they really need a higher percentage of NCOs, but they need better programs to keep the experienced NCOs they have now. They wouldn't need more authorizations if they could keep the ones they have now."



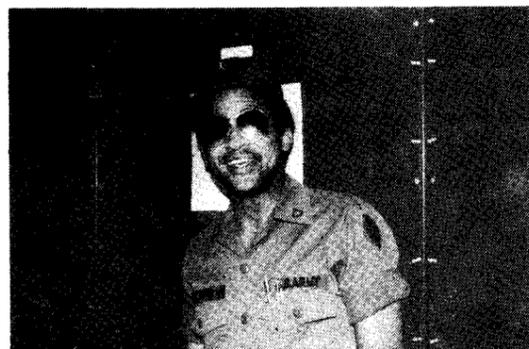
1st Sgt. Johnnie Blank, 6th S.C. — "We don't need any more NCOs, we just need to utilize the ones that we already have. We have too many NCOs sitting behind desks shuffling papers instead of doing the job they were trained for."



SGM George Schmeltz, Co. B — "It's an excellent idea if it's to be utilized as a nucleus for rapidly building a wartime army. But it's not something new. We've done it before."



Pvt. Thomas Miklosey, MIRCOCM — "Definitely not. Too many cooks spoil the brew. There would be too many people telling too few what to do and nothing would get accomplished."



PFC Darrell McCormick, Co. A — "I think they have too many chiefs and not enough Indians now. I don't think the lower enlisted people have enough responsibility. The NCOs already get the credit for what the E-3s and below are doing."

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Keep your personnel file current; avoid big problems in emergency

BY KATHY HOUSE

A soldier dies suddenly in an automobile accident. He had been happily married for a year, and his wife had recently given birth to a son. But his wife soon finds out she's not entitled to any benefits. All the soldier's insurance and gratuity pay will go to his former wife.

The soldier's current wife and child don't get the money he wanted them to have for one simple reason. He hadn't updated his personnel file.

Maj. Jerry Roberts, chief of the Compact Military Personnel Division, said his office provides many important services for soldiers. It issues I.D. cards, provides statements for VA loans, operates a world-wide locator service that can locate active duty military personnel, will evaluate a soldier's military experience for possible college credits, and is the outprocessing center.

But of all these activities, maintaining the soldier's emergency data form is probably the most important. When a soldier doesn't keep his file up-to-date, situations like the one described earlier can occur.

The emergency data form is important for two reasons, Roberts said. First, it tells the personnel office who to notify in case a soldier dies or has a serious accident.

If a soldier's next of kin has changed because of a marriage, divorce or death, he should record the change on his emergency data form. He should also keep his next of kin's address up-to-date. Keeping this information current lets the personnel office reach next of kin immediately in an emergency.

Not only is it important to notify next of kin immediately when someone dies, but it may actually save a life in case of a serious injury. For some operations and treat-



Personnel service desk

Jeanette Kinney directs Pvt. 2 Robert Niedojadlo to the section of the Compact

Military Personnel Division that can handle his problem.

ments, the hospital needs permission of the victim's next of kin if the victim is incapacitated, Roberts said.

The second important reason for keeping the emergency data form current is that it tells who the soldier's benefits should go to upon his death. If a soldier marries or divorces, but doesn't change the beneficiary on his life insurance and gratuity pay, there is nothing the Army can do to correct the situation. The Army must go by the soldier's personnel file, whether he has kept it up-to-date or not.

A soldier's personnel file has to be updated every time he goes to a new in-

stallation, and is supposed to be reviewed every year whether he is transferred or not. But if soldiers aren't forced by a transfer to update their files, then they may forget about it or put it off. Sometimes a file won't be updated for years, Roberts said.

Some soldiers think that personnel automatically keeps their personal information updated because it keeps their professional information updated.

"We can get news of professional information, like a promotion, through channels," Roberts said. "But there's no way we can get that personal information unless the soldier tells us."



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Early inspectors faced same job, problems

In December 1777, Congress approved the appointment of Major General Thomas Conway as the first inspector (IG) of the American Army.

On one of his first inspection trips, the general visited a brigade — a tough outfit from Vermont.

The brigade commander asked, "What are you doing here?"

"I am the Inspector of the Army, and I am here to inspect your brigade," General Conway replied.

"Well, in these parts, I am a personage of more importance. I am the commanding general of this brigade, and should you, my sire, thrust your nose into my organization, so much of your nose as is so thrust shall I lop off."



Letter of protest

In a letter to General Washington, General Conway complained about his treatment by the brigade commander. The IG also reported to Congress he had been unsuccessful in his efforts to inspect the Vermont brigade.

General Conway's tour as IG lasted only five months. His departure paved the way for Baron Frederick W. A. von Steuben to become the first IG to actually do the job.

Why the IG?

The need for an IG became apparent in 1777 when internal problems threatened to make the Continental Army ineffective. General Washington, faced with challenges of leadership, organization, and equipment, assembled a council of 14 general officers to find solutions.

The council agreed that there was a need for some type of inspector. On Dec. 13, 1777, the Continental Congress created the office of the IG. In May of the next year, von Steuben followed Conway as the IG.

Von Steuben served as a lieutenant in the Prussian Army at the age of 22. By the time he was promoted to captain, he had become a competent drill master, tactician, and disciplinarian. When he arrived at Valley Forge, he found the soldiers poorly trained, but spoke highly of their courage.

He immediately set about the task of remodeling the Army into an effective fighting force.

For the next 200 years, the IG system served as the eyes and ears of the com-

mander and continues to do so today. The system has contributed to the Army's state of increased readiness and assisted commanders in looking after the welfare of the soldier. While complexities of modern organizations and equipment have vastly increased the scope of an IG's work, the basic purpose remains the same.

Inspections

To some soldiers, the mission of the IG is a mystery. But it shouldn't be.

The IG conducts inspections, investigations, and studies. Worldwide General Inspections of Army activities are normally made yearly.

The IG inquires into and reports on the performance of the unit's mission, and the state of morale, discipline, efficiency and the economy of the command, installation or activity.

The purpose of the General Inspection, according to one IG, "is to make the unit better and to get outside support, if that is needed, to enable the unit to perform its mission better. In the final analysis, it's to make things better for the soldiers in terms of quality of life, satisfaction and mission performance."

Fact finding

Today's IG is a fact finder, not a fault finder. One IG looked at his job this way: "It's my job to see that each individual receives a fair shake."

A soldier who has a problem and desires to talk to the IG may make an appointment. However, the chain of command should be considered first. The IG system complements the chain of command and does not replace it. In units, the name and telephone number of the command IG are posted on the unit bulletin board. Soldiers who don't want to discuss their problems with the first sergeant or the company commander have a right to seek assistance from an IG.

Soldiers cannot be refused permission to see the IG, and must be provided time to do so. They are expected, of course, to have serious business to discuss, not frivolous complaints.

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IG system works when used properly

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The trouble lies not with the system but with a failure to understand and use it properly.

Here are 10 pointers to help you understand and use the IG system properly:

- Be sure you really have a problem.

If the cooks always turn out lousy chow, that's a problem. If you don't like the menu for one particular meal, that's a personal peeve. Personal peeves may loom large in your mind but there is little the IG can do about them.

- Give the chain of command a chance to solve the problem.

Your chaplain, Congressman, local IG can help solve problems but they, too, must ultimately work with the chain of command.

- Try all other appropriate remedies.

The IG is a sort of "court of last resort." If other remedies are available (Human Relations-Equal Opportunity Office, ACS, etc.), they should be used first.

- Deal with the closest IG; it will speed up the process and get an answer sooner.

The IG at the major command or Army level cannot personally investigate each

Give the chain of command

a chance.

complaint. Most of the time, the IG at a higher level will refer complaints and requests to the local IG. That IG will then inquire into all aspects of the case and provide all the information to the IG at the higher level.

This is not intended to imply that you cannot deal with an IG at any level you choose. Your problem may be so sensitive that you are reluctant to discuss it with anyone in your own unit.

- Level with the IG. Once he starts investigating, he'll know soon enough if the truth is being twisted.

If you haven't been completely honest in your complaint, a lot of time and effort will have gone to waste.

- Keep in mind the IG's regulatory and statutory limits.

The IG cannot change a regulation because it does not suit you. He can, however, recommend changes to regulations determined to be inappropriate or unfair.

- An IG is not a commander; he can only recommend, not order.

Some soldiers get upset because nothing seems to happen as a result of their complaint. Keep in mind that the IG can advise a commander but cannot issue orders to him. There may be good reasons why the recommendation was not acted upon.

- An IG can only resolve a case on the

basis of provable fact.

If the IG cannot find concrete proof, he cannot resolve the case in your favor. Just because a person says his commander or boss has violated the rules does not make it a proven fact.

- Do not read evil thoughts into an ongoing investigation or even a completed one.

It is human nature to tend to look at things from a very personal point of view. Some people assume that the commander has intervened and muzzled the IG if they do not hear the results of the investigation immediately. Heavy workloads require time.

- Be prepared to take "no" for an answer.

Do not assume that a negative answer from the IG is wrong just because you don't agree. If you are absolutely certain the answer is wrong, and if you have some additional evidence to support that certainty, the case may be reconsidered.

If, on the other hand, you're unhappy because the report did not go in your favor, it is pointless to continue bugging the IG with the same complaint and the same evidence.

After careful consideration of these points, you should be able to decide whether you have a problem appropriate for the IG. You'll also save yourself and others a lot of time and avoid unnecessary frustration.

Try all other appropriate remedies.

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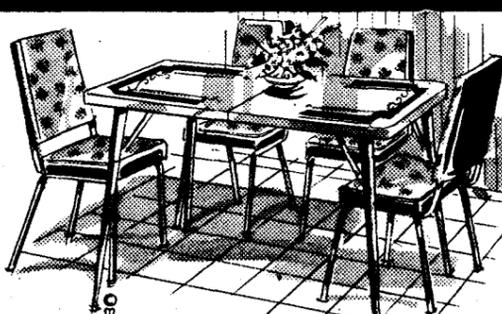
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Local IG inspects causes, not symptoms

It has been said that the two biggest lies ever told in the Army occur when a unit commander tells the IG he is glad to see him, and when the IG says he is here to help you. "It's doubtful we will ever be able to make the first statement entirely true, but the second one is true now — the Inspector General is here to help you, asserts Lt. Col. William H. Love, Inspector General for MIRCOCM and MIRADCOM.

True it may be, but still there are the horror stories recalled by old-timers in which the IG is said to break down your door to gripe about water spots on the faucet. "The concept is etched in the minds of many people, so we are attempting to turn things around", Love explains. The source of this effort — to revise the IG inspection organization and thrust — comes directly from the DA Inspector General, Lt. Gen. Richard G. Trefry. Locally, Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler and Brig. Gen. Frank Ragano have endorsed the renewed and constructive approach to IG inspections.

In short, Love emphasizes, "Spit and polish and nothing but a check on your compliance is not the name of the game. Our effort has been expanded and now we're emphasizing identification of systemic problems and their solution. Compliance-oriented inspections of the past addressed symptoms rather than causes, assumed policy and guidance were always correct, and isolated the inspected element from the rest of the Army. All too frequently, a compliance inspection at-

tributes to the unit the responsibility for problems that may be Army-wide.

"The systemic approach addresses causes rather than symptoms, helps in refining or correcting policy guidance, incorporates unit problems into Army problems rather than isolating them, and places the emphasis on correction at the

level where it should be placed", Love said. Compliance inspections were and sometimes are valuable to the extent they provide commanders with feedback on what subordinates are doing to carry out published directives. Because of this, compliance will remain a part of local IG inspections, but the main thrust will be systemic analysis, he concluded.





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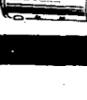


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Netters split four matches

Redstone netters split four team matches in second play period of the Huntsville Industrial Tennis league last week.

The two winning points were scored in C Division play while the B and D squads were being defeated.

The Redstone Blues (C-1) routed G-E, 8-1, and the RSA Reds (C-2) outscored USBI, 6-3. The B Division Grays dropped a hard fought 5-4 decision to the Hackers while Redstone D-2 fell to NASA, 7-2.

The Blues swept the six singles matches with Tom Cook, Charles Northrop, Bill Sholes, Al Johnson, John Chipser and Hugh Nicholson blanking the G-E opposition without loss of a single set.

Northrop and Sholes combined to win one doubles match and Chipser paired with Cook for the other.

The Reds had a tougher time of it before

capturing four points in individual play and another two in doubles.

Singles winners for Redstone were John Pettit, Jerry Chaikin, Hal Peterson and Ralph Limmer. Reese and Loomis teamed up for a winning doubles point with Hall and Riggins getting the other.

The Bees' downfall came in singles play with the Arsenal team dropping four of six points. Two winning tandems made it close.

Grady Todd and Bill Lummus posted the individual winners. Todd came back for a doubles win with Joe Craft. Jim Burt teamed with Al Davis for the fourth RSA point.

The D-2 outfit was only able to capture two individual points in their match with their cross-Arsenal rivals. The wins were posted by Fred Floodstrand and John Campbell.



Tennis winners

Members of Redstone's tennis team earned their share of the trophies in the Huntsville Women's Tennis Association spring tournament played throughout the last month. Trophies were presented on May 16 to winning team members (clockwise from top): Sabra Ciccone, Ruth Reed, Marsha Gates, Moira Cumming, Dora Smith and Ursula Raney.

Watson elected to Toastmaster post

Lee Watson, a supply systems analyst at Materiel Management, was elected Governor of Alabama Toastmasters at their spring conference held in Huntsville recently.

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Volleyball title captured by Company B

Company B's powerful volleyball squad capped an undefeated season by seizing the Arsenal's company level volleyball crown Wednesday night, downing the rival German Air Force squad 15-0, 13-15, 15-3.

Including their tournament matches, the instructors of Co. B blazed a trail of 19 wins and no losses on their way to the crown, apparently giving lessons in every game.

The first, second and third runners-up were all from the Foreign Student Support Office. They were the squads from the German Air Force, the Koreans, and the Jordanians. They were followed by squads from the Marine Detachment, the 6th Student Company, the 291st MP Company and the 8th Student Company.

Even though the dates of the tournament were moved up to avoid a conflict with the opening week of softball play, an enthusiastic crowd of spectators attended and apparently got what they came for. During the final game of the tourney one spectator commented, "This is some of the best amateur volleyball playing I've ever seen."



Spiking it

Gerhard Stahl (No. 1) and Kluge Lothar (No. 12) join efforts for the German AF to block the spiking prowess of Dennis Schlegel (No. 35). Although the Germans AF team put up a good fight, the skill of Co. B came through as they won the final match of the tournament 15-0, 13-15 and 15-3 to take the title. (Photo - Larry Paul)

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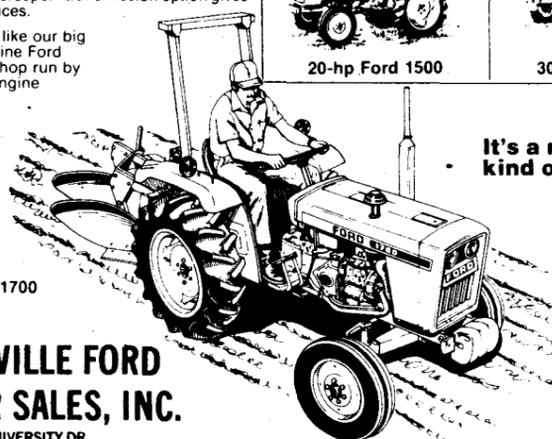
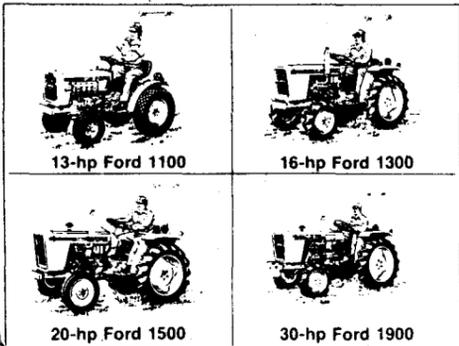
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Sports-minded mom involves family in DYA

BY GLEN ADAMS

We may imagine that the Dependant Youth Activity (DYA) sports programs are being run by fathers, fathers who volunteer their services so that they can pass on their interest in sports to their young charges, like runners passing on a baton in a relay race. But mothers pitch in too. Mothers like Nancy Goss, who is in charge of the junior golf program and the Bantam Bowling League.

Goss, in a sense, married into the DYA program. Her husband, Lt. Col. Joe Goss of BMDSCOM, has been involved with DYA for years and presently helps with baseball and basketball. "Before I was married I really had no interest in sports," said Goss. "I acquired an interest because of my husband. I learned to play golf just so I could see my husband. He would be out in the field all week and the only way I could see much of him on the weekends was to play golf."

Now they have three children — ages 16, 15, and 9 — who all participate in one or more sports. As a result, the Gosses have to schedule their lives around ballgames, matches, and practices. "At night I spend my time Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at ball games. Wednesdays and Saturdays are the only nights everyone is home. To say the least my slow cooker and microwave oven get a lot of use."

From May through August Goss also has the junior golf program to worry about. "At the beginning of the season we have six days of golf clinics (taught by club pro Chip Enlow). The kids have to pass a test at the end of the clinic before they can play on the course . . . Then after that they have play day every Thursday, which consists of individual tournaments. We break the kids down by sex and by two-year age groups. The DYA furnishes us with 12 dozen golf balls and whoever wins their division gets a golf ball . . . We have two special tournaments each year: the Jimmy Ward Tournament (for first year golfers) and the club championship at the end of the season. We also play at the Valley Hill Country Club and at Fayetteville, Tennessee each season." DYA awards trophies for each age division champion at the end of the season.

Clinics

Goss's job is to "help set up the clinics, the tournaments for each play day, tally the scorecards, and just handle any other things that come up."

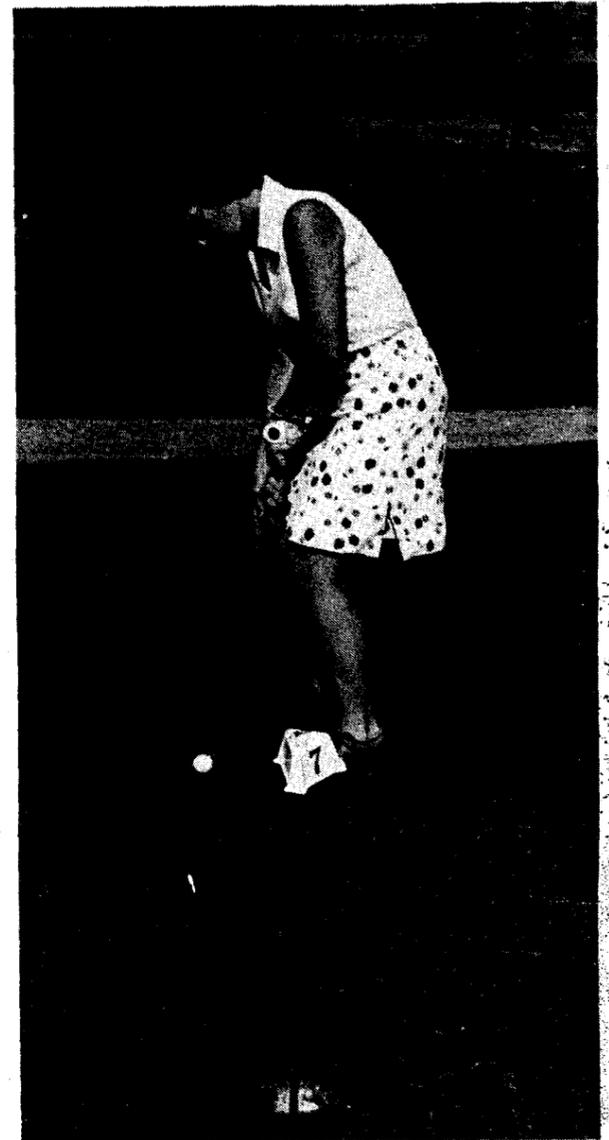
For the Bantam Bowling League, whose season runs from September through March, Goss helps set up the round robin tournaments for the two age divisions, 6 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Goss is also involved with the Officer Wives Club Golf Program, of which she is a past president. The officers' wives set up their own tournaments every Wednesday during the golf season and also play at area country clubs. Each year they sponsor

their own invitational tournament, which last year had 90 participants.

When she's not on the golf course or at the bowling lanes or at the ball fields Goss likes to read suspense novels and sew, which she says "helps the budget out."

The Gosses are next scheduled to go to Crane, Indiana. Goss said: "If they have DYA there, we will get involved."



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Bolden

(From Front Page)

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Looking down at the coffee cup in his hands, he told about August 25, 1945, at the White House when Harry S. Truman, the old artilleryman from another war, hung the Medal of Honor around his neck and told him: "I'd rather have that than be President of the United States."

And he said, matter-of-factly, that despite 40 percent disability for his combat wounds, that he talked the Army into letting him re-enlist during the Korean War.

"Why?" the reporter asked. Why had he volunteered to go again?

Bolden stopped twirling the empty cup, looked the reporter up and down, glanced at the others around the table to see if they understood what this young man with the pad and pencil did not, and replied softly: "There was a war."

Paul Bolden died early Monday. Many of the men and women who had worked with him for years here at Redstone learned by reading his obituary that they had known an authentic American hero.

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Paul Bolden wasn't much for war stories. He did his job, he was a micro-photographer and reproduction equipment operator, and at the end of the day he went home to his wife and seven children on their small farm near Ardmore.

He was proud of his Army service, but it was a quiet pride. You could see it in his eyes when he stood beside his children when they enlisted for another war, as several of them did.

He had a plain man's ideas about military service. The whole thing, he said to the reporter in that long ago interview was that you joined up when your country needed you. If serving meant fighting, and that's what it meant to Paul Bolden, you fought.

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Equal opportunity enlistment for men, women announced

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Enlistment eligibility criteria for men and women will be the same beginning October 1, Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander, Jr. announced Friday.

The new requirements will be the same as those now in effect for men and will apply to enlistment in the active army and the Reserve components, according to the announcement.

Current enlistment criteria are based on age, citizenship, number of dependents, education and entrance test scores.

Starting October 1, women who are not high school graduates will be able to apply for enlistment if they score 31 or higher on the selection test. Women high school graduates scoring 16 or higher will also be eligible to apply, but the 10 percent limit on those scoring less than 31 will apply to women as well as men.

The primary intent of the new policy, according to officials, is to provide men and women an equal opportunity to enlist in the Army.

Standards for women have been higher in the past because of the combat exclusion policy and related factors which close many positions to women. The Army has therefore been able to meet its requirements for women at higher standards.

Army enlistment standards are set based on getting the type of soldier most likely to succeed, an analysis of the projected recruiting market and the Army's personnel requirements.

The military applicant profile — a system for selecting non-high school diploma graduates most likely to complete their first six months service — will be tested, officials added.



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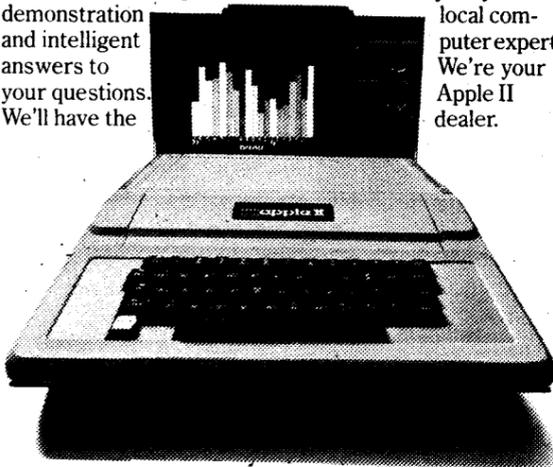
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COLA cut softened for U.S. soldiers in Germany

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Cost of living allowances (COLA) for soldiers stationed in Germany were cut May 11, according to DA officials, but only by half of what was originally planned.

COLA rates decreased by 10 to 25 percent depending on the duty station location. At the same time, housing allowances will increase moderately at most duty stations in Germany, officials said. "Soldiers who live on the economy who receive a housing allowance will see less money for COLA but they'll be receiving more money in their housing allowance," according to a DA spokesman.

"For example, under the old rates a Sp4 with one dependent living on the economy in Frankfurt received \$79.50 for COLA. With the new rates he'll receive \$60. On the other hand, under the old rates he received \$154.50 for housing and now he'll receive \$163.50," the spokesman said.

New rates computed

Based on the annual housing and COLA survey price data for 1978, new housing and COLA rates were computed by the

Uniformed Services Per Diem Committee. The rates were computed using a currency exchange rate of 1.84 Deutsche Mark to the Dollar, the average rate since the allowances were last adjusted for Germany in December 1978.

Officials originally said the new rates would increase housing allowances but COLA would decrease from 20 to 50 percent depending on the duty station location.

Officials say this was the most dramatic cut in recent years and was due to two factors. The rate of inflation in the U.S. was the highest in the last three decades, prices in the U.S. rose nine percent compared to only a 2.4 percent increase in Germany.

The second factor involved was the action taken by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service last July to freeze prices in several merchandizing departments at overseas exchanges.

The European Command (EUCOM) asked the per diem committee to reconsider the 20 to 50 percent cut because the computation of the new rates did not take into consideration the ending of the Exchange price freeze in January 1979.

EUCOM said, "this drastic and sudden reduction in COLA would have a detrimental effect on the morale of our servicemembers and their families."

Continued erosion

"A COLA reduction of this magnitude coupled with the continuing pay cap on annual pay raises would be viewed as a continuation in the erosion of the financial entitlements of our servicemembers," EUCOM told the committee.

Based on the changes in the recent price data, the per diem for an immediate resurvey to determine the full extent of the adjustment needed.

The new survey, officials say, must be sent to the committee before July 1.

Housing allowances and COLA are provided by law to cover the additional costs experienced by soldiers on duty at places outside the U.S. Bases on cost of living survey data and fluctuations in the currency exchange rates, yearly adjustments are required by the per diem committee.

Officials say the station allowance system is being reviewed to see how the needs of soldiers stationed overseas can be better met.

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Announcements

Christian life is program topic

The Director of Women's Ministries for Henry Brandt Ministries, Mary Glynn Peoples of Birmingham, will speak to the Protestant Women of the Chapel at a meeting May 25.

She will conduct a program on "Disciplines of a Christian Life" in the Bicentennial Chapel in two segments from 9:30-11:15 a.m. and again from 1-2 p.m. There will be a bring-a-salad-to share lunch at noon. Child care will be available. For more information call Sally Howorth, 837-2186, or Marne Gannon, 837-3220.

DA representative to speak on ethics

The Ethics in Government Act will be topic of a speech to the local Federal Bar Association on Friday by Darrell Peck, deputy general counsel for civil and military law in the Office of the DA General Counsel. Peck was responsible for implementing the Act in DA.

The luncheon meeting, public invited, will be at 11:30 a.m. in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Club. For reservations call Frank Faraci, 876-6131.

ASQC meeting

Members of the American Society for Quality Control and their guests are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. William H. Goodson on "Stress Management and Human Engineering" at Valley Hill Country Club May 24.

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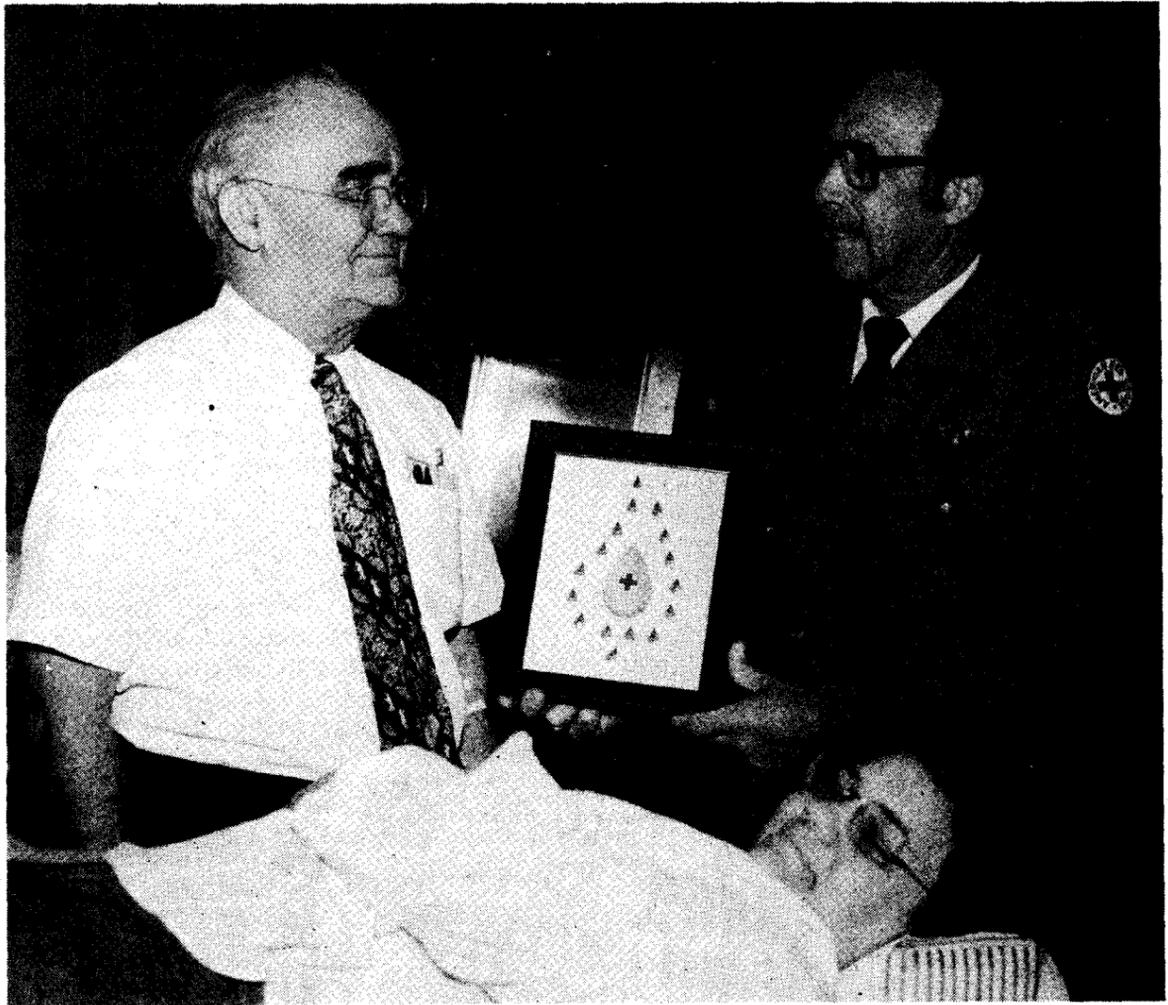
That's the milestone reached by George Robinson last week as he donated his 512th pint of blood at Redstone's Recreation Services Center. And although that pint puts him at the top of the list of donors here, the 16-gallon figure doesn't even include blood he donated before coming to Redstone 26 years ago.

Robinson, a general engineer at Maintenance and Engineering, was presented with a commemorative plaque by William Ray, Redstone's Red Cross field director, following his Wednesday morning donation. The 63-year-old man said he's a regular donor because "it doesn't bother me at all. I think it's a good program." He gives blood as often as Red Cross allows which is every two months.

Robinson's donations have been equal to the amount needed to "totally replace the blood in two people," Ray said, since the average amount of blood in a person is eight to twelve gallons pints. And if you consider that when certain elements in the blood are isolated each pint could help four people, Robinson's donations could stretch to help 512 people.

Robinson's enthusiasm has rubbed off on his daughter, Beverly House, who joined her father on Wednesday. To date, she has given three gallons "but I've got a long ways to go to catch up with him," she said.

Even though he's reached the 16 gallon mark, Robinson said he still has one unfulfilled ambition. "I'd like to try to give out of both arms at the same time," he said. The nurses still balk at that suggestion, but Robinson apparently intends to keep on trying. When he left the Rec Center that morning, he called out, "see you in two months."



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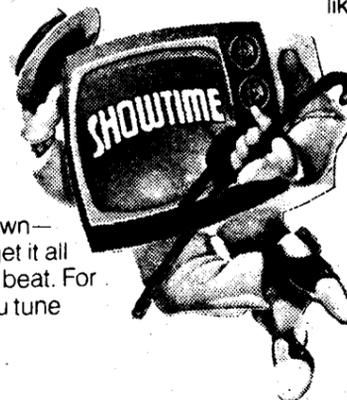
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Boeing opened the fireworks at White Sands Missile Range by shooting a round at maximum range. Minutes later, Vought followed with the first of two rounds intended to evaluate warhead concepts.

All three rounds accomplished their flight test objectives, according to the GSRs Project Office here.

Vought and Boeing are currently in the 20th month of the validation period to build, test and demonstrate rockets, launcher loader modules and fire control equipment of their own design. FMC produces the highly mobile vehicles, a modification of the Army's Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

In about a year, the Army will select one contractor for final qualifications and initial production of GSRs.

Among observers at the test site were Dr. William J. Perry, Under Secretary of

Defense for Research and Engineering, and Dr. Hans L. Eberhard, Ministerial Director of Armaments, Federal Republic of Germany.

Meanwhile, Colonel C.R. Steimle has been named the Army's Project Manager for GSRs at Redstone Arsenal, succeeding Col. Barrie Masters who is retiring from the Army.

Colonel Steimle, former Assistant Project Manager of the U.S. Roland air defense missile system, is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and holds a master's in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California.

GSRs will be a low cost, rugged, reliable artillery rocket system that can be emplaced quickly and deliver massive firepower. The system will feature a 12-round launcher, mounted on the mobile, tracked vehicle, that can fire rockets singly or in ripples.

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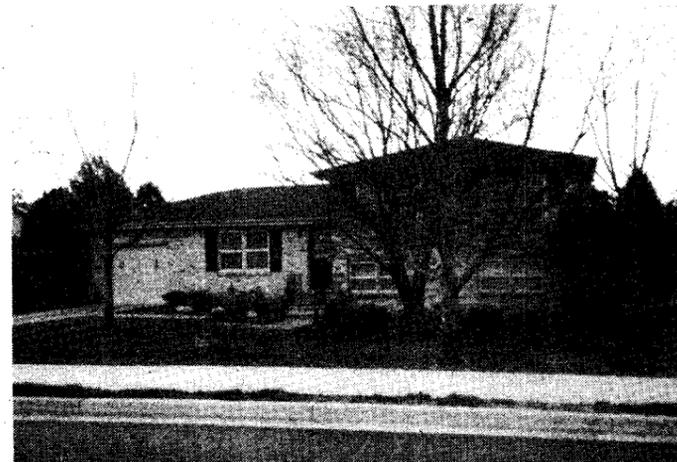
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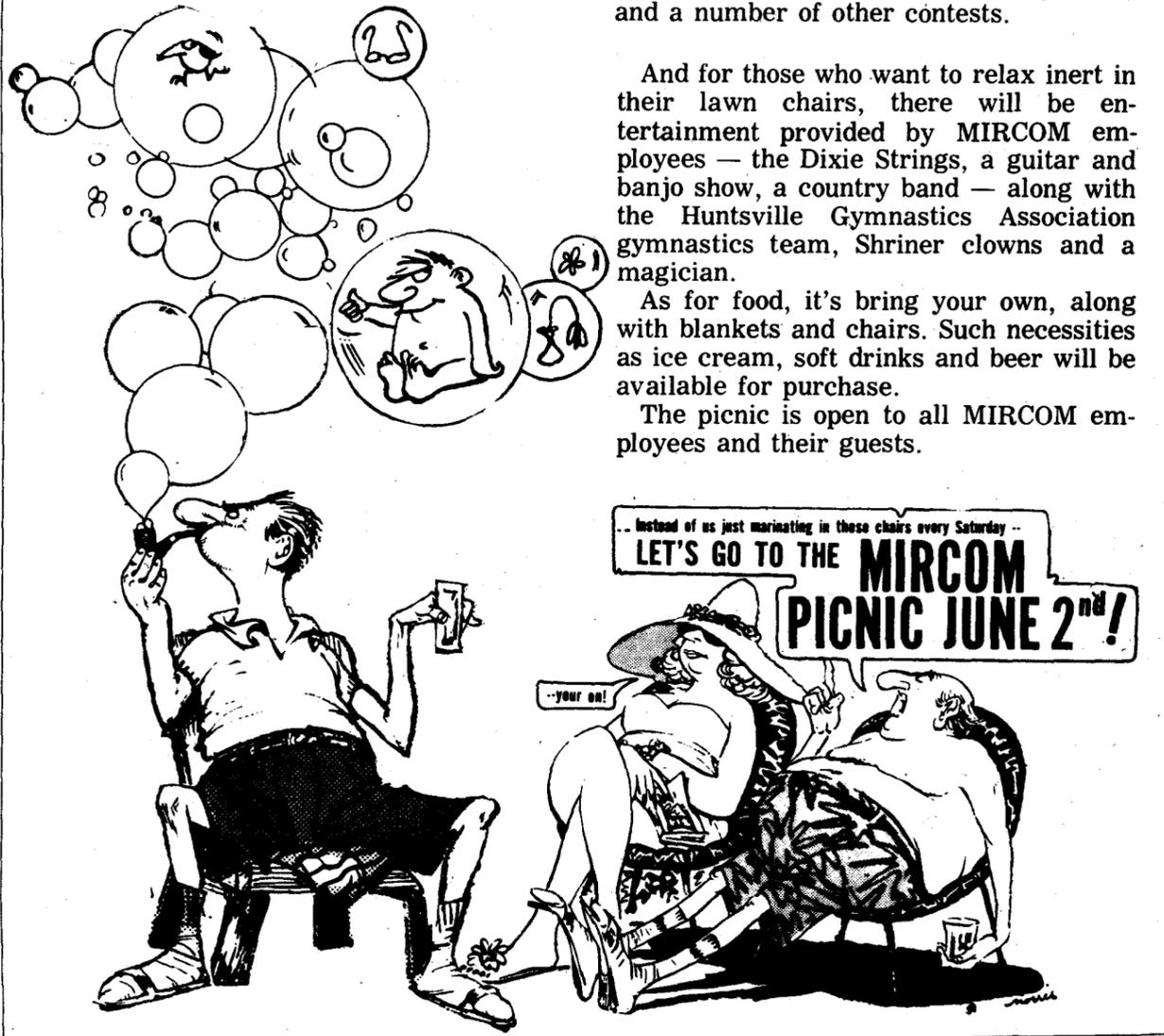
throughout the day. Scheduled to compete are teams from RASA, Maintenance, Calibration, 95th SVC, Materiel Management, F & A, Comptrollers, P & P, Lance and Command Group.

For the kids and adults who want to prove their mettle on a more individual basis, there's a day's worth of activities planned. There will be horseshoes, three-legged sack races, a bubble-gum blow, a dunking booth, and a number of other contests.

And for those who want to relax inert in their lawn chairs, there will be entertainment provided by MIRCOC employees — the Dixie Strings, a guitar and banjo show, a country band — along with the Huntsville Gymnastics Association gymnastics team, Shriner clowns and a magician.

As for food, it's bring your own, along with blankets and chairs. Such necessities as ice cream, soft drinks and beer will be available for purchase.

The picnic is open to all MIRCOC employees and their guests.



Stubbs commands Exchange Service

DALLAS — The Department of the Army has announced that Brigadier General Duane H. Stubbs, USA, will become the new Commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) on June 30,

1979, upon the retirement of Major General Bobby W. Presley, USAF.

General Stubbs has served as Deputy Commander of AAFES since April 1977.

OER system will increase communication

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Officers will be more involved in their performance evaluations under the new Officer Evaluation Rating System (OERS) scheduled to begin this fall, according to Milpercen.

A feature of the new system, officials say, is the use of a "support form" (DA Form 67-8-1) which will increase communication between the officer and his rater.

Within the first 30 days of the rating period, the officer and rater will be required to use the form as a guide to discuss the officer's duties, responsibilities and performance objectives.

Officials say the form will also act to guide the officers performance and the rater's counseling and coaching during the rating period. The form should be updated to reflect any changes.

When completed, the form includes the officer's duty description, major performance objectives and significant contributions. The rater's comments on the accuracy of the duty description and performance objectives may also be included.

The form then accompanies the officer's evaluation rating through the rating chain. It is returned to the rated officer after it is read and considered by the senior rating official.

Properly used, officials say, the form will benefit the officer by increasing his awareness of the job responsibilities. It will also provide performance information to the rater from the rated officer's point of view.

The form also helps the rating officials attain a more complete and valid evaluation, officials said.

Instructions for use of the new form will be contained in AR 623-105 scheduled for distribution in July.

The Army will begin changing to the new OERS September 15 through November 1. Officials say virtually all officers will receive one final OER using the current form during this period.

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A little bit of monkey business helped put primates in space

May 29 marks the 20th anniversary of an historic achievement by the Army missile team at Redstone, the successful space flight of two monkeys who rode in the nose cone of a Jupiter missile about 300 miles above the earth and survived the fiery plunge back through the atmosphere to a parachute landing some 1,200 miles down range in the Atlantic Ocean.

The flight took just about 16 minutes, but was hailed then throughout the world as proof that man would one day journey into space.

Gordon L. Harris, then chief of public affairs at Redstone and later chief of public affairs for the Kennedy Space Center during the manned lunar flights, looks back over two decades in the article that follows, remembering two ladies named Able and Baker and tells — among others things — how they got their names.

BY GORDON HARRIS

A slight mental adjustment is required to understand the situation 20 years ago when Army flew two monkeys in a Jupiter nose cone.

NASA was six months old, a Johnny-come-lately bidding against the military for a man-in-space program which eventually began pretty much like Project Adam, the Army's entry.

Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, AOMC commander, struggled to retain the von Braun team, then heavily involved in Jupiter and the future Pershing. Meanwhile Army and Navy researchers wanted to exploit Jupiter's reentry capability by testing monkeys in 1500-mile journeys through space.

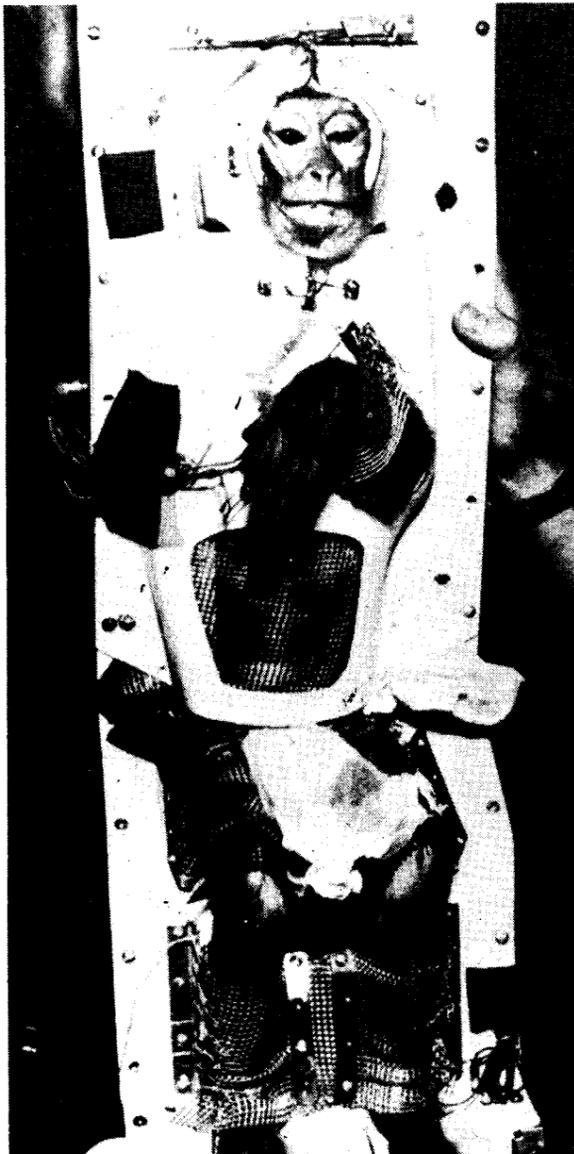
The mission was secret and politically sensitive because it would be interpreted as another military ploy leading up to manned space flight. Trouble cropped up in an unexpected quarter even as Army medics conditioned rhesus monkeys at the Cape.

Indian citizens

State Department raised objections. The animals were too close to their Indian parentage. Since rhesus enjoyed Indian citizenship, the sub continent might dislike the mere thought of converting one of their citizens to a research tool.

So, secretly, Army frantically canvassed experimental laboratories for rhesus who had been bred through enough generations to remove any suspicion of Indian status. The university at Madison, Wis. had just such a colony and was agreeable to supplying several monkeys. Accordingly an Army plane was dispatched to transport the animals to Florida.

While the pilot filed his flight plan in



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Madison, one rhesus managed to open the cage. Within seconds monkeys took over the airport, swinging from overhead lights and signs, scampering madly along counters until hurriedly summoned firemen corralled the beasts and stowed them safely in the aircraft. No one bothered to ask Army why.

Time was running out when NASA became aware of the mission and decided to take over, putting up something like \$5,000 earnest money. At that juncture, the new agency began to call the shots so far as secrecy was concerned.

Faced with this new equation, I called Herbert Rosen, of NASA public affairs, and suggested naming the space fliers — Navy was supplying a little squirrel monkey to accompany Army's rhesus.

White House names

Rosen advised that my choice of "Chico" and "Chiquita" might offend Latin

American neighbors. Instead Jim Haggerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary, instructed NASA to use "Able" and "Baker." It seemed passing strange that the White House should be interested in so small a matter but there was no question of authority.

So Baker, long since a prized exhibit at Alabama's Space and Rocket Center, was tucked into the nose cone along with Able and launched into history that warm Spring evening at Cape Canaveral.

Secrecy no longer prevailed. NASA saw to it that the press was informed in advance and allowed to watch the liftoff from an observation site a mile away.

Then the press repaired to Patrick Air Force Base to await word of the monkeys' fate.

Brig. Gen. Jack Barclay and Navy's representative sat by telephones in the office of Maj. Gen. Donald Yates, the Air Force commander, while newsmen chatted in an adjacent conference room.

A small ship would retrieve the cone, if all went well, out in the Atlantic near Puerto Rico as dawn broke. Unfortunately, all communications between the Cape and the recovery vessel were in code and relayed through a Puerto Rican ground station. The night hours dragged by without confirmation.

General Yates arrived early in the morning, wished Barclay "good luck" and went about his duties. Still no word. The press clamored for news. Rosen opened a phone line to the White House where anxiety mounted.

In desperation, Barclay finally ordered the Cape and ship to communicate in the clear and forget the code. A message arrived, the cone had been picked up. But what about the passengers? Barclay dispatched another query.

'Yes, Yes'

Two words came back, "Yes, Yes." Did that mean both animals survived? Barclay assumed it did, the White House was informed and Army and Navy project officers told the waiting press.

Barclay's guess turned out to be correct. The two monkeys were flown back, Baker to the Navy's laboratory at Pensacola, Fl. Able to Fort Knox, Ky. There contract surgeons removing sensors from the rhesus reported the monkey died during minor surgery.

Not to be deprived of its day in the sun, Army immediately arranged to have Able stuffed and presented to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington where the exhibit is still on display. Baker enjoyed a happier fate, then retired to Huntsville's museum.

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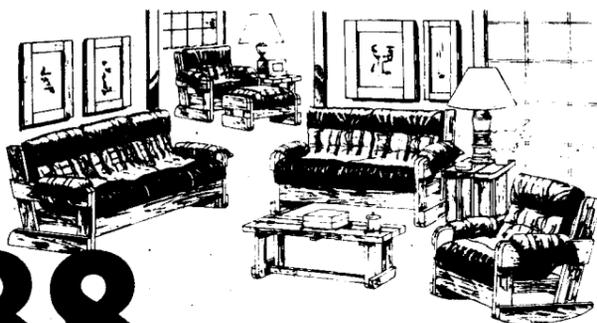
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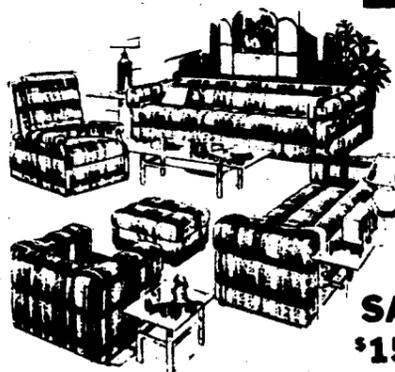
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