

Hospital faces shortage of some medical services

By HELEN REED

Although there will be a temporary shortage of some medical services at Fox Army Hospital this summer due to reassignments of military physicians, the picture will be much brighter by September, according to Col. Robert McLean M.D., Hospital Commander.

"We're going to have more military physicians assigned by then than currently on board," McLean said. "We'll actually be able to increase the volume of service to the community.

"Also, to get health services back on line more rapidly, the Surgeon General is sending military physicians directly to their assigned hospitals without basic training. Previously they would have spent two months in training before coming here. Now we'll train them in this hospital while they're working."

McLean said he feels it is important to announce schedules for the summer so the community will know how to use the hospital for maximum medical care.

"Starting July 1 there will be only three military physicians assigned to the hospital, and because of this, Emergency Room service will be temporarily curtailed during

late evening and weekend hours," said McLean.

"From June 15 to Aug. 1 we will operate the Emergency Room with a physician present on duty days until 11:30 p.m. From

11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. we will have a registered nurse in the Emergency Room and ambulance service will be covered. On weekends, we will have a registered nurse on duty.

"During weekends and from 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., emergency service for other than active duty military personnel will be rendered at Huntsville Hospital, but active duty should report to Fox Army Hospital. Others should go directly to Huntsville Hospital for emergency surgery or services.

"Dependent on the arrival date of replacement physicians, we hope the temporary curtailment of Emergency Room service will be of as short duration as possible. The Emergency Room will open earlier if doctors report in sooner.

"Internal medicine service will close to all but active duty personnel June 15 to July 16, and re-open July 16 in an expanded role. It is expected we will be able to handle an increase in the retired population as internal medical services will have two rather than one full time military doctor.

"General surgery services will be restricted to active duty personnel
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Picnic

The MIRCOC picnic is this Saturday from 10 to 3 at the civilian recreation area. All past and present MIRCOC employees and their guests are invited to attend.

Picnickers should bring their own food, and blankets and chairs to sit on. Beverages, ice cream and beer will be available for purchase.

In case of rain Saturday, the picnic will be rescheduled for Sunday from noon to 6.

A schedule of activities appears on page 11.

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State may sue Army over DDT pollution

MONTGOMERY — The State of Alabama has filed notice that it may sue the Army because of DDT contamination at Redstone Arsenal.

Charles A. Graddick, Attorney General, sent formal notice — a necessary preliminary to a suit — to the Secretary of the Army in a letter dated May 15.

The state contends that the Army allowed rainwater to wash DDT off the site where the pesticide was manufactured on Redstone Arsenal and into neighboring Huntsville Spring Branch from 1971 to 1979 in violation of the federal clean water act. Graddick also claimed that the Army at Redstone does not have an En-

vironmental Protection Agency permit to discharge DDT into the branch.

Responding to press queries about Graddick's action, Army spokesmen at Redstone pointed out:

1. The Army has spent about a million dollars in the past 18 months to abate or stop DDT from being washed off the site.

3. EPA has issued a permit authorizing that miniscule amount of DDT to be discharged.

2. A charcoal filter is now purifying all surface runoff from the site, removing DDT residues down to six tenths of one part per billion in the discharge.

4. The Army is complying with the federal law.

Agencies eye four-day week

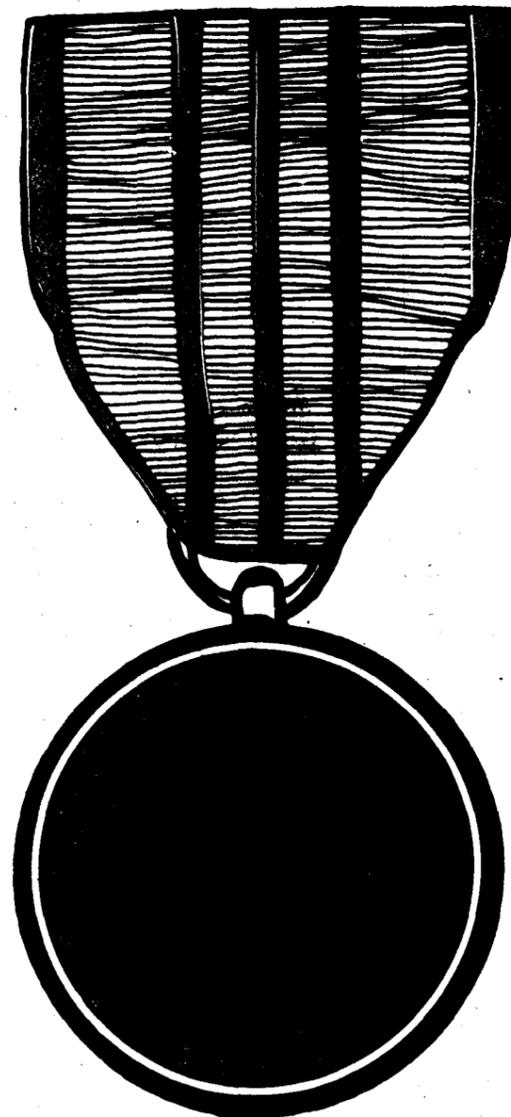
One result of the gasoline crunch may be that federal units will go to four-day workweeks, according to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) officials.

A three-year experimental program with alternative workweeks is planned to begin by October 1 in 240 government units

nationwide. The units vary in size from an entire agency to a single office in an agency.

Authorized by Congress last year, the experiments allow the units to establish four-day, 10 hour-a-day workweeks or the "5-4-9" approach which would allow

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This is Vietnam Veterans Week

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Vietnam veterans

The fighting men who paid their dues

The war was hell as all wars are and for many the hell continued with feeling of self-guilt, self-doubt, betrayal even, when they returned to the homeland whose law they had obeyed, whose traditions they had honored and whose leaders they had trusted.

Unlike any other fighting man in American history, the Vietnam veteran didn't come home to the appreciative public that had made the grim business of war worthwhile for their fathers. Public apathy, even hostility, welcomed the Vietnam veteran back to the society that gave him a uniform then but could not give him a job when he came back.

Vietnam Veterans Week was conceived in the belief that those who served so thanklessly in that controversial war are due an expression of gratitude and recognition from the American people. Perhaps the following piece on the fighting men trapped at Khe Sanh combat base can help foster that gratitude and recognition. It was written by Jim Wittmeyer who served as a Marine rifleman during the siege of Khe Sanh in that bloody Tet spring of 1968. A former Rocket reporter, Wittmeyer now edits the Intercom at Sacramento Army Depot.

By Jim Wittmeyer

Blood red is the color of mud at Khe Sanh. Where it dries briefly in patches, it stays the same deep tone. Small whirlwinds kick up the dust, staining the pale green sandbag bunkers. Torn by shrapnel, here and there a green canvas skin hemorrhaging red mud.

Turning... looking. Towards the east, towards the rear and help and safety, there, at the crack in this bowl-shaped valley, a small rock ridge juts up. The Rockpile. And beyond, obscured in this monsoon mist, Ca Lu. Bus stops on the way to home, armed camps on ruddy Route 9, twisting and turning its way to the horizon. Sorry, no buses today for Chicago, St. Louis, New York or Atlanta. The highway commissioner has a gun today. His toll is very high indeed.

Turning, looking up the high side of the bowl where a blue light blinks fearfully from the crest of Hill 950. There on the summit of moss covered black rock, playing peekaboo in the mist, a few Air Force non coms tilt their spindly electronic trees and call for help. They are the voice of Khe Sanh. It would be very hard to hit them with artillery on the narrow crest. They know that very hard is not impossible.

Shifting, looking to the other side of the bowl, to the hills, 881 north and south, 861, 558. Outposts chipped out of the rocky

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'Up and down shallow trenches'

Has America turned away ?

I wonder if America has turned away from its Vietnam veterans.

I came home on Christmas Eve, 1968. It's odd that just one thing can tell you, right off, how that year away affected your family. As I walked up to them in the terminal, it hit me that my dad's hair had turned white.

It was snowing that night and the heater in their old Ford took its time as we drove home. My mother looped her arm through mine and pressed close. My dad rested his hand lightly on my leg, not sure whether I would break but wanting the feel of me.

Without saying it, they said it: It's ok. He's home.

We sat up til four in the morning, me telling them how it was. Periodically my dad would get up from his old wingback chair and pace, wringing his thick machinist's hands. My mother,

who had seldom cursed in my 20 years, did that night.

"Bastards," she said.

I had a month's leave. I took my mother to a show, "The Sound of Music" I think. My dad and I went to the union hall a few times and drank beer. Before it seemed possible, I was back on a plane and headed toward my new duty station. I'd come home.

I know that a lot of guys I served with have got a raw deal from the VA, or have had trouble getting a job, or have found that friends who stayed behind no longer have much to say. To the extent that the government, private industry and our peers are America, I guess there has been a turning away.

But for me America will always be two people pressed very close on a Christmas Eve, as the wipers slapped away the snow.

—Jim Wittmeyer

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Retirees from branches of the military are invited. The program, from 9-11:30 a.m., will feature representatives from post medical and dental services, Social Security and Veterans Administration. Directors of post activities will present items of interest to the retiree or survivor, and will answer questions. Wives or widows and active duty personnel who plan to retire in the near future and Title III retirees or nearing retirement age are especially invited to attend. For further information contact the Retired Services Office, 876-2022, Bldg. 3710, Redstone Arsenal, 35809

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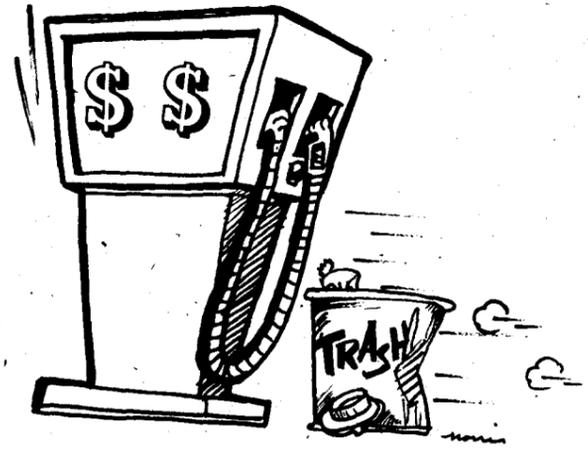
Military members of the Missile and Munitions Center and School will assemble on the School Brigade quadrangle on the afternoon of June 6 to celebrate MMCS Organization Day.

Activities will begin with a short official ceremony and include company level competition, food, beverages and entertainment.

The day will mark the school's 27th year of training military missile and munitions specialists for the United States and 43 allied nations.

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Four day week

(From front page)

alternate four-and five-day workweeks of nine-hours days. Other experiments may allow employees to work as many as ten hours one day and as few as six the next, as long as they work 80 hours in the two-week period.

Administration officials are encouraging more participation than originally planned in the program due to the gas crisis. They estimate that a four-day workweek would result in a 20 percent savings in gasoline use among federal workers who drive to and from work.

A local personnel spokesman said all options available for a compressed work week are being considered here.

OPM officials say work hours will depend upon the type of work schedule in each office.

Results of the experiments will be reported to Congress at a later date. They will then decide whether flexitime will become a permanent part of federal employment.



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Have the Vietnam Veterans received the recognition they have earned?



Pvt. Virgil Brown, 8th S.C. — “Not at all. They were defending the country, and I feel that a person who defends the country should get a lot more than the Vietnam Veterans have received. I know a few that don’t even have jobs now. They should be treated better than that. One hand washes the other and both hands wash the face.”



SFC Thomas Davis, 291st MP Co. — “Not totally. If they had you wouldn’t see so many unemployed. There should be more programs to get them back into the American way of life. I think the addition of Max Cleland was a good move for the Veterans Administration.”



SFC Feliciano Milar, Co.B — “I believe they got recognition, but not the kind they deserved. Look at all the publicity they’ve been getting. Most of it’s like the Calley trial. It was a lousy war. I don’t even wear the campaign ribbons. The American people paid dearly for that war. And they’re still paying.”



Pvt. James Perry, 6th S.C. — “I don’t believe they have. While it wasn’t a full scale war, they were in battle and they did fight. This country needs to give them a little more recognition. They seem to be having a Hell of a problem getting their benefits. I haven’t heard of veterans from other wars having that much trouble.”



Pvt. Carol Stevens, 7th S.C. — “They haven’t when compared to the veterans of the world wars. Vietnam was a political conflict and we weren’t attacked like we were at Pearl Harbor. And we didn’t win in Nam, we were pulled out.”



CSM Calvin Webb, Co.A — “No they have not; because of the anti-war sentiments of the country during the war. And the portrayal of that war by the news media helped make it unpopular. However, the American public is now beginning to see the Vietnam Veteran in a better light. That may be due to the positive things being said about the veterans of the Vietnam conflict and President Carters proclamation of Vietnam Veterans Week. Perhaps eventually they will get proper recognition.”

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Early planning needed for summer moves

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) — Soldiers expecting to change duty stations this summer should already be planning their moves, say DA transportation officials.

They say local transportation offices may handle two and one-half times more moves daily during the summer than during the off-season. A large transportation office may handle up to 300 shipments a day during the May 15 to September 15 peak season.

In 1978 the Department of Defense Transportation Office processed 653,000 shipments; of those 326,000—about half—took place between May 15 and September 15.

One office, the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office (JPPSO), Cameron Station, Alexandria, Va., processed 49,000 shipments in 1978. Of those, 26,000 took place during the peak season.

During June 1978, the JPPSO at Cameron Station handled 6,600 shipments, 3,750 of them outbound. Between June 14 and 30, 90 outbound shipments experienced major delays. The primary cause of failure was the carrier's inability to provide equipment.

Both military and civilians compete for limited moving capabilities during the peak season, according to officials. Carriers may over commit themselves leaving no capability to meet the demand.

May face problems

Soldiers may face problems normally encountered during the off-season. Agents may not be as responsive; carriers may miss packing or pickup dates for household goods; the possibility of damaged household goods increases.

Soldiers frequently choose Friday, the most popular day of the week, for a moving

day because they want to travel over the weekend. They may also want to use the weekend to get their rental quarters cleaned.

Among military wishing to move, the first and last three days of the month also share popularity, say officials. These concentrations of moves cause congestion and delay. Officials advise soldiers to move early in the week and in mid-month to help minimize their moving problems.

Late pickup

The most frequent problems soldiers can expect will be late pickup at the starting point and the carrier's inability to get shipments out of temporary storage. The latter problem arises and inconveniences the soldier after he has arrived at his next duty station and is ready to accept his shipment.

A soldier's household goods may be packed one day with pickup set for the next day. If the carrier does not show, the soldier usually has neither the time nor the flexibility to react to the problem. A delay in packing or pickup of goods may range from one-half day to two to three days, inconveniencing both the member and whoever is scheduled to move into the residence after the soldier leaves.

On the other end of the move, soldiers may face five to 14 day delays before their household goods come out of storage. According to officials, 60 percent of the service people arriving in Washington, D.C. area during the summer are not in a position to immediately accept their household goods. Their goods must then be placed in temporary storage locally until they do have quarters and then there is a delay until the carrier can make the delivery.

An alternative to shipping goods by government bill of lading is the do-it-yourself (DITY) moving program. The DITY moves provide an option to soldiers who prefer to move themselves. According to officials, younger service members with less than 4,000 pounds find the DITY moves most attractive.

But there are plenty of advantages for more senior service people, too.

During the peak season an installation transportation office (ITO) may handle 30 to 50 DITY moves per month. Officials point out, however, that soldiers may encounter occasional shortages of rental trailers or trucks if they don't plan ahead.

To offset some of the problems military travelers experience when moving to new duty stations, the Army has asked local transportation offices to extend their operating hours, book moves as early as possible, use higher cost methods of shipping goods when necessary, and improve communication among commanders, the soldiers, the ITO and commercial carriers. Local ITOs are to emphasize adequate counseling to ensure that soldiers are aware of their shipping entitlements and responsibilities.

Officials stress the importance of planning a move as soon as the soldier has orders in hand. The service member should get personally involved with the move and not drop the burden of the move on the ITO and spouse. Commanders must ensure soldiers have sufficient time to plan and carry out personal property moves.

Planning ahead could make that peak season summer move more bearable.

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Vietnam

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mountains, small companies of defenders cringing in shallow stoney trenchlines. Witnesses to a rape.

And finally, turning to the west, Kor Roc. The great stone cliff, a rock wall rising slabsided for a 1,000 feet extends to the horizons north and south. Six black tunnels in the stone face peer down at this red patch



'Khe Sanh shuffle'

in the bowl's bottom like some omni-eyed monster. Six heavy guns roll out on command, lighting these eyes in the mist.

But not just now. Now, dusty red marines, soldiers and Vietnamese crawl out of their tunnels, slide and shinny up eight feet of red mud. Breathing in blue air, they stay crouched low, taking it in short pulls, grouping close to their holes. Among the huddled men are rats; giant rats, rats weighing five or 10 pounds. Cracking open tins of peanut butter, the men give the rats supper.

In their rotting fatigues, the men look around the perimeter, counting. How many are left? The squad leaders keep quiet, knowing it might be as many as 500, counting the men on the hills, or as few as 200. The spotter plane has passed the word to the captain. The squad leaders have been told. They are surrounded. The enemy has 20,000 men.

Slowly in the silence, men move here and there fielding scattered C-Rations, running bent over in the Khe Sanh shuffle. One snatches a Playboy magazine, mud soaked

and tattered, found pinned to an above-ground bunker by a piece of shrapnel.

As the men slink swiftly in the debris, a whirlwind rattles the metal plates of the air strip, torn and twisted by enemy shelling. The hulks of three C-130 cargo planes lay gutted at the end of strip, their wings blown off. Three double amputees in a bizarre parade.

The noise from the airstrip causes each man to pause now and then, tilting an ear towards Kor Roc, before he resumes his scavenging. Then in an oddly still moment, they hear the faint but deep rumble from the west.

A single shout from somewhere on the perimeter signals it.

"INCOMING!"

Mud splattering, feet slipping, the rats and men lunge headfirst down their holes.

And now, humming softly at first, then picking up volume, knotting the men's throats, it comes screeching down out of the sky, a giant freight train, crashing, twisting, enveloping the red patch, stunning the occupants of the man-rat holes with its concussion.

Unique thing about Vietnam is aftermath

BY MAX CLELAND
VA ADMINISTRATOR

When I served in Vietnam, and for a long time afterwards, I was convinced this was a "different" war. It had limited objectives, was fought in an unconventional manner, and was surrounded by controversy from the beginning.

Since returning, I've talked to many veterans of different eras and have begun to think more about the similarities between Vietnam and other wars. Veterans who were in World War I at Belleau Wood, in World War II landing craft at Normandy and on the frozen trail from Korea's Chosin Reservoir remember the same confusion, fatigue, loneliness, and fear we felt at Khe Sahn in Vietnam.

The unique thing about Vietnam was — and is — its aftermath. It was a hard war to come home from and an even harder one to look back on.

In past wars, those who fought had the support of society both when they left and when they came home. They didn't have to continually ponder why they did what they did. Society provided the answers. For Vietnam, society provided no answers —

only more questions. Too often, for veterans of Vietnam, feelings of frustration and bitterness over military service have been fueled by a sense of isolation from and rejection by the general public.

Society in general and government agencies in particular were not geared to handle the millions of young veterans pouring off the "freedom birds" as they returned home from Southeast Asia. Our ability to treat their physical wounds improved, after a time, to reasonably acceptable levels. But other adjustment problems have not yet been adequately dealt with.

Now, some four years after the official end of the Vietnam War Era, the resilience of its veterans is apparent. The great majority of them have adjusted well. Sixty-five percent of them have trained under the GI Bill and many have taken advantage of the VA home loan guaranty program. But some Vietnam era veterans continue to have problems. Alienation, lingering guilt and other emotional problems, compounded for those disabled by physical wounds, show up in many forms of social inadaptability. These veterans need and deserve out help.

The VA has adjusted its priorities to provide for these special needs. Legislation for psychological readjustment counseling and for extension of GI Bill time-limits for educationally disadvantaged veterans have both been strongly recommended to Congress. Outreach to all Vietnam era veterans about the GI Bill is underway nationwide. Educational and vocational counseling services, efforts to reach incarcerated veterans, twenty new alcohol treatment units, and other measures are in process to help these veterans.

But the government alone is not able to address one problem facing Vietnam era veterans — the lack of full respect and honor for their service and sacrifice to their country. Vietnam Veterans Week is the opportunity for all Americans to express their gratitude to these veterans. And it is a time for us to reflect on the similarities and the differences of America's most recent war. It was different in the unique problems of the returning veterans. It was the same as other wars in that who served did so honorably — often heroically — and they deserve our full understanding, support and thanks as a Nation.

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"... Johnson was on TV last night. You should see the poor man, he's aged a hundred years. I guess this war is even hard on the President ...

"... anyway the President was saying something about someplace named Kay San (I think that's the way you spell it) and he said a lot of people are worried about it. You're not near there, are you? You haven't written in such a while, that I get worried abo ...

"... the President said that this place won't be in trouble, but it sounded pretty bad to me. Your dad says its probably all under control by now. The President looked pretty worried though ...

"... well, I better get this letter in the mail. Don't be worrying about us back here, just be careful yourself. Please try to stay away from that place if you can ..."

Sixty men kneel in a circle around the top of hill 881 and count their magazines. Each man has 10, about 180 shots for his M-16. Each has a grenade. Squad leaders shinny up and down their shallow trenches, checking the Claymore mines, two to a

squad, a last ditch defense before the men use their bayonets. Count complete, preparations made, the men chew softly on their remaining rations in the darkness.

At 4 a.m., 3,000 enemy soldiers charge the hill.

"Yes, sir?"

"Colonel, What's going on up north. Khe Sanh, isn't it?"

"That's right. I've got a few stats if you want 'em."

"Shoot"

"OK. As you know, the garrison there is under siege. This is about the fiftieth day if I remember. We're throwing in quite a bit of stuff ... Let's see, about three hundred jet sorties a day and about the same with the B-52's. That's about thirty thousand tons of small stuff and nearly seventy-five thousand tons for the B-52's. Army artillery about five miles away is shooting up to fifteen hundred rounds a day around the place."

"How many men are in there?"

"Well, nobody's got in there for a while, but we guess about three or four hundred."

"How about the North Vietnamese?"

"Well, they've got about two divisions around the place, and we think maybe one in reserve across the border on a mountain up there called Kor Roc. That mountain's on the Cambodian side, like I said, so we can't go over there."

"So how many men is that, for the North Vietnamese I mean."

"Oh, about thirty thousand."



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"FIRE!" the crew chief says, crying softly.

Silence in the early morning hours comes down on each man in his foxhole like a damp frost. The full moon reflects its mirror image on the countryside, where water-filled bomb craters spread cancerously out of the valley floor and onto the mountainsides. Kor Roc is quiet, a menacing shadow.

Each man clicks the switch on his rifle from automatic to semi and back again, unable to decide. Squad leaders circulate, warning their troops to conserve ammunition. Oddly, the rats are missing.

On Hill 950, the Air Force sergeants are calling desperately for help. The shelling has stopped, they say. Something is up. It must be time. Finally.

From around the valley floor, from behind small hillocks and out of shallow ravines and the innumerable bomb craters, 20,000 enemy soldiers stand up and silently, move towards the red patch at the center of the valley.

Inside Khe Sanh, the men lean forward in their holes sensing the approach. Grenades lined up, Claymore switches set, they peer over the handle sights of their M-16's, waiting.

Then tin cans on the concertina wire clatter. Not just in one place, but, unbelievably, on the entire line. Someone opens up, an M-16 rattling off on automatic, then the deeper tone of an M-60. An AK-47 responds, then two, then 1,000. The men fire, change magazines, fire. It will go on for 11 days.

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standing, craters crowd side by side into the horizon. In their swift helicopters, the men can not smell the stench of thousands dead. Here and there one points to a bombed out Soviet tank. Not many look. The men in the choppers are headed into the A Shau Valley

in pursuit of the enemy. Few notice or care to look down at the ragged column moving eastward along Route 9 as the helicopters hurry by.

The men of Khe Sanh, limping to the rear with their wounded, do not look up.

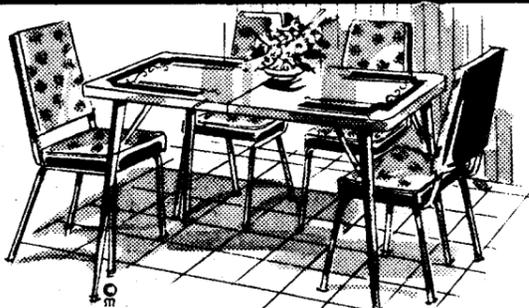


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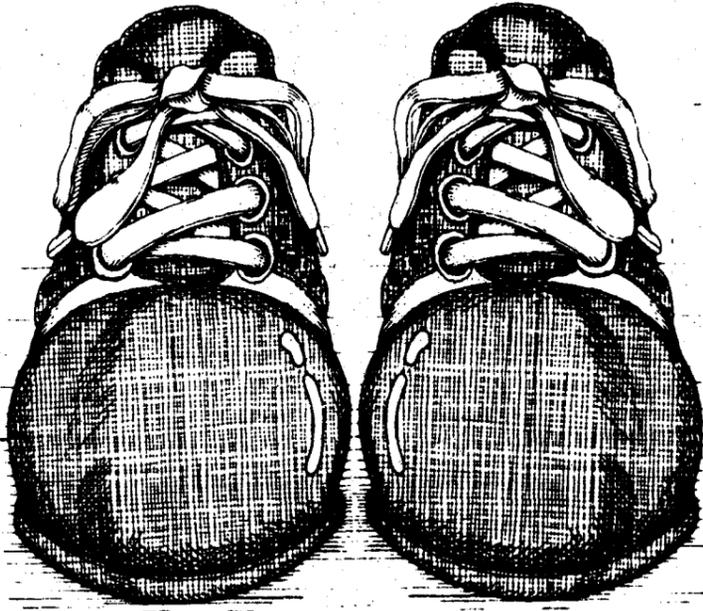
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The National Guard units prepared meals for inmates, operated dispensaries, ran laundries, did maintenance chores, controlled visitation, operated generating plants, showed movies and performed various security duties.

The units were called to active duty after New York prison guards and other state employees went on strike. (ARNEWS)

Two employees win speech honors

Army employees took top honors at the District 48 spring conference of Toastmasters International held recently in Huntsville.

Mason Dixon Club members P.C. Cothran of Maintenance and Engineering received a trophy for outstanding Lieutenant Governor and Bob James, MIRADCOM value engineering program manager, got a trophy for winning the conference speech contest.

Additionally, the Mason Dixon Club was recognized as outstanding club in the district for the past year.

A&M commissions 23 new officers

Twenty-three Second Lieutenants recently were commissioned into the U.S. Army and Army Reserve by the Military Science Department at Alabama A&M University.

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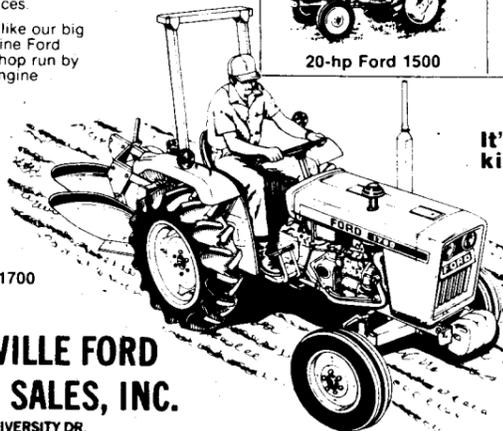
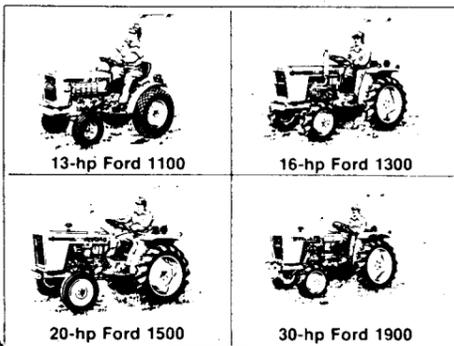
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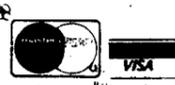


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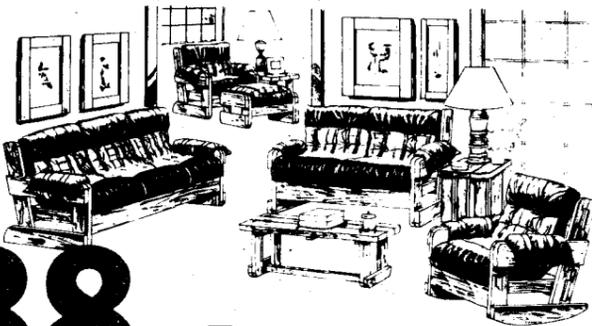
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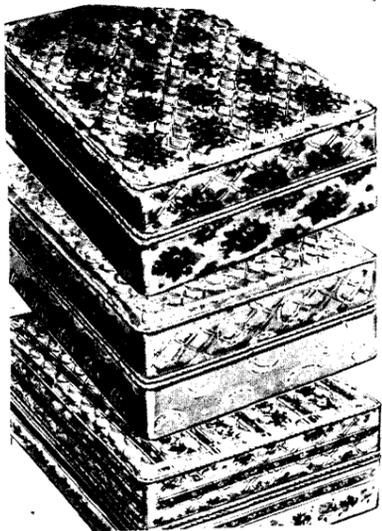
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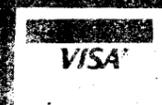
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Five members of the Redstone Military Bass Anglers Assn. fished their way to a free entry in the organization's state tournament.

Final results in point standings after the local club's three tournaments were announced by Bob Ballard, northern district chairman. The club's top five in order were: Lloyd Talent, 227 points; Bob Ballard, 239; Bill Cobb, 234; Ben Hubbard, 223, and John Lynn, 221. Their \$50 entry fees for the state MBAA tournament scheduled for Lake Martin in mid-September will be paid by the club. Other members of the Redstone Club also plan to compete in the tournament.

The last Spring tournament, held May 19 at Elk River, saw C.H. Dake take top honors followed in order by Talent, Ballard, Wayne Marine and Paul Gelina. Ballard got the award for the biggest fish.

The local club added 18 members this year. Ballard said a final tournament is being planned for August.



Safe at first

Kathy Patterson of the Cougars is safe at first. Playing first base for the opposing team, the Mustangs, is Sonia Rosete. The Cougars and Mustangs are both Redstone teams who play in the Huntsville Fast-pitch Pony Tail League.

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Softball offers fun, challenges

BY LARRY PAUL

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For the very young and not so young alike, the opening of softball means getting outside in the warm evening breeze and either playing or watching a good game of ball.

On post, the teams who play at the various fields range from youngsters playing T-Ball, to teenagers having a go at fast pitch, to various troop games of organized slow-pitch.

For the ball fan on post, it can be just a short ride or walk to the nearest ball fields to watch any one of many styles of softball and baseball that are played here.

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Cave explorers to show movie

Cave Explorers of Huntsville will meet Wednesday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Toftoy Hall (Bldg 3495). A movie on the exploration of Castleguard Cave in the Canadian Northwestern wilderness will be shown.

Visitors are invited to attend.

June Bloodmobile

Bldg 5400: June 1, 7:30-12:30. Lawanda Dorsett, 876-2963

Bldg 4488: June 8, 8-1. Donna Self 876-5304

Bldg 5681: June 15, 8-12. Rosie Rosenblum 876-4381

MSFC: June 19, 8:30-12:30. Charles Hester 453-1077

Rec Center: June 20, 9-12. No appointment necessary

Raytheon: June 21, 9-2. Shelby Bechtold 883-1946

Bldg 7442: June 22, 8:30-10:30. Barbara Chandler 876-5859

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Bldg. 3480S (6th SC): June 27, 10:30-4. Sgt Miles 876-7597

BMDSOM: June 29, 8:30-2:30. Judy Sims 895-4450

Surplus Sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property on Tuesday, June 5 in the Rocket Auditorium (Bldg 7120). Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9.

Some of the items for sale are: typewriters, calculators, electrical and electronic parts, desk, chairs, boxsprings, chain saw, counter tops, sedans and pickup trucks.

The property is located in bldg. 7426 and Property Disposal Vehicle Yard on Warehouse Road and may be inspected each day beginning May 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rec Center

Activities at the Rec Center (Bldg 3711) include Pool Friday evening at 7, a Softball Game at 2:30 Saturday afternoon and the Flowers Family Show at 8 p.m.

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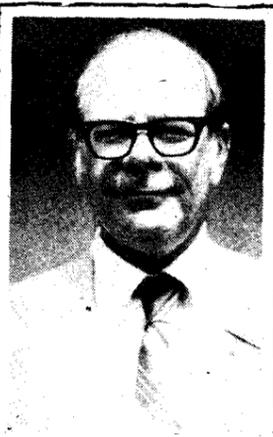
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BY KATHY HOUSE

Everyone knows that inflation is rampant these days, and everyone wants the government to spend less money. But having the government spend less is like Mark Twain's remark about the weather: Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it.

You may not have direct input into the federal budget, but there's one way that most of us government workers can save federal money every day — by using the mail system correctly.

According to mailroom workers, lots of people automatically send their official mail "First Class" or "Priority," whether it has to do that way or not.

Maybe you don't think that the class of mail really makes much difference in the cost to mail it. But take, for example, a seven pound package. Sent fourth class, the mailing fee would be \$2.44. Sent first class, the price would be \$14.58!

Of course, some things have to be sent first class. If you have trouble deciding which class some piece of mail should go, you can always ask the official mail control officer for your organization, or mailroom workers. But the guide with this story will apply in most situations.

Using the wrong class for mail costs the government a lot of money, but most other mistakes cause another problem — they slow down mail flow, according to chief of mail distribution Seaburn B. Hyatt.

One big problem, Hyatt said, is mail that comes in without any class on it. If unmarked piece of mail is letter-sized or weighs 12 ounces or less, then the post office can stamp it first class and send it out. But if the mail weighs over 12 ounces regulation requires that it be classed according to its contents. Hyatt has the authority to open it to determine its class, or to send the mail back to the sender for proper classification. He sends the mail back.

Hyatt says some people think that mail will go faster if it's sent registered mail or certified mail. Actually, these services have extra steps which slow mail up. And since registered and certified mail are used by the government to mail classified or sensitive information, such mail requires special wrapping.

"If I see registered or certified mail, I have to assume it's classified," Hyatt said. "If it isn't wrapped for security, then I have no choice but to send it back."

But the biggest obstacle to the speedy flow of mail is the fact that workers don't use their office symbols, Hyatt said.

Mail on the arsenal is sorted according to office symbol, and not by building number or office names.

Use symbol

"That building number doesn't do us a bit of good," Hyatt said. "And the name of the office may not help, either. Lots of organizations have 'budget offices' for

instance. Without the office symbol we have no way of knowing which one."

Some people don't put their office symbol into their address when they're dealing with someone outside the arsenal. Some use old, obsolete symbols.

"If everyone would just use their complete address, both on the envelope and somewhere in the correspondence itself (in case the envelope gets thrown out), this would be a smooth, smooth operation," Hyatt said.

It's each individual's responsibility to
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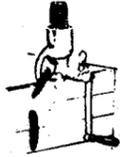
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Anyone looking for a good used typewriter or adding machine should definitely come to the auction, because a great number of both will be on sale. Brands such as IBM, Olivetti, Underwood, and Remington will be offered. Also available will be a copying machine, tape recorders, a battery tester, a curing unit, a power supply, two music tuners, a digital voltmeter, an oscilloscope, a foosball table, a laser, an electric cardiograph, a flexiwriter, a refrigerator, a dental operating unit, a chain saw, a color TV, coat racks, lawn furniture, bed frames,

springs and mattresses, old Army uniforms, stainless steel scrap, a large quantity of electronic components, rubber aprons, defibrillator, and several chairs and sofas. Automobile tires, all for American cars and trucks, will also be for sale.

Cars will be sold. Most of the cars are of early seventies vintage and are either Chevilles, Matadors, or Ford Customs. All have air conditioning. There will also be Dodge, Ford, and Chevrolet trucks sold.

Bobby Burke of Property Disposal said that these sales are held to get rid of excess property and exchange sale property (the money is used to buy a newer version of the item). Burke said there are a number of bargains at each auction.

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Mail

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notify others of his correct address or change of address. The post office here has postcards for that purpose.

Hyatt has given classes for workers on the arsenal's mail system, and plans to hold more. He says that since that class, and tighter control from his office, he's noticed a change for the better.

Despite the complexities of the mail system, Hyatt maintains that there are two basic things to remember:

"For flow of mail, the office symbol is the key. For cost of mail, class is the key."

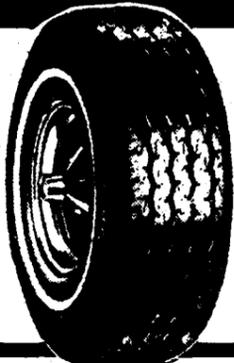


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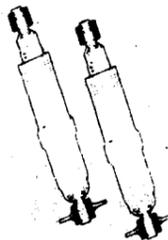
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However, the heavy showers soon forced the celebrants under two large tents where they enjoyed generous portions of erbsensuppe (pea soup) and German draught beer.

May 23 is similar in nature to America's Fourth of July celebrations. On that day in 1949, four years after the unconditional surrender of the German Armed Forces, the 11 "leander" (states) in Western Germany which were then British, American and French zones of occupation

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'Bootleg' callers

Telephone sleuths eventually get their number

BY GLEN ADAMS

Telephone fraud is more than a once-in-a-while occurrence for the Army. According to Ray Tucker, chief of the Support Division at the U.S. Army Communications Command Agency here, \$200 to \$500 worth of "bootleg" calls are billed to the arsenal each month. Multiply that by 12 and you have a sizable problem.

What is an illegal or bootleg call? Richard Parker, chief of operations at the communications agency, said that any unofficial call involving a toll is definitely illegal. "Any official call is legal . . . Local calls are considered a morale and welfare type thing."

Toll calls recorded

Tucker's staff detects the illegal calls through lists of toll calls that are sent to each office each month. Each office is supposed to "redline" every unofficial call on its list, because only official calls are to be paid for by the Army. To aid in separating the official from unofficial each employee is expected to record on form DA-360 the toll calls he makes.

Parker said: "We take all of the redline calls, delete them from our bill, pay the rest, and then investigate them. Then we try to identify who made the calls. We spend up to four months attempting to identify redline callers. After that we turn them over to the phone company." The telephone company then conducts its own investigation of those we can't identify. Sometimes they collect them themselves.

Any soldier caught making an illegal call is subject to court martial, any civilian is subject to disciplinary action.

Although, illegal calls are ultimately the responsibility of the phone company, Parker said the Army does everything it can to identify illegal calls because of a "ruling by the Comptroller General's office that we have the responsibility to help the telephone company as much as possible."

Parker said that the majority of the

bootleg calls are made by soldiers. "When we find a soldier has been making bootleg calls we send a letter to his company commander who tries to get the man to pay his bill."

Easy to track

Tucker said: "Most of the civilians have been contractor personnel and they've been easy to track down. The contractor has enough leverage to force the people to pay."

Some past cases that Tucker and Parker have encountered are a soldier who ran up a \$260 bill (he paid it), and a group of foreign soldiers who charged \$900 worth of calls to the Army (they paid up).

Parker said that the arsenal is presently considering adopting toll diversion, which would eliminate most illegal calls. Toll diversion would prevent anyone from dialing 9 and then 1 or 0. Tucker said that after Ft. McClellan adopted toll diversion they saved \$500 the first month it was in effect.

But there are drawbacks to toll diversion. It costs \$1200 to install and \$200 each month. Tucker said: "Toll diversion could increase operator requirements here. We really wouldn't know how much more load this could put on our operators. It could require two or three more operators."

Delayed service

Parker said that he realizes there is a problem with delayed service for long distance calls. "The problem is we don't have enough operators to man switchboards during our peak hours." This is why you must often wait for your call to be placed.

The arsenal already spends a large sum each month on telephone service. Last quarter's telecommunication economy and discipline report shows that for the first three months of this year the arsenal paid \$19,423 in official toll costs, \$57,426 in WATS costs, and \$717,348 just to have telephone service on the arsenal. These figures aren't

the true cost of the arsenal's phone use, because of the fact the Army owns almost all of the phone equipment on the arsenal and leases it to the phone company. The phone company pays for this by crediting the leasing cost to the arsenal's bill. For this year's first three months the leasing credit was \$259,875.

In spite of this huge volume of business, the arsenal has been generally successful in catching those making illegal phone calls. Tucker's staff is quite adept at this. So remember the next time you are tempted to charge to Uncle Sam your call to your Aunt in Kalamazoo, you could be risking either a court martial or your job.



Intelligence teams listen in

BY GLEN ADAMS

Everytime you make a call on the arsenal more people may be listening to your call than you know — and it won't always be the office busybody who is the unwanted listener. Military Intelligence periodically sends communications security monitoring teams to the arsenal to insure people are not discussing classified or sensitive material over phones that are not secure.

According to Capt. Jack Melton, Operations Officer for the Redstone Field Office of the 902d Military Intelligence Group, this monitoring is done in accordance with AR 380-153, which states that the Army can monitor calls made on Army phones and that all Army personnel must be notified their calls are subject to monitoring. Melton said that project offices and labs are the units most often monitored. Before an individual monitoring mission

begins only the project manager or his deputy or whoever is in charge of the particular office is notified of the monitoring. The monitoring teams are not arsenal based, but usually are from Atlanta.

Melton said: "When we find that people are talking about classified material over the phone, we notify the project manager, but we don't mention names. Normally, disciplinary action is not taken. Even within this office we don't use names." The monitoring teams segregate the names before turning in their reports.

"No conversations with contractors are monitored," said Melton. "We're concerned not only about classified but sensitive material. The project manager makes the decision if there is any doubt about the nature of the material . . . We give the monitoring teams key-words to look for . . .

We don't find many cases where people willingly discuss sensitive material over the phone. We just try and make people think about what they are saying."

To aid in this awareness Military Intelligence occasionally holds security classes, which stress how important it is to not discuss classified material over the phone. All of this is necessary because long distance calls are not sent entirely over wires, but also by microwave, which it is possible to tune in. The arsenal does have secure lines over which it is safe to discuss classified material and it is also possible to send encrypted messages.

Melton said that his office's efforts seem to be having some effect because lately they have had less trouble with phone leaks.

Melton stressed that the monitoring is done for purely educational purposes, not for disciplinary action.

Hospital

(From front page)

emergencies only from June 1 to the 15th. On June 15, that service will close due to the loss of the last general surgeon. Services will re-open July 20 for active duty emergencies, and on August 1 for routine active duty and emergency treatment for dependents of active duty. But on Sept. 10, it will be open to all categories of patients.

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